



Newmarket Baseball Association
EMC Meeting – Tuesday February 24, 2009
Minutes

Present:

President	Tim Brown
VP Junior Houseleague	Stephen Fenn
VP Rep Program & Past President	Ted Williams
VP Finance	Ron Clarke
VP Registration, Awards & Special Events	Peggy Hawksworth
Secretary	Ray Bassett
Executive Director	Donna Trempe
VP Senior Houseleague	Catherine MacNeil
VP Rules of Play and Umpiring	Sam Sproule

Absent:

Honorary Life Member	Carr McLeod
VP Equipment and Diamonds	Paul Pipitone
Honorary Life Member	Don McKnight

Call to Order

A meeting of the NBA Executive Management Committee (EMC) was convened on Tuesday, February 24th, 2009 at the Magna Centre and was called to order at 7:33pm.

Approval of Minutes of September meeting

Moved by Catherine MacNeil and seconded by Sam Sproule that the minutes of the September 10, 2008 EMC meeting be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2009 EMC Meeting

Moved by Ted Williams and seconded by Sam Sproule that the minutes of the Feb 9, 2009 EMC meeting be approved. Carried.

Action Items from previous meetings:

Open Items from Feb 9/09 Minutes		
Ref	Action	Status
2.1	VP Reg to confirm that she is able to provide weekly registration lists to VPs House League.	Close.
2.3.2	VPs to consider and advise venue for coaching clinics.	Open
2.3.3	VPs HL to consider and advise whether coaching clinics should be arranged for	Open



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	divisions higher than mosquito.	
2.4.5	VP House League to arrange coaches for indoor conditioning for Jrs on Feb 14 th and both divisions for Feb 21 st	Close
2.5.1	VP Sr House League to submit application to host Bantam division for YSBA Intact Tournament.	Close
4.3.3	ED to confirm arrangements with Wilson Sports Marketing re Wal-Mart day and add this registration date to the website.	Open
4.3.4	ED and Carr McLeod undertook to resolve State Farm sponsorship requirements.	Open
Open Items from Jan 5/09 Minutes		
Ref	Action	Status
2.7	President and VP Equipment to check and advise VP Rep re what on-field coach helmets are available.	Close
Open Items from Dec 9/08 Minutes		
Ref	Action	Status
2.1.4	Consider logistics and value of adding page to NBA website publishing standings. ED	Close
2.1.9	Revise and publish (ED) 2009 By-Laws as approved. Secretary.	Open
Open Items from Nov 20/08 minutes		
Ref	Action	Status
Sept '08 Minutes	ED to obtain minutes from September meeting and distribute to EMC members for consideration prior to next EMC meeting.	Close
5.1.1	Secretary to set up 2009 NBA Calendar and work with ED to find an efficient method to maintain and allow access to the Calendar.	Close
5.2	EMC to schedule planning session preferably by the end of the year, but in any event by late January or early February 2009. Preference would be a Saturday or Sunday.	Open



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5.4	President and VP Rules of Play and Umpire to have follow-up discussion re mentoring program. Agreed to add VP Jr H/L and VP Sr H/L to discussion.	Open
5.6	VP Junior Houseleague and VP Rules of Play and Umpires to consider and make recommendations regarding T-Ball rules changes.	Open
Open Items from Nov 4/08 Minutes		
Ref	Action	Status
2.2.2	VP Registration to consider improvements to process for tacking the actual number of registrations, and consider showing breakouts of net refund figures. Cheque coming - \$942.	Close
2.2.6	Follow up with Daryl Blanko re Senior division refund. President has sent e-mail follow up.	Close
2.2.19	Consider rep uniforms – whether to continue practice of home and away jerseys (with home supplied by league and away paid by players), or to go with just a green away jersey.	Open
5.0	(a) Closed (b) canvas potential ‘volunteers’ to lead a Select program at the Mosquito, Bantam and PeeWee levels, (c) make a decision re dedicated or non-dedicated Select programs – Decision to go non-dedicated. (d) if non-dedicated then establish approach to education and guidelines around pitching.	(a) Close (b) Open (c) Close (d) Open

Business:

1.0 President’s Meeting

- 1.1 Attended by NBA’s President, Executive Director, VP Rules of Play and Umpiring, VP Junior House League and Carr McLeod.
- 1.2 President reported on the proceedings of the Presidents’ Meeting and asked for observations from those who attended for NBA:
 - 1.2.1 Some good ideas – i.e. possibility of bulk buying of equipment to reduce cost. This is set against the benefits of local buying in supporting local businesses who sponsor NBA, and the importance of local service in addition to price.
 - 1.2.2 Presidents’ meeting a good concept
 - 1.2.3 Value especially for smaller centres to stay plugged in and those having trouble getting organized



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- 1.2.4 YSBA considering running a region-wide winter conditioning program – this would be a high performance program. The idea makes some sense, especially if there is a YSBA 'AAA' team affiliated with the program, although then it might make more sense to run it through the OBA.
- 1.2.5 OBA doesn't currently include all associations, especially those that may run only a house league program.
- 1.2.6 Meeting could have had more content about planning for umpires
 - 1.2.6.1 Very few associations have formalized their local rules – normally the Rules of Baseball modified by written exceptions.
 - 1.2.6.2 Would benefit from a formal rules process; it was acknowledged that it may be difficult to get all associations to participate in such a process
 - 1.2.6.3 Very little umpire "presence" at the meetings
 - 1.2.6.4 Suggestion that future meetings include break-out sessions for: VPs, Registration, Rules, Select, Umpires. The breakout groups could then report to the plenary group.
 - 1.2.6.5 Suggestion that the name of the meeting be changed from Presidents' Meeting to something more inclusive of the other areas of interest.
- 1.2.7 President to report feedback to organizer. **Action.**

2.0 Registration

- 2.1 2009 number to date about the same as for 2008
- 2.2 Goal Line allows players to be assigned to teams
- 2.3 VP Registration will run reports at Jan 31 and Feb 28 cut-off dates to compare year-over-year trends. **Action.**
- 2.4 Cut off for rep registration is the end of March.
- 2.5 VP Registration has names of rep players not yet registered and will forward to VP Rep in time for the March 25th rep meeting. **Action.**
- 2.6 1 or 2 parents have inquired about tax receipts for rep registration. Enquires to be direct to VP Registration.
- 2.7 Opening Day arrangements
 - 2.7.1 No charge for police presence
 - 2.7.2 Awaiting acknowledgement for request for road closure
 - 2.7.3 OBA insurance certificate is required. VP Rep to advise and follow up with Mary Ann at OBA. **Action.**
 - 2.7.4 Request is in for colour party
 - 2.7.5 Band is confirmed
 - 2.7.6 House league pants will be available for sale
 - 2.7.7 Awaiting approval for use of parking lot (at Community Centre)
 - 2.7.8 Checking re getting approval to issue volunteer hours for teens for crowd control and parking.
 - 2.7.9 Still checking about getting access to a hall or some inside space at the community centre – every space is currently booked.
 - 2.7.10 Need to identify MC
 - 2.7.11 Need to get invitations to dignitaries out in March



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- 2.7.12 Wal Mart registration dates are March 7th and March 14th from 10am – 4pm – volunteers welcome.

3.0 House League

3.1 Junior Divisions

- 3.1.1 9 or 10 coaches are already lined up
- 3.1.2 1 convenor is committed
- 3.1.3 Indoor conditioning is going well – John Tomietto

3.2 Senior Divisions

- 3.2.1 Mosquito-Peeewe convenor committed
- 3.2.2 Some coaches lined up
- 3.2.3 Indoor conditioning – still don't have a coach. Tim Brown is covering the sessions
- 3.2.4 SOBA Intact will run July 10-12 – Newmarket to host Bantam
- 3.2.5 Interlock – King, Georgina and Bradford are going to interlock.
- 3.2.6 NBA has concerns re conduct of Georgina – NBA will not interlock with Georgina at the midget/jr level.
- 3.2.7 No feedback yet re Aurora's intentions

4.0 Rep

- 4.1 Next rep coaches meeting Feb 20th
- 4.2 Best Ever Clinic – most enjoyed it, although some said it wasn't really what they were looking for
- 4.3 Rep coaches would like the names of players who have not registered (see item 2.5 above).
- 4.4 Equipment is well under control (Tim Brown)
- 4.5 OBA team registration is next month (March)
- 4.6 Diamond times games/practices is close to being finalized
- 4.7 OBA insurance is up to \$5.85 – related to change in policy term changing with change to calendar year

5.0 Select

- 5.1 Carr McLeod was not able to attend the meeting but provided an e-mail update in advance of the meeting – see attachments
- 5.2 Discussion at the meeting:
 - 5.2.1 SOBA AGM was Feb 22nd
 - 5.2.2 Took NBA's name off sponsor list for Peeewe
 - 5.2.3 SOBA is not adopting pitching rules this year – to continue discussions – this year they will monitor innings pitched
 - 5.2.4 SOBA registration is done – Catherine MacNeil is NBA's voting representative, with Stephen Fenn as back up.
 - 5.2.5 YSBA looking for feedback from NBA re select team count
 - 5.2.6 Thornhill may pull out
 - 5.2.7 Vaughan will have 1 or 2 teams



6.0 Umpire in Chief

- 6.1 VP referred to comments under item 1.2.6 above and requested that this feedback be given to organizers of the Presidents' Meeting.
- 6.2 6-8 inquires from parents wanting to umpire – already have 4 who want to umpire
- 6.3 Level 1 and 2 clinic dates are still pending
 - 6.3.1 Aurora ran OBA sponsored clinics last year but they were not well organized
 - 6.3.2 NBA considering alternatives
 - 6.3.3 Also concerns about the quality and lack of depth of the clinics
 - 6.3.4 If Aurora doesn't host, NBA should apply to host
 - 6.3.5 Timing would run in the end of April – need to work around hockey try outs
 - 6.3.6 There are uniforms for 26 umpires, but only 10 size large – there is a need for more – cost is \$59.50 per. **Action.**
 - 6.3.7 Carr McLeod to provide copies of Select rules (when approved) to VP Umpires. **Action.**
 - 6.3.8 VP Umpires to hold a 3-night umpire course with a slide presentation.

7.0 Executive Director Report

- 7.1 All reporting and close out information for Trillium grant is now complete.
- 7.2 Routing for cheques received:
 - 7.2.1 Registration to VP Registration
 - 7.2.2 Sponsorship to President
- 7.3 Registration add was in the newspaper and was well received
- 7.4 Request that all VPs check their e-mail box regularly. **Action – ED to provide passwords to Ted Williams and Stephen Fenn.**
- 7.5 President is working with Paul Pipitone and Jason re the VP Equipment role.
- 7.6 Discussion around making moving closing weekend for Peewee division to August 28th [?]
- 7.7 There will be no EMC planning meeting scheduled before mid-March [?]
- 7.8 Optimist Club will present at the next [EMC?] meeting re Pitch, Hit and Run program
- 7.9 Schedules [game for HL?] will be done by Tammy MacLean
- 7.10 Coaches looking for coaching clinics at Rookie and Jr Rookie levels. [Action?]
- 7.11 No information yet on the Blue Jays Clinic

8.0 Other Business

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sam Sproule and seconded by Stephen Fenn. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.

Next EMC Meetings:

March 25th, 2009 7:30pm at Magna
April 7th, 2009 7:30pm at Magna
April 21st, 2009 7:30pm at Magna



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Attachments:

- Agenda
- 24-Feb-09 e-mail from Carr McLeod re Select update

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6.3.6	Additional umpire uniforms required.
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Prepared by R. Bassett



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Agenda

- 7:30 Call to Order**
7:35 Approval of Minutes from Monday February 9th, 2009
7:40 Approval of Minutes from September meeting
7:45 Action Items from previous meetings
- 8:00 Business to be discussed**
- 1. President's Meeting**
 - 2. Registration - Numbers**
 - **Wal – Mart Registration**
 - 3. House League (VP Jr. / Sr. House League)**
 - **Convener / Coaching Update**
 - **Indoor Conditioning Coaches**
 - **Intact House League Tournament – Request to Host**
 - **Interlock – Senior Program**
 - 4. Rep**
 - 5. Select**
 - 6. Umpie In Chief**
 - 7. Executive Director Report**
 - 8. Other Business**

Next Meetings: Tuesday March 10th, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre
Tuesday March 24rd, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre
Tuesday April 7th, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre
Tuesday April 21st, 2009 – 7:30 Magna Centre

Adjournment

From: Carr McLeod [carrmcl01@rogers.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February, 24, 2009 11:20 AM

To: Tim; Ted Williams; Tammy / Steve; Sam Sproule; Ron Clarke; Bassett,Raymond; Ray Bassett; Peggy Hawksworth; Paul Pipitone; Don Mcknight; Catherine MacNeil; Donna Trempe

Subject: Re: Reminder Meeting Feb 24, 2009

Tim

Something has come up and I won't be able to attend tonight.

On Select, all the latest information is now posted on the www.yorksimcoebaseball.com web site under the Select tab. Reaction so far is positive and I am hopeful of a loop for all Divisions, Rookie being the more difficult. Again I would ask NBA to look into teams at all Divisions. I have been assuming Catherine is NBA's Select rep -- I certainly can't be as it could be in conflict. There is a meeting on March 8 of Select convenors (see web).

I attended the SOBA AGM on Sunday. Ted was there too as past-president.

- I have to say that not all SOBA directors impressed me. When you see other baseball executives I see how lucky NBA is.

- SOBA seems reluctant to move to a pitch count rule. There reasons were nonsense in my opinion. Note that YSBA will have a pitch count rule for Select this year.

- SOBA gets \$10K from the Blue Jays each year. They choose to use this to offset the tournament costs for IHL and Provincials. I suggested they may wish to look at something more imaginative and far reaching that reducing fees for a few teams.

- I also suggested they look at the eventual creation of more than one Select level -- to get around the wide variety of teams entering Select. One provincial playdown, always (or nearly always) won by COBA dedicated, continuing, major-only teams will not encourage ongoing participation at the grass routes level. I hope my words were heard.

- I did turn down the offer to be on the SOBA board since I want the year to be focused on YSBA.

All from me, have a good meeting,

Carr

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Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 9:22:51 PM

Subject: Reminder Meeting Feb 24, 2009

Copy of Agenda attached.

I am not sure if final minutes were completed for the meeting held on February 9th, 2009. Also still looking for the minutes from the September meeting.

See you all tomorrow night at the Magna Centre

Tim