



Newmarket Baseball Association
EMC Meeting – Wednesday March 25, 2009
Minutes

Present:

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| President | Tim Brown |
| 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:

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| VP Junior Houseleague | Stephen Fenn |
| Honorary Life Member | Carr McLeod |
| VP Equipment and Diamonds | Vacant |
| Honorary Life Member | Don McKnight |

Call to Order

A meeting of the NBA Executive Management Committee (EMC) was convened on Wednesday, March 25th, 2009 at the Magna Centre and was called to order at 7:35pm.

Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2009 EMC Meeting

Moved by Sam Sproule and seconded by Catherine MacNeil that the minutes of the February 24, 2009 EMC meeting be approved. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2009 EMC Meeting

Moved by Ted Williams and seconded by Sam Sproule that the minutes of the March 10, 2009 EMC meeting be approved. Carried.

Action Items from previous meetings:

| New Action Items from Mar 10/09 meeting | | |
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| Ref | Action | Status |
| 8.0 | Secretary to amend 2009 NBA by-laws re allocation of funds in the event of the dissolution of the association. Secretary received attached e-mail from Carr McLeod providing text for the amendment, and amended by-laws distributed | Close |



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| Open Items – from Feb 24/09 meeting | | |
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| 1.2.7 | President to report feedback to organizer of Presidents' Meeting. Dirk Driberg (president of YSBA will be invited to observe an NBA EMC meeting in April. | Close |
| 2.3 | VP Registration will run reports at Jan 31 and Feb 28 cut-off dates to compare year-over-year trends. | Close |
| 2.5 | VP Registration has names of rep players not yet registered and will forward to VP Rep in time for the March 25 th rep meeting. | Close |
| 2.7.3 | OBA insurance certificate is required. VP Reg to advise and follow up with Mary Ann at OBA. | Open |
| 6.3.6 | Additional umpire uniforms required. | Close |
| 6.3.7 | Select convenor to provide copies of Select rules (when approved) to VP Umpires | Open |
| 7.10 | VPs HL to arrange Coaching clinics at Rookie and Jr Rookie levels add also Mosquito | Open |
| Open Items from Feb 9/09 Minutes | | |
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| 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 divisions higher than mosquito. | Open |
| 4.3.3 | ED to confirm arrangements with Wilson Sports Marketing re Wal-Mart day and add this | Close |



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| | registration date to the website. | |
| 4.3.4 | ED and Carr McLeod undertook to resolve State Farm sponsorship requirements. | 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 | Closed (prior meeting) |
| 2.1.9 | Revise and publish (ED) 2009 By-Laws as approved. Secretary. | Close |
| Open Items from Nov 20/08 minutes | | |
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| 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 |
| 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. Add Cheryl Telford and Tom Ellison. | Open |
| 5.6 | VP Junior Houseleague and VP Rules of Play and Umpires to consider and make recommendations regarding T-Ball rules changes. Awaiting feedback from Steve after his review of the rules of other leagues. | Open |
| Open Items from Nov 4/08 Minutes | | |
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| 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 |



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| 5.0 | (b) canvas potential 'volunteers' to lead a Select program at the Mosquito, Bantam and PeeWee levels, (d) establish approach to education and guidelines around pitching. | Close |
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Business:

1.0 Registration – VP Update

- 1.1 Up to date registration numbers were distributed to the EMC prior to the meeting. There remain 20 +/- to add.
- 1.2 Total registered is showing 623 + about 20 – 30 to be added.
- 1.3 Figures showing '09 vs. '08 trend will be ready in a week.
- 1.4 On monthly basis '09 was slow starting but is now going well
- 1.5 Need about 200 more to meet projections

2.0 Opening Day - VP Registration updated EMC on arrangements

- 2.1 Could us a few saw-horses for barricades
- 2.2 Need to decide on a master of ceremonies. **Action.**
- 2.3 Need to arrange for the sound system. Was provided by The Arts in '08. ED thought they would provide again this year and will contact them. **Action.**
- 2.4 Need to arrange a person to set up and handle the sound system. **Action.**
- 2.5 Invitations to dignitaries will be send at the end of next week (Apr 1 -3) **Action.**
- 2.6 Still need to verify that there are enough of the right signs for marshalling the teams. **Action.**
- 2.7 Opening day games – around 10am
 - 2.7.1 2 minor peewee teams
 - 2.7.2 2 rookie teams
 - 2.7.3 Bantam vs. minor bantam
 - 2.7.4 Midget vs. minor midget
- 2.8 There was a discussion about whether there is a need to do advertising to the community about Opening Day, and in particular the road closures. There was a consensus that advertising isn't necessary.

3.0 House League – VP Sr H/L Updated EMC

- 3.1 Mosquito - 10 coaches confirmed – most have coached before
- 3.2 PeeWee – 4 or 5 coaches confirmed.
- 3.3 Bantam – nothing yet. There is a nice 'bump' in Bantam registration. VP to follow up with VP Reg to arrange a mass e-mail to peewee registrants re coaching. **Action.**

4.0 Select – in Carr's Absence, VP Sr H/L advised:



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- 4.1 PeeWee Select – there are 14-15 players who have indicated an interest in signing up for Select. Carr McLeod (as YSBA Select Convenor) sent an e-mail around asking that leagues confirm their team commitments by April 4th.

5.0 Rep – VP Update

- 5.1 Rep coaches meeting scheduled March 26th.
- 5.2 Scheduling challenges – there are 6 teams playing in the loop with Tuesday night home permits, with only 1 team willing to change so far.
- 5.3 Draft schedule due this weekend with coaches meeting April 4/5 to finalize.
- 5.4 Blue Jays Tickets – discussion about the Rogers promotion:
- 5.4.1 Rogers will provide free Blue Jays tickets for players as in past years, but require a silk screened logo on the H/L jersey sleeves.
 - 5.4.2 Cost to screen the Rogers logo is about \$5 / jersey, but Rogers is willing to pay only about \$1 / jersey. At about \$4 over 700 jerseys (plus coaches) this will run NBA about \$2,800 (+/-).
 - 5.4.3 There would also be a delay in delivery of the jerseys to accommodate the additional screening.
 - 5.4.4 If NBA declines the Rogers sponsorship teams would not be eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions – there were comments among the EMC that this has not been a well run event in the past.

Moved by Ron Clarke and seconded by Peggy Hawksworth that NBA should decline the Rogers sponsorship and forgo the free tickets due to the additional (unbudgeted cost) and potential delay. Carried unanimously.

- 5.5 OBA has finalized its insurance for 2009
- 5.5.1 Policy term May 1/09 – May 1/10
 - 5.5.2 \$2.65 per registered player, including executives, umpires, coaches.
 - 5.5.3 \$5.30 per person for non-registered
- 5.6 Nationals has been cancelled for the PeeWee division, so Eliminations have also been cancelled at that level. There were not enough representative teams from Quebec. Nationals will run only from Bantam and up.
- 5.7 Girls Baseball has applied to become part of OBA (again) as an affiliate league (same affiliation as YSBA for example).

6.0 Umpire in Chief – VP Rules of Play and Umpires updated EMC:

- 6.1 Confirmed dates for umpire clinics for Rookie division (only) – Newmarket Community Centre:
- 6.1.1 April 20th 7 – 9 pm
 - 6.1.2 April 22nd 7 – 9 pm
 - 6.1.3 April 26th 7 – 9 pm
 - 6.1.4 Dates to be posted on the Website. Action.
- 6.2 Level 1 and 2 clinic is scheduled for Aurora on April 18th. It has been difficult getting confirmation from Dave Giroux.



- 6.3 “Sams’ Clinic” – by invitation only - will be held April 29th from 7 – 10 pm. This is intended for returning level 1 umpires based on VPs evaluation and invitation.
- 6.4 VP confirmed that the Website shows a description of the qualifications for each of the umpiring levels.

7.0 Executive Director Report

- 7.1 Website has been updated to show only 1 remaining in-office registration date
- 7.2 There has been a very marked decline in response to sponsorship opportunities – it’s a very tough market out there.
- 7.3 One Jr Rookie sponsor (Cora’s) has pulled out.
- 7.4 Two midget sponsors still to confirm.
- 7.5 Still need 8 to 10 rep sponsors.
- 7.6 NBA will go ahead with the Tri-Star competition with the Optimist Club.
- 7.7 Game schedules can’t be confirmed until team numbers are confirmed in late April.
- 7.8 VP Registration will mass e-mail to those registered about expectations about opening day, phone calls from the coach, etc. **Action.**
- 7.9 ED needs a couple of days to print the Player Handbook after the schedule is finalized.

8.0 Other Business / Correspondence

- 8.1 There was discussion about whether or not the house league rules of play should be posted on the NBA website. **Action.** There was consensus that:
 - 8.1.1 For Mosquito divisions and higher the rules of play will be posted on the NBA website.
 - 8.1.2 For Rookie and Jr Rookie the rules will not be posted, but instead a brief description of the intent of the game will be posted. This is in keeping with the view of the EMC that at these levels the focus should be on a positive player experience and development rather than on the competitive elements of the game.
- 8.2 The President advised that the NBA lease for Magna centre is 15yr lease. 12 yr amortization for leasehold improvements. Carries at \$315.80/month.
- 8.3 The President advised that the diamond contracts are in from Town of Newmarket. Costs are around \$44,000, about \$6,000 to \$7,000 over plan. Need to consider opportunities to realize some savings in the budget. **Action.**
- 8.4 The Presided briefed the EMC about a fundraising and community involvement opportunity with the 2009 Persechini Easter Seals Walkathon.
 - 8.4.1 Tim Brown is on the Persechini Walkathon executive.
 - 8.4.2 The event has been running annually for 32 years
 - 8.4.3 Local sports clubs are invited to participate in the walkathon
 - 8.4.4 Clubs receive 20% of the pledges raised by their members
 - 8.4.5 Funds would be for the benefit of NBA, not individuals or teams
 - 8.4.6 It is also an opportunity for NBA to get involved in the community
 - 8.4.7 Walkathon scheduled for May 31st



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- 8.4.8 There was discussion and consensus that this would be a worthwhile event for NBA.
- 8.4.9 Moved by Ted Williams and seconded by Peggy Hawksworth that the NBA should participate in the 2009 Persechini Easter Seals Walkathon. Carried unanimously.
- 8.5 The President advised the EMC of the opportunity submit nominees to the Town of Newmarket for its Volunteer Appreciation and its Sponsor Appreciation awards. After some discussion the EMC agreed that the following nominations would be made (President to submit. **Action.**) :
 - 8.5.1 For the Sponsor Appreciation award:
 - 8.5.1.1 Hempen Jewellers (15+ yr sponsor)
 - 8.5.1.2 Legion (50+ yr sponsor)
 - 8.5.1.3 Living Lighting (long –time sponsor)
 - 8.5.2 For the Volunteer Appreciation award:
 - 8.5.2.1 Don McKnight
 - 8.5.2.2 Ted Williams
 - 8.5.2.3 Sam Sproule
 - 8.5.2.4 Carr McLeod
- 8.6 Catherine MacNeil discussed the need to have the scheduling software made available to Tammy. The President will arrange. **Action.**
- 8.7 Ted Williams requested that VP Registration book the Magna boardroom for April 23rd for a rep coaches meeting.
- 8.8 VP Finance advised that the NBA is required to carry \$2 million Comprehensive General Liability (CGL) insurance as a tenant in the Manga Centre. President to forward to VP Finance copy of 2008 policy (approximate cost \$3,625). **Action.**

Next EMC Meetings [NOTE DATE CHANGES]:

April 8th, 2009 7:30pm at Magna
April 22nd, 2009 7:30pm at Magna

Attachments:

Agenda

Action Items Going Forward:

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| 2.2 | Decide and contact master of ceremonies for opening day. |



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| 2.3 | ED to contact The Arts to confirm they will provide the sound system for opening day. |
| 2.4 | Arrange a volunteer to handle the sound system on opening day. |
| 2.5 | VP Reg to send invitations to dignitaries for opening day. |
| 2.6 | Confirm team marshalling signs for opening day. |
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| 8.3 | EMC to consider potential budget savings to deal with the \$6,000 to \$7,000 cost over run on diamond permits. |
| 8.5 | President to submit to Town of Newmarket NBA's nominees for the Volunteer Appreciation Award and the Sponsor Appreciation Award. |
| 8.8 | President to provide VP Finance with copy of 2008 insurance policy and documentation. VP Finance to arrange/verify insurance as required. |
| Open Items from Mar 10/09 minutes | |
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