
AGM Meeting Minutes: Oct 3rd 2023

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TBDMSA AGM October 3rd 2023

Tottenham Legion- 7pm

Present: Al McMullin, Amanda Stewart, Walter Carroca, Jamie Schell, Michelle Oates Smith, Michel Mann, Jenn Leclerc, Sara Minchella, Kevin Boston, Peter Browne, Erin Forrester, Mark Shaw, Sasha Larocque, Sam Cicirello

Kevin- welcome!

Agm minutes from 2022 accepted? Jenn 1st, Jamie 2nds

Annual report

Many changes were made, but adjusting is tough but we did it! We had almost 400 participants and @ 40 people on a wait list. We had more growth than most leagues around us.

Sponsorship was tripled this year.

New equipment was needed and we bought about \$13000 of it - great job Mark Shaw

Relationships improved: lugging bases was an issue/problem for coaches. We worked out a deal with the other local leagues TOT and TLLB to share the existing bases at Coventry Park and Keogh. Goal is to have this for all diamonds we use.

Put in work with our relationship with the town, Mark McCague- improvements were made by the town that we requested. The town has a list of items and concerns of ours, and some action has already been taken to get them done.

Treasurer report: largest registrations and sponsorship totals since Peter has been around (!!) with increased registrations, costs also go up; uniform cost increased, more diamonds needed, more umpires.

We still have around \$20000 from the Trillium Grant we got in 2009. A lot of money was spent this year but we are still in very good shape financially.

Equipment report: there were 28 teams to outfit this year. Extra money was spent on balls, bags, bats, helmets, catchers equipment, and first aid kits to have supplies for all those teams.

Uniforms were on time this year!!

The umpires were provided with new, more breathable shirts this year, as well as umpire kits.

We also introduced the champions hat for the tournament, along with the medals and trophies.

We are still in need of helmets and bats for next year.

The equipment trailer was moved this year, successfully! Now resides at Tanner Self Storage.

A big thanks to Lisa and her sons for all the help with equipment this year and always.

Sponsorship report: this year Paola work on returning sponsors and Michel looked for new ones. We had 10 new team sponsors, 7 new league sponsors. We had sponsors who offered services (Tanner). Playoff sponsee for the first time (Rumber Construction), had Dinoland sponsor out movie night.

Marketing and communications: we made website improvements this year as it is the most used source for parents to get info. The new parent resource section was very helpful especially during registration. The site had 19000 visitors with an average visit time of 5mins.

Sports head app: will lean more into this moving forward, will make registration easier.

Improvements made with communication: more emails, with positive feedback. The sports head app will make this easier as well, to send mass emails from anywhere.

We sent out 3 membership surveys this year: Pitching clinic, opening weekend and post season. There was a 22% return rate on these surveys.

Registration report: record breaking registration. 40 additional players were waitlisted. Was great to be able to get that 4th team in the U19 division.

Question (Amanda): can communication be improved as to when registration is open. Suggests flyers in school. It has to be approved by the board before any flyers can be handed out, and we have and do try to do this. Sometimes we have brought them to schools and no kids ever go home with them. Will continue to explore this option though. The parent portal was a huge help with registration.

Player development: we held our first ever pitching clinic, taught by Sasha Larouque. It was a huge success, 46 registered, and got great feedback. Surveys show that people are willing to pay for that service, and that there is a want for additional clinics, batting and fielding specifically.

Coaches report: We held 2 coaches meetings this year which was great for communication. Only had a few "voluntold" coaches. We had a very positive feedback about requiring a VSC and RIS be done by all coaches. If we could start reaching out earlier about coaches to have these all in before the season starts.

Question(Amanda): can we be told our teams earlier? Much logistics put into this and it does feel like we get that info out as soon as we can.

Officials report: Al McMullin

Looking into having 16 year old carded ump's, could be used on the bases for u14 games. Let's continue to support our ump's to encourage them to stick with it.

Biggest complaint heard was the strike zone. Players need to understand they need to learn to adapt to the ump they have.

Lisa and Al both think a longer clinic is needed.

Lisa's notes on the umpires season will be attached.

Risk Management:

We did a concussion protocol clinic with the coaches at the beginning of the year. Created content in regards to our Wet field policy. Dealt with smoke alerts this year. Implement the need for VSC and RIS to be completed by all coaches.

Special events:

Opening weekend: we scaled back this year, in part due to a lack of volunteers. People want all the things but don't want to volunteer to be a part of it. On registration 81 people said they would be willing to volunteer and only 1 ended up responding when asked to help.

Extra attention went into the final weekend. A congrats to the Champs!

We had parody within divisions, makes for great, exciting baseball.

Side notes: pitching clinic was held on Thursday nights, this is dance night in the winter, we could be losing possible participants, especially female participants, if we host them on Thursday nights.

Opening weekend is also on the major dance final competitions; many participants can't make the baseball game due to this.

2024 nominations:

President: Jenn nominated Kevin. Sam 2nds it. All agree.

Vice president: Jamie nominates Michel. Jenn 2nds. All agree

Treasurer: Erin nominates Peter. Michel. 2nds. All agree.

Secretary: Sam nominated Jenn. Kevin 2nds. All agree.

Directors: Paola, Lisa, Kevin, Michel, Mark.

Directors will be appointed next meeting.

during rule changes it was noted that we needed directors appointed tonight

Jamie voted in as a director: Michel nominates and Erin 2nds.

Michelle Oats Smith: Jamie nominates, Jenn 2nds.

New business

Can ump's make more as they stay on? Right now they are making \$15/ game on bases and \$20/ game behind the plate. Will table that for next meeting.

Mark Shaw will not be returning as Equipment manager. :(we are honoured to have had him a part of the organization, he has set us up nicely moving forward with contacts and lists and whatnot

Can we get keys for the bathrooms at the parks in Beeton.

Amanda Stewart is working on a 3rd party fundraising idea for Halloween at Dinoland. Approved by board to go forward with it.

Uniforms: survey responses indicate that people are willing to pay more to have better uniforms, jerseys and pants. Something to look into.
We will also be rolling out spirit wear next year.

Next meeting: Thursday Nov 2nd, 7pm, Tottenham Legion *booked*

Motion to close meeting: 1st Erin, 2nd Michele

Rule changes

By-Law 11

Proposal accepted: 1st Jamie, 2nd Erin.

Pg. 3- as pertains to the presidents vote.

Proposal accepted: 1st Jaime, 2nd Erin.

By-Law 32

Proposal accepted: 1st Jamie, 2nd Erin.

By Law 34

Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jenn

By Law 36

Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jamie

Rule 1

Proposal rejected.

Proposal revised: just add the ability to register up to U21. Keep all other divisions the same for now and see how registration goes.

Revision accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Peter

Rule 2

Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jamie

Rule 8

Proposal rejected:

Proposal revised: keep only U7 info of proposal. Eliminate g) and h) from proposal. Add a coach behind the plate in U7.

Proposal revision accepted: 1st Jenn, 2nd Mark.

Rule 8

Proposal rejected.

Proposal revised: U19 games go to 1h 55 min

U21 games run 1h 55m

Revision accepted: 1st Mark, 2nd Jamie

Rule 10

Proposal rejected: u7 no longer will keep score

Rule 12

Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jenn

Rule 13

Proposal rejected

Rule 15
Proposal accepted: 1st Mark, 2nd Jenn

Rule 15
Proposal rejected

Rule 16
Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Michel

Rule 17
Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jamie

Rule 25
Proposal accepted: 1st Jenn, 2nd Michel

Rule 28
Proposal rejected

Rule 31
Proposal accepted: 1st Erin, 2nd Jenn

Rule 32
Proposal rejected. Rule is stated in softball Canada

Rule 35
A) is accepted: 1st Jamie, 2nd Erin
Rest of proposal is rejected. U10/U14/U19 can refer to softball Canada

Registration requests
Proposal rejected: requests will be considered under special circumstances. Parents are asked to contact registration for requests.

VSC
Motion carried

VSC
Motion carried

VSC
Motion carried

RIS
Motion carried

Storage trailer keys
Motion carried

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