

## **Sarnia Brigade Association Meeting**

Date: February 13, 2023  
Location: Lambton College Lions Den

### **In attendance:**

Joel Ainsworth, Sandra Shaw, John Vasey, Kari Sulaiman, Krissy Glavin, Chris Prozorowicz, Rob Winship, Ian Philp, Ben Werden, Sean Baxter, Jason Hodgins, Wade Babula, Justin Randall, Mick Jackson, Andrew Westlike, Bryan Banks, Steve Edwardson, Jeremy Large and Jason Willemsvandyk.

### **Absent:**

Todd Shanks, Jerry Harrison, Nick Core, Walter Fell, Brandon Palmer, Jim Bigras, Jamie Downton, David Schrie and James Grant.

## **Opening Remarks**

Joel opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and welcoming all new coaches and members. Joel also shared that we lost a member of our community, namely, Ian Brydges. Joel shared that Ian was one of 3 generations of Brydges to be a part of our community and will be missed by all.

John spoke briefly about Ian Brydges and the Brigade Day that is presently scheduled in July of 2023. He stated that at this time he believes that the event will still happen but is waiting on confirmation from the Brydges family about their wishes to partake in the event. This event was to occur on the request of Ian Brydges.

## **January Minutes**

Minutes were approved.  
Motion - John Vasey  
Second - Mick Jackson

## **January Financials**

Sandra Shaw reviewed the Financials for January. She reminded all that in order for her to be able to reimburse coaches, she needs them to fill out the proper forms, provide receipts and send it all in one clear email. If she does not receive the form completed with receipt she will send it back to you.

Rob Winship stated that all forms can be found on the Brigade Website under the coaches tab. Click on coaches documents. The password for this **doubleplay**.

It was discussed that the fiscal year be changed to September 30th of each year. This allows the Association to close out one ball season in September and open a new one in October for the new registrants and fees that get paid.

Motion- John  
Second- Joel

## **Coaches Certificates and Requirement**

John spoke to this issue. All Coaches Certificates and Requirements have been updated on the website. All head coaches need to make sure that all coaches have the certificates and requirements that they need completed.

It was discussed that you have the option to do these Certificates in two levels AAA or AA, that it is recommended that U14 and up do AAA and U 13 and down do AA. However, it is welcomed for all to do the AAA level requirements.

## **Ontario Not -For-Profit Corporations Act - Updated and Compliance**

Joel stated that the Brigade Association has until October of 2024 to be in full compliance with the ONFPCA.

John attended the meeting in January. He stated that we have 3 years from October 2021 to be in compliance and we are in good shape. He stated that we still need a few more changes but that will be discussed at the next Annual Meeting in November of 2023.

## **League Commitments LDBA and WCBA**

Joel stated that the WCBA meeting will be held on March 29, 2023. The scheduling meeting will be sometime after their annual meeting.

Joel discussed how our obligation is to the WCBA first. You are required to complete 80% of your games scheduled in your division to be able to go to the OBA Classification meeting.

Joel suggested that if it is a struggle with Diamond times for practices and completing all games, that you play a half loop of the LDBA.

## **Diamond Scheduling**

Mick let everyone know that he has Diamond Scheduling almost complete. He stated that there are some extra diamond times but you have to be willing to go in the non prime time spots like Friday evening or Sunday morning.

Mick reminded all coaches that if you have diamond time that you will not be using to let him know. The Association does not need to pay for diamonds that we are not using.

Diamond cancellations by the City will be called by 3 p.m. be sure to update your calendar as canceling a game automatically cancels the umpires.

If canceling for any other reason besides weather, we have to give 10 days notice.

If it is a last minute cancellation and the umpires have left for the diamond, we will still be responsible for paying them.

## **Fundraising**

50/50 Draws were discussed between Joel and Brandon. It sounds like a great opportunity with little work for our Association. We have the gaming license and the company will auto deposit the money into our account. We just have to decide how many times a year we want to host the draw.

## **Uniforms and ordering**

Kari spoke to the Uniforms and indicated that all issues with ordering have been dealt with minus the ability to purchase both the uniform and apparel at the same time.

It was suggested that players purchase uniforms only first and wait on apparel.

It was stated that we will be moving our apparel to Sarnia Team Outfitters and that the link for that would open in a few weeks.

## **File sharing platform - Google Drive**

Rob asked that if you have yet to provide a gmail account to him that you do so immediately. He stated that as an Association we are moving to Google Drive as we will have the ability to share all documents to include Financial updates. It will allow us to be paperless as well.

## **Other News**

John reminded that all players need to have a copy of their birth certificate sent to John before the season commences. It is also important that all Releases be provided to John immediately.

Chris mentioned that the last two times he attended his winter work out the College, the College was not set up for his workout and garbage was left behind. Joel stated that he would speak to the College about this.

Meeting Adjourned by Chris Prozorowicz

Next Meeting March 21, 2023 at the Lions Den, time TBD