

## **Sarnia Brigade Association Meeting**

Date: January 10, 2023

Location: Lambton College

### **In attendance:**

John Vasey, Kari Sulaiman, Chris Prozorowicz, Walter Fell, Joel Ainsworth, Ben Werden, Sean Baxter, Jason Hodgins, David Schrie, Rob Winship, Justin Randal, Mary Ann Buntrock and Jason Willemsvandyk.

### **Absent:**

Todd Shanks, Jerry Harrison,, Nick Core, Brandon Palmer, Wade Babula, Jim Bigras, Jamie Downton, Ian Philp, Sandra Shaw, Mick Jackson, James Grant and Krissy Glavin

### **Opening Remarks and Voting Agenda:**

John opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. John stated that as this is our Annual Meeting we will be voting formally using voting cards.

January 2022 Annual Minutes were reviewed. John moved the Minutes Rob Winship 2nd the Minutes.

Financials for 2022 were reviewed. John moved the Financials and all 2nd the Financials.

The request by John to move Equipment/Baseballs to the Brigade Division on the Financials as it is hard for the treasurer to divide. Voted on and passed by all.

The 2023 Budget was reviewed and moved by John and 2nd by David Schrie.

### **Discussions:**

Some player fees have still not been paid. Suggested that we have a Brigade contract in place outlining obligations to pay on time and that if fees are not paid prior to winter workouts, the player is not permitted at winter workouts until fees are paid. If a player is in need of financial assistance it is recommended that the player's family reach out to the President to make payment arrangements.

Rob has asked if the organization will again support the umpires. John had said yes but left it out of the budget due to the fact that we had money left over in the account from assisting last year's new umpires.

It arrears at this time the older team is not going to Florida this year.

Joel addressed the 50/50 draw that the Association was hoping to start. At this time we still require more information from Brandon and Mick. It was noted that it is a great idea and other Associations are doing this, however at this point we do not have enough information to make a final decision.

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

1. Table of Contents  
Deleted amendments section 6 h) - voted and passed by all
2. Appointed Officers should include Registrar - voted and passed by all
3. Appointed Officers Major Convenor to be U14-U18 and Minor Convenor to be U13 and under - voted and passed by all
4. Bylaw Distribution of Funds should be U14-U18 for Major and U13 and under for Minor - voted and passed by all.

### **Coaches**

Some teams still require the NCCP number from their assistant coaches. Some coaches also need a police check completed. John will send out an email to remind those who need to have this completed.

Some teams still need a copy of the Birth Certificate and/or release forms. Please get those into John as soon as possible.

Winter workouts begin January 15, 2023.

### **Uniforms**

John spoke with Team Outfitters in Sarnia and although they were able to provide us with the same products as Team Source for Sports, they were not able to provide us with the same low pricing. As such it was determined that the Association will stay with Team Source for Sports. It was asked that the Brigade Mom Apparel have better quality vinyl to ensure we are selling good quality swag. Fit kit should be coming soon for players to be fitted for their uniforms.

### **Baseball Day at Errol Russell**

Ian Brydes baseball day at the park will be hosted on July 15, 2023. The park will open at noon. There will be activities for the players. There will also be historical pictures and apparel to view the history of baseball in Sarnia. The Senior team will play a game that afternoon as well.

**Other Business**

Equipment - Walt got all new balls for all teams. He has also picked up the majority of his order from Toronto. Walt asked permission to purchase more equipment bags along with a few catcher mitts and gear and was granted permission to do so.

Instructional Ball will be run by Wade Babula this year and all information will be posted by February 1st with respect to the same.

John asked that if a team receives a donation for their own team that they let John and Sandra know so that when it gets deposited into the main account Sandra can place it in the appropriate team account.

**Farewell**

John announced that this was his last time running the meeting as President of the Association. John told us about his time with the Association and the many roles he has had over the years.

**Final Remarks**

Joel gave thanks to John for his many years of service. He acknowledged how John has done so much for the Association, many of things he has done most people don't get to see.

Meeting was adjourned by David Schrie

Next meeting to be determined.