

2019 Pre-Season MINUTES

MARCH 6, 2019

7:00 NORTH AUGUSTA COMMUNITY HALL

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| MEETING CALLED BY | Brent Smith |
| TYPE OF MEETING | Season Kick off |
| FACILITATOR | Brent Smith |
| NOTE TAKER | Casey Foley |
| ATTENDEES | Kelly Vandervelde – North Augusta Amy Finucan – North Augusta TJ Smith – North Augusta Mark Trachy – Portland Hugh Patterson – Lyn Rob Donovan – Mallorytown Sarah Donovan – Mallorytown Jeff Seed – Westport Mike Limburg – Johnstown Lisa Lockett – Maynard Brent Smith – Casey Foley |

Agenda topics

NEW/EXISTING EXECUATIVE

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| DISCUSSION | No one new wants to step into Umpire in Chief (U.I.C) role. | | |
| | All currently filled roles remain the same | | |
| CONCLUSIONS | | | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
| Contact Justin Greatrix to see if there is any interest in U.I.C. | Brent Smith | April 1, 2019 | |
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WEBSITE COMPLAINTS

BRENT SMITH

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| DISCUSSION | Overall website seemed to be running to everyone's expectations, the schedules need to be better formatted. | | |
| CONCLUSIONS | Casey to work on making the schedule a long list in stead of pages and to have more options on filtering | | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE | |
| Schedule reformatting | Casey Foley | May 1, 2019 | |

AGE RANGES

BRENT SMITH

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| DISCUSSION | Possibility to have peewee and bantam age levels this year. |
| CONCLUSIONS | We will still have to wait until after registration so see what final numbers are |

SEASON LENGTHS

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| DISCUSSION | Season lengths to remain the same as follows: Midget – 16 Bantam - 14 Peewee – 14 Squirt – 14 Mite – 12 Mosq - 12 |
| | The first two games for mosquitoes this year will be versus themselves. They will have scheduled games against only themselves to get the teams organized and teach the kids a little about the game before starting to play against others. |

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| CONCLUSIONS | Association agreed to give mosq 2 home games where they are playing themselves. So, the parents see they have a game and actually show up to the ball diamond. |
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VALID UMPIRES

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| DISCUSSION | There were numerous issues last year around umpires and leagues not providing adequate umpiring for proper Age divisions. Main issues revolved around the squirt and peewee age. | |
| CONCLUSIONS | All divisions must have umpires with the proper designation for the age category they are working. | |
| | Westport is going to be hosting an umpire clinic. Please pay attention to the website and your emails for more information. | |
| | Contact Greg beech and check the website to see if there are any carded umpire clinics in the area | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Discussion with individuals that caused the issues around umpires last year | Brent Smith | April 1, 2019 |
| Update the website with umpire clinic information once available | Casey Foley | April 1, 2019 |
| Find out about carded umpire clinic, update the website | Casey Foley | April 1, 2019 |

MOSQUITO RULE

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| DISCUSSION | This rule is used on mites as well. The rule discussed is about the control of the ball in the in field during the play. | |
| CONCLUSIONS | Rule to stay the same as it is currently stated on the website. | |
| | Email will be sent out to coaches at the beginning of the year addressing the concerns that we have heard about. See below with the currently list of topics | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Create a coach's email for the beginning of the season | Brent Smith, Casey Foley | April 17, 2019 |

ISSUES WITH POINTS

BRENT SMITH

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| DISCUSSION | Points were submitted promptly last year. | |
| CONCLUSIONS | When coaches email gets sent out, they will be notified that they have 48 hours to send in the score or a game or that game will result in a tie. | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |
| Ensure coaches are aware of 48-hour score submitting rule | Casey Foley | April 1, 2019 |

OPEN DISCUSSION

OPEN FLOOR

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| DISCUSSION | Birth years for age category's will be posted on the website for clarity this year | |
| | If an age category gets removed then website will reflect the new age range for the modified categories | |
| | Learn to play – Softball Ontario – Tim Hortons gives out t-shirts. | |
| | Umpire fees will remain the same this year | |
| | Peewee girls will be noted as "Novice" on the website to be in accordance with softball Ontario | |
| | Select Ball: Mallorytown to inform scores so it can post on the website and notify coaches when tryouts will be for select teams (girls' categories, currently looking at peewee and bantam girls) open invitation tryout | |
| | Tournament fees will be introduced this year and an email will be sent to associations before the next meeting so they can bring the check with them. Amounts will be clarified in that email | |
| | Coaches list to include but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarify specific rules - How to submit scores - How to find your representative - Rule on in-field fly - Language - Process for cancelling games | |
| ACTION ITEMS | PERSON RESPONSIBLE | DEADLINE |

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| Brent to send birth years for website | Brent Smith | March 11, 2019 |
| Post learn to play information on the website | Casey Foley | March 16, 2019 |
| Post select tryout information once received | Casey Foley | April 1, 2019 |
| Remove coaches, schedule from website | Casey Foley | March 16, 2019 |
| Find rule on heat cancellation from other teams | Casey Foley | April 1, 2019 |

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| NEXT MEETING | April 17 or April 24 @ 7:00pm waiting for confirmation on dates |
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