

WELCOME TO THE HOME OF THE Winnipeg South West Youth Softball Association

Attendees: Norlyn Dickson, Bonnie Cadieux, Natalie Newman, Renee Danchuk, Glen Brenner, Michelle Swift, Tracy Turner, Rob Couteau

March 19, 2012

Meeting began at 7:10pm

1. Introductions; Welcome Michelle! Michelle will be replacing Jan as convenor of Varsity View.
2. League B evaluations; will be held at the Coverall complex 5001 Portage Ave (Headingly). Dates are: Tuesday April 3rd – U12, Wednesday April 4th – U14, Thurs April 5th – U16&U18. Registration all nights begin at 5:30, Tues and Wed evaluations are from 6 - 8 and on Thursday from 6 – 9.
Wayne can you post this info on the website. Everyone needs to update their sheets ASAP.
Cam will send out the team declaration forms after the April 9th draft night.

Cam will look after organizing the stations. **Volunteer evaluators can contact Cam. Renee will man the registration table. Volunteer help with registration can contact Renee.**

Draft night will be on Monday April 9th; @ 6:30 till we get all of the B teams organized. Once this is done C teams will be formed. Meet at the Sorrento's in Charleswood (Charleswood Center on Grant Ave). Pizza and drinks will be provided.

3. Transfer Fees and Process; Cam is working on it. We hope to have this nailed down by May.
4. Scheduling software. Wayne proposes we consider the software used by minor hockey. Cost is 2 – 3,000 for the season and 3 -500. for the playoffs. Everyone felt the cost was too high. Renee will continue using what she has for this season and we will ask Renee and Wayne to keep looking.
5. UIC update: Joanne was unable to make the meeting. **Joanne can you circulate an email with an update.** These fees will be \$35 for mites and squirts, \$40 for peewees and up. All fees are to be paid by cash at the plate. Midget BB will host a 2 umpire system. These fees will be announced shortly. LaSalle will organize their own umpires for the season.
6. General Skills Camp: Norlyn has not been successful at finding a group to host a camp for us. Tracy T will consider. Renee will email her some info and we suggested that Tracy contact Haylee with questions. A reminder that Softball Mb is hosting a 3 day clinic over spring break. Info was emailed to everyone and it is up on the website.

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Pitching Clinic: Positive feedback regarding the instruction. Continued challenges in collecting from 3 players. Norlyn will follow up with Lionel. It was suggested that for next year that we have a registration table at the first session and all players would need to pay before starting.

Catcher's clinic: 4 sessions with 12 players are scheduled and the feedback so far is very positive.

Learn to Play sites: Tracy will be hosting a site in the Westdale area and so far has 20 interested players. LaSalle will be hosting a site as well. We have no other sites confirmed and would like another site in the Waverly Heights / Fort Richmond area. **We need to rustle up a coordinator or two.** Norlyn has received calls from a handful of families wanting to register for LTP. Tracy has volunteered to instruct the coordinator and we have equipment at Varsity View. Everyone was asked to go on the hunt for a coordinator. This could count towards high school volunteer hours for students. Everyone felt strongly that Learn to Play provides the base interest in softball that we want to promote.

7. Rules Committee; **Wayne asks us all to review the special playing rules attached.** At this point there does not appear to be a need for any changes over last year.
8. Coaches Meeting:
 - ✓ We have scheduled this meeting for Monday April 23rd; 7p.m. @ Waverly Heights. **Wayne could you post this on the website? Lionel can you check into booking the club? The convenors will meet at 6:30 and are expected to bring in their team's registration fees.** If no fees are provided then registration packages will be held back. We decided to organize groups based on age once introductions are made to review material and answer questions.
 - ✓ Norlyn reminded all about the forms sent out last week. **At the coaches meetings convenors are asked to have ready the team contact lists for their clubs. Convenors need a list for each age group and each team category that is playing out of the club. Bring these lists completed to the meeting so that the head coaches can sign and Norlyn can turn in the lists for the league.**
 - ✓ **The team registration form needs to be completed electronically to Norlyn for Friday May 25th.** Please submit your clubs in one email if possible. Norlyn has to enter a code for each

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player before sending onto Softball Mb for June 1st. Softball Mb will not take late entries which will mean late entries will not be registered teams. **Wayne could you post the forms and instructions from the Softball Mb / and these minutes on the website?**

- ✓ Team registration fees are set at \$425.00 per team except for LTP. LTP fees are to be determined. **Renee can you do this?** This includes diamond fees, softball mb registration fees, playoff costs, medals, UIC fees, and umpires for playoffs. This DOES NOT include season umpire fees.
- ✓ Season start is scheduled for April 30th.
- ✓ Monday and Wednesday will be game nights for U10, U14 and U18
- ✓ Tuesday and Thursdays will be game nights for LTP, U12 and U16
- ✓ Playoff Plans; June 22 – 24 @ Blumberg. Renee will do up the schedule, Rob Couteau will be our playoff go to / convenor during the weekend. THANK YOU ROB! We have agreed to a \$500.00 per day cost with Blumberg.

Next scheduled meetings:

- April 9th and April 23rd

BFs:

- LTP plans and budget
- Fee transfer process
- Softball Mb paper work / form completion
- Playoff planning and provincials
- UIC update