

FLAMBOROUGH MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Attendance & Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Copetown Community Center in Copetown and was called to order at 7:03 pm by Dave Grant (Copetown).

As per the FMSA Constitution, for the 2007 year, Copetown is to provide the role of President.

The following centers were present at the meeting :

Centre	Representative	Centre	Representative
Ancaster	Joe Benedetti	Jerseyville	Rick Ellis
Copetown	Dave Grant	Lynden	Cindy Clark
Caledonia	Dennis Edwards Rod Atkinson	Millgrove	Pat Service
Dofasco	Tom Hixson	Strabane \ ORSA	Don McConnell
Dundas GSL	Art Sarna	Puslinch	Carol Beatson Mark Webster Mark Slade
Dundas Running Rebels	Laryssa Gregory	Rockwood	Bruce Livingston
Fisherville	Rick Pepper	Sheffield	Mark Simmons Wendy Willard
Freelton	Dave Henwood	St. George	Gary Lockey
Greenville	Mark Volkov Stephen Shurvin	Waterdown	Trever Abrams
Hamilton	John Mah		

Bold - centres with voting privileges for 2007

The Following Centres were absent:

Alexander Park	Jarvis
Carlisle	Oneida
Hagersville	Stoney Creek

1. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Lynden motioned to accept minutes from previous meeting. Greenville seconded.

Carried.

2. **Review of Centre Reps**

A list containing the names, e-mail address and phone number of all key contacts for each centre from 2006 was circulated. Centres were asked to review the list and make whatever changes (corrections & additions) were necessary so that this updated list could be used for the 2007 season.

A copy of this list will be forwarded via e-mail to all centres. (completed)

3. **Appointment of League Executive**

As per the FMSA Constitution, the following centres are to provide individuals to fulfill the following executive roles :

Past President	Puslinch	Mark Slade
President	Copetown	Dave Grant
Secretary	Carlisle	?
Treasurer	Lynden	Cindy Clark
Vice President	Waterdown	Trever Abrams

Early in the 2006 season, the one Carlisle team disbanded. Carlisle did not provide a representative at any of the remaining FMSA meetings during 2006.

Last year's centre rep for Carlisle, Shane MacDonald will be contacted to determine what plans Carlisle has for participation in the FMSA for 2007.

4. **Review of 2006 Finances**

- Pat Service (Millgrove) has agreed to review the 2006 financial records.
- A schedule outlining the FMSA's key cost items for 2005 & 2006 was provided.
 - In 2006 Medallion costs were significantly lower due to the recycling of unused medallion
 - In 2006 the total cost for Insurance, Medallions, Scheduling and Other costs amounted to an average of \$71.54 per team ... a little more than the average registration fee received.

Accordingly, the per team registration fees for 2007 will remain the same as they were in 2006 :

T-Ball	\$80
All Others	\$70

5. **Review of Changes to Constitution \ Rules**

There were not many changes to the FMSA Constitution & Rules that were presented and approved at the November 'Rules meeting'. One change, that being a clarification to the curfew rule was briefly reviewed \ explained by Joe Benedetti.

This rule should be highlighted to all coaches, centre umpires and scorekeepers to ensure that there is no confusion.

6. **Application to Join FMSA by Princeton**

Shane Wakeford and 2 Midget aged players from the Princeton Minor Softball Association were present at the meeting to observe the meeting and seek information about the FMSA. Their intent was to possibly have one or more teams (likely 1 Midget Boys team) from Princeton apply to join the FMSA.

Discussion : All teams playing out of Princeton (which is located just west of Paris, between Paris & Woodstock) play in the South Oxford league. The South Oxford league has teams in the general geography comprising west of London (Melbourne), north of Woodstock (Hickson & Innerkip) and south to Lake Erie (Burgessville).

Princeton requested details concerning the FMSA's rules on player residency and wanted an estimate of which centers could possibly be in the Midget Boys loop for the 2007 season.

Motion : That the Princeton Minor Softball Association be permitted to bring one or more softball teams into the Flamborough Minor Softball Association for the year 2007 and beyond.

Vote : Motion Carried.

The Princeton group was asked to review the FMSA Constitution and Playing Rules as all teams playing in the Flamborough league agree to participate under these rules. Princeton will need to identify their intent before the next FMSA meeting (March 29 '07).

7. **Special Permission Requests \ Team Commitments**

Centres were reminded to properly consider the following :

- Team Call-up's – if a centre does not have an obvious team to pull call-up's from (for example – a Pee Wee team pulling up from a Squirt team in the same centre), a centre should identify another centre and obtain permission to use that centre's team as their call-up (for example - Copetown Bantam Boys making arrangements to pull-up from Lynden's Pee Wee Boys ... assuming that Lynden does not have a Bantam Boys team).
- Diamond allotments – centres should provide a 1st choice and at least one alternative night or time that diamonds are available per age group. This will greatly assist in the scheduling.

8. **2007 Scheduler**

Chris Newman has been approached and asked if he would be interested in once again preparing the schedules for the FMSA's 2007 schedule. At this point Chris has not provided a response.

Update : Chris Newman has agreed to prepare the schedules for the 2007 season.

9. **Other Business**

- Softball Ontario's "Get in the Game" Symposium

Any centre wishing to attend should do so and it would be appreciated if someone who attends the symposium report back their good learnings.

- Children's Fitness Tax Credit

The Federal government has introduced a Children's Fitness Tax Credit for 2007. Children under the age of 17 partaking in a paid exercise program are eligible.

At this point it is unclear whether each centre is to provide the tax receipt or whether this needs to be done by the FMSA. More to follow on this topic.

- Equipment Offer (T. Litzen Sports)

Bob Litzen of Litzen Sports provided brochures and examples of cost-effective leather and synthetic balls that he is carrying this year. The Martin ProMark softball has been approved by the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools) in the USA, and has been tested in Ontario by the Brampton Blazers organization.

If any centers are interested, Bob Litzen can be reached either through e-mail at dnewman@cogeco.ca or at his home office at (905) 627-7447.

10. **Next Meeting :**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

Copetown Community Center, 7:00 pm

11. **Meeting Adjourned**

Sheffield motioned to adjourn the meeting. Greensville seconded.

Carried : 8:35 pm