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Tamworth Baseball Incorporated
General Meeting
West Leagues Club
16th March 2023

Meeting commenced 7:34pm

Members Present: Payge Peterson, Anne-Maree Handsaker, Ryan Handsaker, Danielle Hopwood-Young, David McMurray, Renae Madams, Odette MacRae, Jo Ridgewell, Andrew Ferris, Katie Voigt, Tim Voigt, Allan Clegg, Hayley Bullock.

Apology: Brad Smith, James Ardill

Renae: Gameday Registrations: Baseball Au & Baseball NSW have changed to a new registration platform. We are no longer using SportLoMo and we are now using Gameday. Hayley and I have been working on setting up the Tamworth Baseball side and also our own clubs (Cougars & Panda's.) It is ready for all the clubs to setup their own for take registrations and if you require any help, please reach out.
Link: https://passport.mygameday.app/login/?, register and then email Mel Goodrich (mel@baseballnsw.com.au) to get access as an admin of your club.

There are 3 mandatory payments accept:

1. BA Capitation
2. BNSW Capitation
3. TBI Fee

Dave: 22nd of April has been set as the start date for the season. All players are required to have completed their registration before taking the field. A competition draw has been emailed out, we are looking to have 4 B grade teams and 3 A grade teams.

Renae: June Carnival: We are working on the 2023 carnival with registrations opening shortly. We have worked on a different format this year and been advising teams of seeking accommodation early as that weekend seems to be busy in Tamworth.

Hayley: We (TBI) has been successful in some grants.

1. A new mower - $55k
2. Office of Responsible Gambling for Flood victims – We have been approved for new batting tunnels and bullpens - $54k, we are hoping to have these in by June carnival.

A lighting project is next on the agenda. Original quotes were 1.5mil but down to 800k.

Dave: Scorers boxes are in need of repair and this has been reported to Council on several occasions, The power box sparks and the floor is warped. Council has also been asked to fix the coolroom as it freezes

overnight. I was in the canteen this week and the coolroom had been turned on that day so I suspect they have fixed it. In addition we have asked for the outfield boundary fences to be repaired.
We have had issues with our current mower but have had some repairs to it to keep us in action while waiting for the new one.

Dave: Umpires: Cleggy how are we looking for umpires this season?

Cleggy: We are getting older and unwell – Cleggy, Dave, Warren & Wayne.

Hayley: We have been working on an idea to get a member of the a grade team not playing to assist and be a field umpire.

Cleggy: They will need to be fully accredited.

Dave: Yes, but we need your (Cleggy) help and support of these members so we can help the umpires.

Katie: Tim is happy to help umpire when he isn't playing.

Dave: June umpires, is there a list of umpires we contact for June?

Cleggy: Yes, I have one and will contact them when required.

Renae: Scorers – How is all the clubs looking for scorers?

Katie: Armidale will need a scorer at times when we have A & B grade playing at the same time.

Cleggy: The rounds in Armidale, do we have a 2nd field for B grade to play at?

Dave: We are working with Armidale on this. The UNI has had damaged to the causeway that allows access to the fields; this needs to be repaired for playing access.

Dave: Juniors: We are working on contacting local schools and running a Baseball5 program in the hopes to bring more juniors to the sport.

Hayley: Representative Baseball: We are looking to call for coaching and then players expression of interest at the start of the season so we can get our rep program underway early.
Dave: I have followed up with Baseball NSW in regards to getting Natalie & Jake accredited to sign off coaches.

Dave: Country Music: Thank you to all the clubs and members who helped by taking shifts.

Dave: Communication: We have had feedback in the past that communication needs to be more fluid from the board and we are trying our best with this but it is also required back from the clubs. Just an acknowledgement of communication received is appreciated.

Jo: Once the season is up and running I will need a full list of players from all clubs for billing purposes of the TBI fee.

Hayley: No Jo, we have set this up automatically from the registration portal to be taken and deposited to the TBI bank account.

Anne-Maree: Why is there no games for B grade for 3 weeks over June. We have the carnival and Country Champs but why no game in the middle of this.

Hayley: This was required to make full complete rounds in the draw.

Closed: 8:18pm