

- v. Mite change to U11
- vi. Pre-mite change to U9
- vii. Grasshopper change to Coach Pitch

Motion by: Executive

Seconded by: Shakespeare

Result: All in favor – Motion passes

- d. Discussion on U9 rules from 2023
 - i. Feedback, some teams played a hybrid set of rules
 - ii. How was year 1
 - iii. Intent was to align with other leagues in the area.

Discussion was had and we agreed to keep the rules for the 2024 season but change the maximum number of pitches to 4 per batter.

- 4) Discussion on year-end tournaments
 - a. Will we run same as last year? Fees – Year end - \$165 w/tournament, \$65 w/o - \$100 per team goes to host. Remaining cost charged to each center.
 - b. Teams to come to Scheduling meeting expressing intent to host and details/dates

This was a good discussion – In the end we talked about collecting some additional data from hosts in 2024 to see if the fees cover their costs and if they make any money on these events for their associations. We will table this again at the 2025 AGM

- 5) Additional items?
 - a. Teams looking to enter the league.
 - i. Blythe U15 – All voted in in favor of allowing to enter he league
 - ii. Londesboro – U9, U11 and U13 – All voted in in favor of allowing to enter he league
 - iii. Brussels - U17 maybe U13 – All voted in in favor of allowing to enter he league

- 6) Scheduling meeting date – Reminder we will need divisional convenors for entering scores and maintaining the website for each division.

Reminder will be sent out in a few weeks

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- 1) Financial Report – Mike Carey
- 2) Proposed Rules Changes – No submissions received.
- 3) NW Playing Rules and Regulations
 - a. Biggest change from previous is years is in regard to the bond. Bond is still \$100, however we used to hold this bond indefinitely. Over time some associations did not top up as fees increased and other teams disappeared from the league. The change to bond is as follows: The bond is nonrefundable. NW Fastpitch will keep the bond for a period of up to 3 years of inactivity in the league. After 3 years of inactivity the bond will be absorbed by the league as payment for holding the spot and not having to be voted back into the league. This rule would take place starting this year and will not be back dated to whenever payment was received.

Reasoning: It is easier to maintain for the league and encourages centres to rejoin North Waterloo after a brief hiatus.

Motion by: Executive

Seconded by: Shakespeare

Result: All in favor, zero opposed – Motion carries

- b. Teams currently with NW Bonds
 - i. See Financial report – Page 2

Motion to refund the following centres that have paid more than the \$100 bond.

Those centres include:

Cambridge - \$50
Wilmot - \$50
Palmerston - \$100
Sebringville - \$50

Motion by: Mike Carey Seconded by: Shakespeare

Result: All in favor, zero opposed – Motion carries

- 4) Voting in of New Teams:
 - a. Chesley – U20, U13 - All voted in in favor of allowing to enter he league
 - b. Ponsonby – U13 - All voted in in favor of allowing to enter he league
 - c.
- 5) Discussion on year-end tournaments
 - a. Does North Waterloo want to run year end tournaments?
 - b. Medals – We have not done medals in years but previously has done Gold and Silver for A and B. Do we want to go back to this?

Outcome:

North Waterloo will not run any year end tournaments. If a centre decides to host a year end they can set the price for the tournament. If they request medals from North Waterloo at the start of the season, the league may order them for them but medals will be paid for in advance.

6) League Fees

- \$150 No balls, diamonds or umpires - A and B division medals
- \$100 No balls, diamonds or umpires - A division medals only
- \$50 No balls, diamonds or umpires or medals

If year-end tournament is held. Host will provide budget for the event. Including umpires, diamonds and game balls and submit to league division for approval. Costs for year-end tournament will be paid by each team over and above league fees.

Outcome: Decision was no medals – League fee is set at \$50 per team for 2024.

7) Motion to Incorporate North Waterloo Fastpitch as a not-for profit corporation.

Reasoning: Protect future Executive members.

Motion by: Mike Carey

Seconded by: Wilmot/Ryan Roth

Result: All in favor, zero opposed – Motion Carries

8) Open table discussion – Year end tournament hosts – Do we build a gate fee into tournament costs?

Reasoning: Encourage teams to host year end and allow them to make some money just for hosting.

Outcome: Not applicable for North Waterloo at this time.

9) Election of Officials

- a. President – Mike Carey is nominated by Fred Folings – Mike Stands for the nomination. No other nominations. Position is acclaimed.
- b. Vice President – No nominations – position remains vacant.
- c. Secretary – No nominations – position remains vacant.
- d. Treasurer- Mike Carey nominated Deb Bell (absent but said she would stand), no other nominations – position acclaimed.