



## Georgian Bay Youth Roots

### MINUTES

#### Georgian Bay Youth Coalition Meeting




January 22, 2020

1:00pm-3:00pm

Location: Cafeteria

Attendees: Emma Smith (Meaford Recreation), Melri Wright (OSAID, Ledge Leadership), Sarah Milne (GBCS SCC Chair, GBHU), Jason Wepler (PLAY, GBHU), Krista Walley (GBHU), Lori Pierce (Meaford Library), Emma Barker (Beaver Valley Community School), Mike Wright (Ledge Leadership), Jessie Wilson (YMCA), Mandi Lambe (Big Brothers/Big Sisters)




Regrets: Ryan Gibbons (Town of The Blue Mountains), Rev. Thérèse Samuel (Grace UC)

Welcome/Introductions		Jason's role transitioning, will attend as frequently as possible. Sarah will be the new co-chair for time being.
Note/Minute Taker: (Rotating position)	Volunteer	Krista Walley
1. Additions to the Agenda		
2. Review/Approve Minutes	Meaford plaque – looking into ordering new one  Minutes Approved	 GBYR Meeting November 2019.pdf  GBYR Meeting November 2019.pdf
3. Co-op Placement update	Melri/Emma/	 Youth Roots Coop Placement v1.docx Offer: met with Anita 2 credit co-op municipality Meaford, municipality Thornbury, BVO, library interested in having students 6 weeks/group Might have a student interested. Will have them look at Georgian Bay Youth Roots branding Job description ready to go (almost) Deadline ASAP, Melri will send job placement and then see if the student is interested. (See attached)

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		<p>Emma would be the lead/manage but each member for each organization would lead their part of the co-op</p> <p>Student has access to transportation</p> <p>Hoping other students may be interested as well.</p> <p>Meaford: Lori/Emma</p> <p>Thornbury: Emma Barker</p> <p>BVO: Melri</p>
4. Junior NBA Basketball Update	Sarah Milne	<div>   </div> <p>JNYB Recruitment flyers Meaford.pdf    JNYB Tri-Fold Brochure Meaford2f</p> <div>  </div> <p>JNYB_2019-20_Host_Application_Meaford</p> <p>Met with Emma conversations with JumpStart and Jr NBA, both very supportive. Established by Canada Basketball program, received grant \$2500, could be ongoing program, can spend money as we can choose.</p> <p>NCCP coaching certification is being offered , anyone can sign up to take the course but only certain number will be coaching the program</p> <p>School space is an issue, looks like will be on Wednesdays at GBCS at 6pm, still need confirmation.</p> <p>Sent out brochures about program as well as parent/youth volunteers needed</p> <p>Jump Start funding and municipal subsidy funding will be used towards the kids that cannot afford the registration fee and or a blanket lower fee</p> <p>Mike Ready (Collingwood Trailblazer Bball Coach) to help coach with Sarah Milne</p>
5. RBC Future Launch Grant Update	Jason Weppler	<p><b>Grant received last fall \$15,000 Grey County</b></p> <p><b>GBCS March 24 – Blake Fly will speak 12:45-1:45,</b> short break then Design Thinking will happen (brainstorming process), in advance of applying for grants for community betterment</p> <p>Main presentation will be happening in gymnasium grade 9-12 will attend, grade 7/8 committees may attend (e.g. me-we)</p> <p>Want to engage with community partners prior to make sure they can help with grants and where funds can be used/potential projects and help with support through the projects</p>

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		<p>How to engage community in RBC grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify and share the role of this coalition</li> <li>- Jason Wepler (lead), along with Ledge Leadership is holding the funds</li> <li>- <b>Please share with community partners that may be interested or you wish to engage</b></li> <li>- <b>Youth can apply for funds to address any items in youth vital sign report e.g. transportation, substances, lack of things to do, mental health, etc, it is open ended.</b></li> <li>- We won't decline any applications</li> <li>- 2/3 of grant money will be going back to the youth for grants \$250-\$500</li> <li>- Youth advisory teams at the library might be open, have great opportunities</li> </ul> <p>January 31<sup>st</sup> Grant leadership team will be meeting and will send update to group. School is really excited!</p> <p>GBCS/BVCS is working at bringing more of the students together, perhaps using these grants to help work together perhaps me-we groups all be invited to help work onsite to apply for these grants. Design thinking is already created, we will be working at condensing it. Teacher leads will take the information back to help submit the applications. Youth will need a banker of sorts for these grants to go to, need to have the money out of "our" account by August. Will give students 2 weeks for applications then give the money out in a week, will have April-June to work with projects and spend money.</p>
6. Skating Party Debrief		<p>Review: Went really well ☺</p> <p>200 kids at Meaford arena, provided opportunity for kids to relax and hangout together. Most skated for the duration of the event, music played over speaker, free hot chocolate and concession booth open to purchase items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colouring, painting, clay pots that kids painted</li> <li>• Cookie decorating big success</li> <li>• Brought together youth gr 7/8 BVCS/GBCS</li> </ul> <p><b>Should do an event like this again – positive feedback</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tweaks – go back and forth between Meaford and Thornbury</li> </ul> <p>Ideas for next events:</p>

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		<p>Thornbury arena? Perhaps in March</p> <p>Will need to see in regards to strike can't plan anything right now</p> <p><b>Grade 8 pool party</b>, max 130 people</p> <p>Second 2 weeks in June (June 17, 2020)</p> <p>Have adults sign up for roles, make sure they are assigned so we all know our roles. We could do with less people.</p> <p>Georgian Bay Youth roots have a table to know who we are and what we do, branding.</p> <p>Banner, brochures. Make sure students know what is free.</p>
7. De-Stress Event Debrief		<p>Things that went well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nice variety</li> <li>- Therapy dog</li> <li>- Food</li> </ul> <p>Things to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lots of students studying</li> <li>- Less crowd</li> <li>- Participation in the activities weren't very high.</li> <li>- Students aren't really here during lunch time, go out for lunch.</li> </ul> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Melri talk to student council</li> <li>- What would students like to do for future exam de stress events</li> <li>- Lower key activities perhaps?</li> <li>- Make food?</li> <li>- Cookie decorating?</li> <li>- Advertisements</li> <li>- Social media</li> <li>- Perhaps a gift card?</li> <li>- Melri reach out to students/suggestion box</li> </ul>
8. <a href="#">Letter of Support – Georgian Bay Coyotes Running club (see letter to the editor)</a>	Jason Wepler	<p>Struggle for the local running club, it is at risk of losing space in the community. They train in Meaford, (kids coming from Collingwood, Wiarton, Saugeen, Cape, Hanover, Owen Sound) with school rebuild may lose track space. Very inclusive this group.</p> <p>Is there an opportunity for us to support the youth keeping this space, build a new track and to help host events?</p> <p>Letter of support feel uncomfortable with all the different hats.</p> <p>Will keep this group up to date how we can help support the process.</p>

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9. <u>Bubble Soccer Proposal and Quote</u>	Emma Smith	<p>Incorporating this into our <u>International Youth Day</u> (Aug 12, 2020)</p> <p>Pool party will be done with free pizza, perhaps early in the day to bubble soccer for 8+, open it up to youth</p> <p>Will cost \$1,000 can't do it all for free but hoping that Youth Roots could help sponsor some of the cost</p> <p>\$21/kid about the cost if we got 48 kids</p> <p>Rental will hook the kids up/supervision</p> <p>Will have it by the pool/start it earlier.</p> <p>Free swim 8+ and free pizza</p> <p>Would have pre-registration</p> <p>Would promote at school before the end of the school year.</p> <p>Subsidy could cover the cost</p> <p><b>Youth Roots will help cover up to \$300, need to follow up with budget.</b> We made a tentative decision - the amount left in our Meaford Grant. We have spent approximately \$500 of that funding so far since July (with a budget of \$100/month for activities) should be able to do the sponsorship of \$300 for this summer event and still have money left to support a couple of end of school year events (as well as some of the supplies for weekly high school and monthly Grade 7/8 tables).</p> <p>Would also explore other ways to help support.</p> <p>Rotary will also look at support</p> <p><b>Date: Wednesday August 12, 2020</b></p> <p>Time 4-8</p>
10. Fall Survey Feedback	Melri	<p><b>Survey feedback:</b></p> <p>School announcements #1 way hearing what's going on</p> <p>Consider having the GBYR logo on the tv?</p> <p>Co-president student council will help us with Insta and Snap Chat</p> <p>Important concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grades</li><li>- Family</li><li>- Mental health</li><li>- University/college</li><li>- Leadership training</li><li>- Volunteer opportunities</li></ul> <p>One thing we want to do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Education/employment fair</li></ul>

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		<p>- Didn't get great response from student council Something more exciting would be going to schools. Grade 12 transition – wanting to repeat that Perhaps a pool event, something they would appreciate. Contact Jenetta Curry she's interested in helping run something like that. Love BBQ and Karaoke Will do a suggestion box</p>
11. 2020 Planning/Review ToR –Discussion (set review date/ideas)		<p>Goals: Will bring ideas next time to the table, review ToR Each person what would you like to see happen in this next year. – next meeting have pizza to help bring students come to the table.</p>
12. Additions; Update Mailing List  Funding Update	Send an email out to our current list to see if people want to remain on mail-out list	<p>Sarah Milne will follow up/review email list - completed</p> <p><b>General fund \$360.96</b> <b>Meaford grant: 1557.77</b> Spend a certain amount on events and then others, will follow up with Jason on plan for spending.</p> <p>We made a tentative decision about sponsorship for Bubble Soccer - amount left in our Meaford Grant. We have spent approximately \$500 of that funding so far since July (with a budget of \$100/month for activities) so I think we will be able to do the sponsorship of \$300 for this summer event with money left to support a couple of end of school year events (as well as some of the supplies for weekly high school and monthly Grade 7/8 tables).</p>
13. Round Tables:		<p>Emma Smith: Family Day Mon Feb 17 events Meaford Community Centre (Ryan Gibbons/TTBM) - Nothing happening family day in Thornbury</p> <p>Big Brothers Big Sisters Mandi: March 6 rock and bowl, March 7 Fred Wallace Bowl Jesse: Bus trip to Georgian college open house, Feb 8, 2020 pick up in Hanover YMCA: Youth transition program – kids are reaching out, getting busier Strumming forward guitar lessons will be starting in April – free guitar lessons for youth Mike: Ledge reimagined series, training for adults. Will send information on future events Emma Barker: teen group coffee event.</p>

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14. Next Meeting:	New Time Next Meeting: 1130-1230 (youth come to the meeting) Review goals 2020/ ToR Review Laidlaw Fnd. RBC Grant updates	
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### 8. Letter of Support: Coyotes Struggle with Poor Training Facilities



The Georgian Bay Coyotes is a “AAA” track club that began in August 2010 with a handful of local runners. We have now exploded to almost 80 members, some who are recreational and many are highly competitive on a provincial to national scale.

Our kids that we coach range from grade 2 to high school, the majority reside in the municipality of Meaford, with several travelling from Collingwood to South Bruce Peninsula Shores and south to Durham.

Each winter from late November to early April we struggle with slippery and icy road conditions, with numerous kids falling on the icy roads. Two other issues we deal with are no washroom facilities on a year-round basis and road rage mostly the winter months.

For years we have moved around town looking for quiet back roads that are well plowed and salted, as well as being well lit and safe from vehicles. Tuesday nights are toughest as we also combat against darkness during the winter. It is mandatory that all our runners wear reflective vests so they are easily visible.

Despite our efforts, each winter we are in competition with road rage from a few drivers. Last winter on Ivan Street, we had a few situations with drivers wailing on their horns and yelling at our coaches as well as our young kids. One person even expressed their “road rage finger” at a few of our younger kids, which upset them to tears. On Coleman Street the traffic flow continues to increase with the new subdivision being built. Although the majority of drivers are very understanding, there are those select few who think they are at the Indy 500 and have very little consideration for our kids. We use this area because the Olivet Baptist Church has graciously allowed us to park on their property and the roads are relatively quiet.

As part of our successful training program, we climb the Cemetery Hill on Graham St on Tuesday nights for 6 weeks from early January to mid February. This site is used again because it is a quiet street in the dark nights of the winter. We try to make the best of our lack of training facilities.

On Tuesday, January 7th, the road rage issues returned. Due to the fact that there is no parking on Graham St, the parents park on the sides of the road. With no side walks, our kids are forced to run on the road. Although there are sidewalks in Maple Meadows, we are not permitted in that neighbourhood because it is private property.

At the end of our workout on Cemetery Hill, a local resident drove up the road and hammered on their horn in disgust because there were kids on the road. After parking their vehicle, they came back to our group and began yelling at our coaches, parents, and kids for running on the road.

As previously mentioned, the majority of drivers are very considerate of our runners, but there are more and more situations where residents are becoming less patient towards us.

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We have been in numerous discussions with the municipality, council, and the BWDSB for the last 5 years about our lack of training facilities.

We have made two formal presentations to Council about this, and in December 2020 made a formal 27 page formal proposal for two options. One was to keep and upgrade the GBCS athletic field at a cost ranging from under \$500,000 to \$2 million. The other was a full scale Regional Sports Complex in Meaford the approximate cost of \$55 million where all sports facilities are moved to a central location.

At this meeting we discussed our winter running issues and also expressed our concern about losing our primary training site at the GBCS athletic field in the next couple years. The BWDSB has expressed their intention of selling this property and Council has expressed their desire to develop this athletic field into something other than a running track.

Despite numerous smaller meetings with both Council and Meaford's CAO, there has been zero progress of giving us a permanent home to train that is both safe and able to use on a year round basis. A couple of locations have been shared with Council, but again, it seems building roads, infrastructure, Town Halls, fire departments and libraries is of a greater priority than investing in our youth and athletic facilities. Even the dogs have their own park where they can safely run around.

The Town seems sluggish to invest in a highly successful "AAA" track club that consistently brings home medals, countless personal best performances, provincial titles, some provincial records, and even a National Junior Cross Country Championship title back in December 2014. We also have many of our graduates heading off to university on track scholarships.

We are running out of places to safely run and our primary site we do have is on the brink of being sold and redeveloped. If we loose the track, then we will be forced to run on the streets all year round.

For the safety of our kids and the continuation of our highly successful running program, hopefully Council, our CAO, and treasurer will stand up and pay attention to invest in our youth.

Sincerely

Kevin Hooper, Head Coach, Georgian Bay Coyotes Track Club

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## 9. Review: Bubble Soccer Quote and Proposal

### Grand River Inflatables & Party Rentals & Game Asylum PROPOSAL

57 Victoria Ave.

Cambridge, ON N1S 1X2

519-957-9731

[www.grandriverinflatables.com](http://www.grandriverinflatables.com)

Order Date: 1/13/2020 Proposal#: 6201955

#### Municipality of Meaford

Emma Smith

TBD

Meaford, ON

Phone:

Cell Phone: (519) 538-1060

Start Date: 8/12/2020 12:00pm

End Date: 8/12/2020 4:00pm

Delivery method: Delivery, Non-Residential

	Name	Qty	Total
	Bubble Soccer	6	\$370.00
	Operator	1	\$175.00
	Generator	1	\$139.00

Rentals Subtotal \$684.00

Staff \$0.00

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Delivery \$200.00

Subtotal 884.00

Sales Tax 13.000% \$114.92

Total \$998.92

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Hi Emma:

This quote provides you with the following unit for Wednesday August 12th from 12-4 pm, as this quote currently stands. Please keep in mind that we can adjust things as needed.

\* Bubble Soccer: x6 - Bubble Soccer can be played on either a flat grassy surface (outdoor pavement damages and punctures balls), or indoors on a smooth surface. 6 Bubbles in total with this quote.

\* Operator

\* Generator

Emma, we would also provide you with the paperwork you request regarding the \$5 million in liability.

I look forward to hearing back from you on how you'd like to proceed.

**To see your quote online, sign the quote back digitally, and/or pay online, click here: [Event Quote](#)**

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