**Cloverdale Minor Baseball Association**

**AGM Minutes** **– July 6, 2022 at 6:30** in the batting cage

**In attendance** – Vinny Dumas, Ryan Rodford, Wendi Bordelay, Trevor Harms, Amanda Gray, Sanda King, Brad Richards, Saroop Nagra, Alison Uren, Sarah Steinfield, Darren H., Scott Zulyniak, Corrie White, Matthew Klaponski, Jorge Aragon, Mike Gray, Kurtis Wallis, Jeff Sandes, Tobe Leney, Robyn Kopelman

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm

Trevor motioned that we accept Sanda King as a member to our Association, 2nd by Mike G, MSC

Trevor motioned that we accept the agenda as distributed, 2nd by Corrie, MSC

Ryan motioned that we accept the minutes of the previous AGM that were put on the website, 2nd by Mike G, MSC

**Presidents Report – Vinny** – this was my first as President and it has been a really fantastic experience. And the reason is I feel like we have a large group of people in our association that really care about figuring out the best way to put our kids in the best possible situation. Over the past 4/5 years I’ve learned that we have something special in Cloverdale and the best example of that is really noticed in the first few weeks of 8U summer ball. Jorge and I each coached a team and communicated with other coaches who said they didn’t choose their teams until a day before the season started, nor were they notified that they were coaching until a week before the season started. I can say that in my 3rd year of coaching 8U, we have an amazing system and organization and I’m very fortunate that my kids get to be a part of that. This year I/we came into the season with a few main goals. 1. The tiering of mosquito (which has been so necessary, so more than just the good/experienced players have an opportunity to fall in love with this great game. Robyn has received a number of positive emails from coaches. There are tweeks to make but the season was more successful than we even imagined. 2. Adding consistency of training – I believe we had relative levels of success at this for our first year. We had group practices with National League run by our Bantam AAA coach Michael Dagg and added Sunday Night Lights for tadpole and the American League which offered a combination of kids from multiple teams playing “sandlot” baseball and we also added pitching clinics through the game. 3. We did not succeed at adding this to the lower divisions, but will definitely work on for next season. 3. By adding an Administrative Assistant was a huge success due to Tricia’s hard work. 4. Equipment purchases – hack attacks, turtles and power at Hillcrest were among our biggest purchases. 5. One of the most important initiatives is the High-Performance Committee that is working on bridging all our high-performance teams together and creating a blueprint of what it takes to become a college player/athlete. Over the next week we will be letting everyone know about out our new off-season training program which will include baseball training with Michael Dagg as well as a full age-appropriate strength and conditioning program that will be put together by and run at Game Ready. In closing I just want to mention that I really noticed that this year we succeeded at things because we have such a unique group of people here in Cloverdale who really care and are involved in helping this become the best baseball player development program in the country. When we failed at something it almost always came down to people taking on more than they could handle. What I ask of our membership is, whether you decided to join the board today or not, please reach out to us to help take on a task for our Association. If we are going to achieve our goal we have to work together.

**Treasurer’s Report – Corrie** – printed financials were on hand for everyone to look over, up to July 1, 2022. 45-50 people chose the opt out option. Clinics for Dec-July were over budget. Uniform sales went well. Gaming grant will be awarded in September. We were bang on budget except for field maintenance and that was mainly due to the rainy weather at the start of the season. Year end is September 30. Corrie motioned that we accept the financials as presented, 2nd by Mike G, MSC.

**Staff Coordinator – Mike G** – was pleased with the help given by Tricia our Administrative Assistant. We did struggle getting enough crew chiefs so we definitely need to get more and they will be trained on the machines and what is required of them. We have one of the best concessions due to a lot of work by Robyn who logged a lot of hours.

**Equipment Manager – Rob** was not in attendance, so Corrie read his report. He would like to see us get a uniform manager (spring/summer/fall) as it’s a lot of work for one person doing equipment and uniforms. Spring sale sold a ton of items and he brought in $3200. He is working on getting a drag for the tadpole diamond.

**Registrars’ Report – Scott** – 869 kids registered. Moving to Team Snap was smooth and easy for coaches and parents to work with.

**Challenger Baseball – Jeff** – introduced us to Dayton who is 14 and has been an avid participant in our Challenger Program for 7 years and missed 2 because of Covid. He is really happy to get back on the field again this season. Jeff sent out an email to previous participants and was also featured in a local newspaper which saw lots of registrations come in, more than ever before. He has outgrown one diamond so he would like to see us dedicate a second diamond for him to use. Hopefully no more shut downs. He would like to hold a Provincial Jamboree for one day in June 2023 and was hoping the board will back him in his request. Vinnie thanked Jeff for all his work with this program.

**Blastball Report – Saroop** – start up was tough with getting enough coaches but ran smoothly after. All in all he was pleased with the outcome.

**Tee Ball – Brad** not in attendance – Vinny noted that it started out tough as well, but group practices were very helpful for the kids and the coaches.

**Tadpole – Mike E** not in attendance – Vinny – this was the best Tadpole season with 14 teams. We had 13 coaches signed up. The evaluations and draft was well run for this division.

**Mosquito – Robyn** – Evaluations went well and she feels we only need 2 days. Rules went over ok but coaches changed them during the season so she wants them to be posted on the website. Had a couple of issues with umpires. With two different divisions it was a lot of work for one division coordinator so she suggested that we have two coordinators for this division. We also need to make sure that all the coaches aren’t second year so we have a group going forward for the next season. We had 127 kids registered 55/72 but only had 46 for summer ball tryouts. She believes that it could be from the restrictions being lifted for travel that kept kids away. Trevor noted that his daughter played NL but he has some concerns with the tiering. Tier 1 is good but NL kids are struggling with pitching, not a lot of strikes. 4 days a week plus Sunday night lights might be too much. Coaches are very competitive and are hard on umpires. It is fair to say that with Covid the baseball IQ of these players is down and we need a second year of tiering to better understand if its the way to go. Robyn is stepping down as Mosquito Coordinator and Vinnie thanked her for her dedication.

**Pee Wee – Ryan** – had 1 AA team and 1 AAA team. He found a big drop this year, may be contributed to Covid and also to kids having to choose one sport at the elite levels. Pee Wee is the year to introduce the High Performance Program. The joint practices really worked in this division.

**Bantam Report – Matthew** – had 65 players for 5 teams. The 2 AA teams were very competitive. A level Giants were 3rd overall and the Reds came 1st. The Bantams worked together and not as independent teams with joint practices and by also using call ups when needed.

**Midget Report – Matthew** – The AA players joined with another Association to form a team. The AAA team played out of Hillcrest. College Prep were top 3 in the league. Junior Men had a fun team.

**Elections** were held with the following results:

**President** – as there were no other candidates – **Vinny Dumas** was declared elected unopposed.

**Vice President** – Tobe did not accept the nomination, so **Mike Gray** was declared elected unopposed.

**Registrar Mosquito – Midget** – **Breanne Bird** let her name stand so she was declared elected unopposed.

**Secretary** – **Wendi Bordelay** let her name stand so she was declared elected unopposed.

**Staff Coordinator** – Ryan nominated **Sanda King** and with no other candidates she was declared elected unopposed.

**Director of Player and Coach Development** – Vinny nominated **Jorge Aragon** and with no other candidates he was declared elected unopposed.

**Director - 6 Positions** available with Matthew, Mike E, Brad, Saroop letting their names stand, Trevor chose to step down and nominated John Braaten, Kurt Wallis and Alison Uren. With 7 names and only 6 positions a vote was conducted with **Matthew Klaponski, Mike Eskildsen, Brad Jones, Saroop Nagra, Kurt Wallis, Alison Uren** all being elected.

Wendi motioned that the ballots be destroyed, 2nd by Corrie, MSC.

Corrie asked the new appointed board members to email their photo to her so she can update the website.

Vinnie presented the **Volunteer of the Year Award to Corrie White** for all her work with the transfer to Team Snap, online registration, and taking over the finance role as well. It was a unanimous vote for Corrie to receive this award. The executive appreciate all her hard work for the Association.

Door prize draw done with

Time and date of next meeting **August 7, 2022** at 6:30 in the day care room

Corrie motioned that we adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, 2nd by Matthew