

Cloverdale Minor Baseball Association
AGM Minutes
July 10, 2023

In Attendance: Wendi Bordelay, Vinny Dumas, Sarah Stansfield, Brad Richards, Jess Pelzer, John Braaten, Sam Scanlan, Ryan Rodford, Mandy Sidhu, Sanda King, Tanya Moody, Jeff Moody, Alison Uren, Kurtis Wallis, Brad Jones, Steve Shields, Hardeep Thind, Rob White, Sean Palmer, Dannel ?, James Yarashuk, Matt Klaponski

Meeting called to order by Vinny at 6:36pm

Sanda motioned that we accept the agenda with the following additions, to add discussion, Rangers GM, 2nd by Corrie, MSC

Vinny motioned that we accept the minutes of the previous AGM in 2022, 2nd by Mike G, MSC

Reports

President's Report - Vinny - This was a big season for Cloverdale for a few reasons: We have added the Rangers Program which is our high performance program that is being run by Bob Foerster (previously our College Prep Coach) To this point the Rangers have had a very successful season with teams at the top of the standings in league play and with a number of graduating players accepting scholarships to both local and USA Universities. The goal of the Rangers Program is to create a path for our players to excel in our sport and achieve their goals. This season the Surrey Canadians and Newton joined our tadpole league as they don't have enough players to have their own league. Through this pilot program both have discussed the idea of merging with Cloverdale to become one large Association. Player Development - we are proud to say that our batting cage is almost full every day from 4pm- 10pm weekdays and all day on weekends with player clinics and high performance training. Our Fall Ball Program has expanded significantly over the last couple of years. We also added paid coaches to our Mosquito National League Program as well as our PeeWee A program. Bullying and Harassment Committee - was set up to deal with issues and create a way to follow up on issues to resolve them and to make our Association and park a safe place for all. We are hosting 2 Provincial Championships plus a zone championship that leads to a Western National as well as a National. Things we need to work on for the future - communication with our members. Tonight we will be voting on new board members and a director of communication. I understand there is frustration when questions aren't being answered in a timely manner and we will work on making that better going forward. Another goal is to put a real effort into better facilities for our Association, which includes a larger indoor facility and more fields and work towards turf fields.

1st Vice President's Report - Ryan - 2023 has been a successful year for CMBA. A couple of updates for the membership: the board has taken on different projects to improve the Association. Vinny mentioned a few with the Rangers Program etc. The board of directors have also been aligned on the timeline and coordination of projects for the Association. We want to take the approach of doing a few things really well rather than take on everything and do some well and some poorly. If you as a member have any suggestions or improvements that you feel would be a benefit, please continue to communicate to a board member for discussion. The purpose of the board is to have these discussions, to deliberate on the viability and timing of such project suggestions. Vinny also spoke about communication improvements and this would fall into getting back to our members on their valuable input. Over the past 2 years the board has created a Finance Committee that consists of board members to review the budget and financial health of the Association. Corrie will discuss the financial results in her report, but the board will use our annual budget to make decisions on projects to assess the financial impact on decisions made. From the risk management side, Criminal Record Checks are completed on an annual basis with on field coaches. These CRC's are aligned with coaches that are assigned to ensure the safety of our players.

2nd Vice President's Report - Mike G - This executive team works very collaboratively and shares the workload well. This past year has had a few challenges and some very significant successes. We undertook a few projects with new mounds on diamonds 3 & 4 at CBP and also at Hillcrest. Hillcrest also got a power upgrade by the City of Surrey which was completed on budget but overtime due to permitting issues with the City. In our continued approach to provide better facilities for our athletes and their families. As the 2nd VP I will support the creation of a development/proposal team to engage with the City and other stakeholders for potential CMBA lead or partnered projects. These may include facility upgrades, turf, lights etc. Field maintenance and support contacts. Responsibilities: Risk Management, CRC's, Code of Conduct. (1st VP already touched on) As a result of several parent-initiated conduct issues this year, we will be reviewing our COC and developing a progressive discipline policy that will form part of the registration documentation. Our goal is to provide a safe place for all to play and watch the game we love.

General Manager's Report - Bob a summary of the season as of today - overall record of 172-85-1 amongst all 6 teams, 5 tournament wins, 19 players to select team, 5 seniors playing college baseball next year, 3 players receiving scholarships as well as 3 players awarded the CMBA scholarship awards. Working on new branding. The plan for this upcoming year: new website going live before Fall Ball, Contract negotiating with 3 of our coaches, also looking/recruiting other coaches to join the High Performance program. All 3 divisions will be competing in the Best of the West tourney this upcoming Fall. Starting a travel ball program for ages 11/12-15 (information and trips will come shortly) projected to have a large trip to Arizona during Spring Break 24. Partnering with a local company to have more hitting training sessions including adding a Sprint/Running coach to our program as requested by our coaches. Increased social media presence as well as video for players during practices and games. Sponsorship to help fund/raise for our programs (help offset coaches, equipment and gear).

Treasurer's Report - Corrie - handed out financials up to today's date and answered all questions that the members had.

Equipment Manager's Report - Rob - dri-fit uniforms went over well and everyone was pleased with the hats. He did spend \$35000 on balls alone and will need to up the budget for next season, although adding a dozen balls to the registration fee for our tournaments will help as he has some left over.

Staff Coordinator's Report - Sanda - negotiating contracts are going well. As the games are still going on and with the Provincials the concession report will be done for year end.

Blastball Coordinator's Report - Saroop - the group chat with coaches was a great idea, made the communication easier and faster. Still need improvement getting coaches to step up, a major issue is a lack of understanding of what the commitment looks like. Perhaps this can be described during the registration period. As well, coaches who put their name forward need to do a better job getting their information completed. Coaches also have to be aware and understand that weather changes are fluid and that the coordinator is not the final say. So these points should be brought up at the coaches meetings.

Tee Ball Coordinator's Report - Brad - the group chat was very helpful as the coaches need more communication. All in all the season was lots of fun for the kids. Communication being the biggest concern.

Super Tee Coordinator's Report - Kurtis - the group chat was very helpful for this division as well. He struggled with getting enough coaches. 80 kids with 8 teams of 10 but would be better with 8 per team. He ran a modified program with the slinger then the tee and that was really good for the kids.

Tadpole Coordinator's Report - with our 14 teams and 2 from Surrey and 2 from Fleetwood - we had a total of 18 teams and more than enough coaches which was a pleasant surprise. It was a very positive and enjoyable season.

Mosquito Coordinator's Report - Alison - she would like to see more communication to the coordinators and would like to create a guide for coordinators and document general info to help with these concerns. She would like to continue to work with the Mosquito division next season.

Pee Wee Coordinator's Report - Mike E not in attendance - with 7 teams in Pee Wee and only one field it was a challenge as well as there is a huge gap for the players on the cusp. This will be discussed in the general discussion later in the meeting.

Bantam/Midget Coordinator's Report - Matthew - 5 teams - with a win at the Best of the West for the AA team and 6th place for the A team. The 3 Bantam A coaches had joint practices with Midget AA and AAA which was well received.

Junior Men's Coordinator's Report - Sanda - had 17 players and a coach and had a good season.

Challenger Coordinator - Jeff Sandes - the Jamboree was a huge success with over 500 participants. Lots of great feedback and well received by all.

Open discussion - lots of great suggestions and some concerns. Pitching clinics were suggested to be once a week during the season. Lots of kids in Pee Wee that didn't make the cut for the AAA and AA teams so it was suggested that we form a development team to help those on the bubble improve. Mosquito - have two AA teams and a development team. This was the first year of tiering Mosquito and we had a lot of learning in the process and hope it will improve as we go forward. It was suggested to have Sunday night lights for Mosquito and Tadpole. A suggestion was made to choose a parent from each team to be a representative to help with concerns to oversee issues so the coordinators are not inundated with emails from various parents about the same concern. Suggestion was to have a calendar of events on the website so opening, photo day etc can be posted well in advance so everyone knows what's going on. Also noted was to be in touch with the Cloverdale Reporter to see if they would give us some free advertising by doing a piece on our teams. A list was compiled of the suggestions and will be discussed at the board meeting so we can work to improve the items discussed.

Elections - Vinny ran the elections and the results are - 1st Vice President - Ryan Rodford agreed to repeat in this capacity for the next 2 years, Treasurer - Corrie White also agreed to stay in her capacity for the next 2 years, Registrar Blastball - Tadpole - Scott Zulyniak has agreed to stay on for another 2 years, Rob White has also agreed to another 2 years as Equipment Manager, Coach/Player Development Coordinator will be headed by Kurtis Wallis. As the above 5 positions were not challenged they won by acclamation. Voting was done for the 6 Director Positions and the following were voted in - Tanya Moody, Sarah Stansfield, Brad Richards, Sam Scanlan, Sean Palmer and Alison Uren. Everyone was thanked for their dedication to the Association.

John B motioned that we destroy the ballots, 2nd by Corrie, MSC

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm