

Cloverdale Minor Baseball Association

AGM - July 30, 2024

Minutes

In attendance - Vinny Dumas, Wendi Bordelay, Scott Zulyniak, Kurtis Wallis, Jim P, Brad Richards, Ryan Rodford, Sarah Stansfield, Tanya Moody, Rena Wells, Mike Wells, Mike Gray, Brien Gemmell, Breanne Bird, John Braaten, Michael Dagg, Bob Foerster, Steve Skaling, Steve Washi, Jason Nestman, Jeff Sandes, Zachary Donaghue, Jake McDonald, Jay Haraga, Jorge Aragon, Sean Palmer, David Kibsey, Trevor Brookshaw, Kevin Smith, Leah Vincent, Alyssa Wolanski, Heath Ferguson, Alison Uren, Jess, Bryan Bourdon, Dan Bergerman, Alaire Dance, Mike Dance, Cam Gair, Kristy Tomyk, Drew Parker, Trevor Harms.

Proxies received for Corrie White, Rob White and Alan McKearney who are out of town and not able to attend.

Vinny called the meeting to order at 6:38pm

Vinny motioned that we adopt the agenda, 2nd by Mike, MSC

Vinny motioned that we adopt the minutes of the 2022 AGM as posted on the website, 2nd by Ryan, MSC

Scholarships - Wendi spoke a bit about each of the boys that were the 2024 Travis Selje Memorial Scholarships winner and Ryan presented each of them with their cheques. Photos were taken to post on the website. CMBA congratulates - Carson Young, Kaden Thind and Tyler Armstrong as our 2024 Scholarship Award Recipients.

Reports

President's Report - Vinny Dumas - keeping this short as we have a lot to get through tonight. It's encouraging to see so many people at the AGM. We're lucky to have a youth sports association that people are so passionate about.

1st Vice President's Report - Ryan Rodford - Newton Baseball is folding and coming on board with CMBA and we welcome their members. Surrey United has a new multi purpose facility and we hope to rent time for our members.

2nd Vice President's Report - Mike Gray - I am pleased to present my report on some of the past year's activities, achievements and challenges. I would like to extend my gratitude to all board members, coaches, volunteers, players and parents for their support and dedication to making CMBA an amazing place to play baseball. **Update - batting cage** - proposal for upgrade to turf, mounds and overall space being submitted to the Finance Committee. **Scoreboards** - annual maintenance has been completed and a maintenance schedule is being created with our electrical partner, Nevco (scoreboard manufacturer) **Theft** - John Deere Gator replacement - reviewing options for additional security (alarms/cameras) **City of Surrey Relationship** - Diamond #1 and #5 field drainage and sprinkler upgrades - awaiting response. Multi year proposals for facility upgrades are being built for submission. **Summer Update** - 8U-13UA - player assessments, coach selection process and an upcoming parent survey are in the works. **Community** - noise complaints, speed limit and parking have been brought up by our neighbours and we are working to improve on those. **In closing** - this year has been one of growth and learning. Our collective efforts have made significant strides towards our mission of fostering a love for baseball in our community. I am confident that with the continued support of our

members and community, we will achieve even greater success in the coming years. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to CMBA. Here's to another great year ahead.

Treasurer's Report - in Corrie White's absence, Ryan Rodford handed out financials to date and answered any questions that arose. End of year financials will be sent out at year end.

Registrars' Report - Breanne & Scott - registrations totals - Blastball - 42, Tee Ball - 50, Super Tee - 78, Tadpole - 125, Mosquito - 120, Pee Wee - 95, Bantam - 54, Midget - 65, Challenger - 98 and Junior - 19. Total for Spring was 629 - down 2% from last spring season. Summer Ball - Tadpole - 32, Mosquito - 48, Pee Wee - 35, Bantam - 39, Midget 32, College Prep 18 for a total of 204. Fall Ball House registration will be up this week (first week of August) Rangers program is up as well as winter sessions.

Staff Coordinator's Report - Sandra King - she is working to negotiate new contracts for the Administrator, General Manager, Coaches and Concession Crew Chiefs. 205 kids registered for Fall and Winter Clinics run by the Rangers coaches and players. New fall clinics are in the works.

General Manager's Report - Bob Foerster - very successful 2023 season with 223 wins, 70 losses and 5 ties. There are 9 graduating players going on to play college ball which is a great success record. They are working on communication with parents. He is very proud of his coaches and even prouder of his players. His players help with assessments, clinics, and at practices. All 6 of his teams are headed to Provincials.

Challenger Program - Jeff Sandes - this program has been going strong since 2016 minus the Covid years and Cloverdale has the most registrations - 50-60 kids. We have a great reputation all across Canada. He is looking for more volunteers as most of them are Parents of disabled kids and burnout is always a factor. He lost 2 volunteers this year. He is looking into Jays Care (Toronto Blue Jays Program for Challenger) for a field of dreams for his athletes. It makes a huge impact on the community. Kids from Cloverdale participated in the Jamboree in Calgary.

Division Coordinators' Reports

Blastball - Tanya Moody - season went very well. We had 6 teams with great coaches. There were no issues with getting coaches this year. I only had to send out one email for coach recruitment. The group chat worked really well. Lots of questions asked and answered. The only low spot of the season would be the weather and the game cancellations but that was beyond our control.

Tee Ball - Sarah Stansfield - 50 kids registered making 7 teams. Season went well.

Super Tee - Brad Richards - 78 kids registered

Tadpole - Ryan Rodford and Rob White - season went well with 13 teams - 11 from Cloverdale, and 1 each from Newton and Surrey. Development improved with every game. We entered 1 8U team in the Boulanger Tournament and 2 9U teams in the Andrews Tournament.

Mosquito - Alison Uren - we had 5 AL teams with 65 players and 5 NL teams with 64 players. I had no issues in getting coaches. The only issue that arose was that assessments were on the same weekend as a hockey tournament, which made it hard for the kids to attend.

Pee Wee - Breanne Bird and Corrie White - 2 teams each in A, AA and AAA. One won the east interlock but we had lots of issues with rainouts. Also some issues with Umpires showing up for rainouts. We had good communication and supportive coaches and parents.

Bantam - Sean Palmer - 54 kids - 2 A teams and 1 won the interlock league. The two teams combined to make 1 summer ball team.

Midget - Vinny Dumas - this season 18U had four teams (the most in recent history) College Prep, 18U AAA and 2 18U AA teams. All four teams had successful seasons on the field with the College Prep qualifying for provincials, 18U AAA making the semi-final of provincials and both 18U AA spring teams having a strong season with one making the spring final. 18U AA did not have enough players to make a summer ball team and merged with Aldergrove to compete. That team's playing in Provincials this weekend. Our biggest challenge this season was field time/availability. With 5 teams including the Junior Men's on one field we struggled to have enough time for all teams. The city has committed to finding a short term (for the next couple years) and long term solution for this.

Junior Men's - Sanda King - 1 team with head coach Jason Nestman. They have just completed the regular season and ended in 2nd place in the standings with a record of 13 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. Congratulations - a job well done! Playoffs are currently taking place and the season will be completed by Sunday August 11. The team won their first playoff game on July 24 - 7 - 3 and they play again tomorrow. Good luck.

Elections - monitored by Ryan Rodford

President - Vinny Dumas by acclamation

2nd Vice President - Mike Gray by acclamation

Secretary - Wendi Bordelay by acclamation

Registrar - Mosquito to Midget - Tanya Moody by acclamation

Staff Coordinator - Sanda King by acclamation

Coach/Player Coordinator - Alan McKearney by acclamation

Directors - voted in by secret ballot

Alison Uren, Sarah Stansfield, Brad Richards, Trevor Brookshaw, John Parker and John Braaten

Sanda King motioned that the ballots be destroyed, 2nd by Mike Gray, MSC

Open discussion - questions from the floor

- **Clarification of the Rangers Program** - started 2 years ago and is under the umbrella of CMBA, with Bob Foerster as General Manager overseeing the High Performance teams.
- **Junior Men's division** is also under the CMBA umbrella
- **General Manager** was hired by the board on a 2 year contract
- **Umpire Development** \$0 spent but that will change once the final year end financials are done
- **Coach Development for next year** - Alan McKearney will handle this. Coach Development during the season is hard and they also don't want to participate in off season clinics so it's a catch 22 situation, but Alan will work on that as well.
- **Umpire Clinics** should be held during the season - this will be looked in to
- **Sunday Night Lights** should be age appropriate - but they work with the kids that show up
- **Umpire Support at all games** - the UIC cannot be at all games so mentors should be at all games to protect our young umpires - maybe use volunteers to help with this. Tricia should never have to deal with umpire issues. Email umpire concerns to the board so they can be handled quickly.

- **If the Code of Conduct** is not followed it should be an automatic 3 game suspension Pee Wee and under
- **An end of season survey was suggested.** Mike G is working on one now and informed the members
- **Update the website** so it is easier to access
- **Bullying, coach and umpire concerns** should be accessed via the website and should be addressed anonymously but Ryan answered that anonymous emails don't help with good feedback and don't lead to a solution. There needs to be an element of trust so in camera discussions can be done. Easier to get feedback and also receive feedback. Put a name on it and don't just bitch.
- **Gator replacement** - what are we doing going forward. We are looking into a used one and maybe seeking sponsorship in buying one.
- **Why don't we get Rangers Financials?** Where does the money go and how much is spent? Ryan suggested to the Rangers to bring their financials to the AGM and to submit a year end report as well.
- **High Performance** - where is the support for pitching? Some kids had to take private lessons. The Rangers are working on developing the kids but don't want to have them burnout as they already go 6-7 days a week. It's just year 2 of the new program so we are working on getting more coaches and giving back.
- What are we doing for **coaches for our Pee Wee teams?** Parent coaches are ok for Pee Wee, parents don't want to pay for coaches and it's not that simple to find paid coaches, but they are working on it.
- **What are we doing about fundraising?** It seems to be lacking. 50/50 and raffles - membership wide as well as tournaments. They'd like to see a fundraising committee set up. Vinny reminded the members that you don't need to be a board member to sit on a committee and if we wanted to add board positions - we need a special resolution to do so. Maybe post on the website that we are looking for a fundraising committee.
- **Equipment assessment** - some complained that some of the bags needed replacing and some catcher helmets were missing foam. Ryan told the members to email Rob the equipment manager with any equipment concerns - he can't fix them or replace them if he doesn't know about it. The slingers need replacing too - again email Rob - but as coaches and parents we need to respect the equipment and treat it like you paid for it. We have the money in the budget to replace broken equipment.

Winner of the draw for free spring registration is Zachary Donaghue - congratulations

Next board meeting Tuesday August 27 at the daycare room at the ballpark at 6:30

Sanda motioned that we adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Mike at 9:08pm