

WEST KELOWNA MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**WKMBA Executive Meeting Minutes
Held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom**

PRESENT: Ken Unger
Dustin Joslin
Colin Mitzel
Tyson Ralph
Jaclyn Jaeger
Andrea Mandau
Nigel Mandau
Stefano Walker
Don Klettke
Kim Ducs

ABSENT: Rich Swift
Paul Gillmore

CALL TO ORDER Shawn Grundy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA To add to Agenda Topics;
- "Coaching People First" seminar
- Female baseball presentation: Ashley Stewart

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOVED by Stefano Walker, SECONDED by Tyson Ralph;
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 11, 2021 MOVED by Kim Ducs, SECONDED by Ken Unger;
THAT the Regular Meeting Minutes held Thursday March 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

AGENDA TOPICS

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Treasurer – Dustin Joslin
- Nothing new to report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- 7U - Ken Unger
- 90 kids split into 2 days – Mondays and Tuesdays (kept 30 days due to soccer)
 - Needs shirts and gear to hand over to teams

- 9U – Tyson Ralph
- 8 teams of 9 kids, a couple down to 8. Lots of assistant coaches, not a ton of head coaches (similar to 7U)

- 11U - Jaclyn Jaeger
- 55-58, some kids moved up and/or down. Have payment from most, will start reminding once practices start. 5 house teams. Select/prep team cancelled. Schedule likely M and W using Upper Boucherie, Issler and Ranch
 - Evals yesterday, draft sometime next week.
 - Tractor: battery fixed, replaced choke, needs to change tire. Should be done by next week
 - UB has had upgrades done by COWK, infield cut out to allow for 13U to be played there as well.

- 13U- Stefano Walker
- 4 house teams, around 11-12 per team. Lots of coaches to go around.

- 15U - Dustin Joslin
- Cancelled AA team based on the fact that they'd have no one to play (COMBA isn't fielding one), closest would be Trail. Not reasonable for travel. Lost four players from lack of AA and conflicts.
 - Probably 3 house teams (3 teams of 11 at this point)
 - Hoping for update on field availability to do evaluations

- 18U - Nigel Mandau
- Only 6 players interested in playing in house, had to cancel team. Kelowna and Summerland willing to take the kids, 1-2 went to Kelowna and the rest dropped baseball entirely.
 - 14 kids from WK for AAA teams, no Kelowna kids added with full roster

1st VP – Vacant

- 2nd VP - Don Klettke
- Nothing to report

Registrar – Vacant

- Webmaster - Stefano Walker
- Nothing to report.

Uniforms - Colin Mitzel

- Sold 45 hoodies, 22 facemasks
- Ready to order for 7U and 9U
- 11U – 15U, will order once teams get numbers in.
- Initially, just needs the team numbers and how many uniforms per team (with sizes included, some info on registration sheets)

Equipment - Kim Ducs / Paul Gilmore

- Sorted through team bags. Had hardly any balls left from last 2 years. Ordered 45 dozen of harder skin balls (for practice), has numbers and logos specific to us (won't be in regular retail). Will be in next week.
- Ordering all new back catcher equipment for 11U, be in next week.
- Quad needs some maintenance; Kim will work on it next week.
- What day for field opening? Andrea: Will have actual day sent out next week, probably won't open until the 17/18th.
- Questions: Ken: tees, bags, etc all available? 4 teams playing Monday and Wednesday, 6 teams on tues-thurs. Kim will do some more bags up so each team has a bag.

Tournaments – Vacant (responsibility of Division Directors)

Head Coach - Rich Swift

- Not at meeting, nothing to report

Umpire in Chief - Don Klettke

- He and Colin are attending a meeting next week. No on-field training yet, just online. Will prep on-field when they hear more about restrictions.

Concession - Vacant

Fundraising – Vacant

Valley of Champions Rep - Andrea Mandau

- Colin and Andrea had meeting with Todd Russell (head of VOC).
- VOC review for those unfamiliar: “Valley of Champions” for 11U – 18U. Middle of July each year, provincials 2 weeks after. More for out-of-town teams to come in and local teams can stay around for bigger tourney.
- Usually 65 teams (US, SK, AB, etc) come in
- Probably a no-go this year, usually make the call by May 1st (too much of an ordeal with restrictions)
- Fees, have surplus after each year. Balance accumulates each year in the bank. Each year, earmarks 2K for coaching (use it or lose it). Will look at idea of being used for something else (project, etc) if we can put a proposal together.
- Any conversation on umpire training (Don)? Andrea will email and double check.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (COLIN MITZEL)

- Mostly figuring out deadlines for reporting, etc. Attended BC Minor coaches conference. BCBUA (Bruce Christiansen). Todd Russell (VOCs).

**NEW WEBSITE
OPTIONS FOR 2022**

- Phishing issues, pay for a lot more functionality than what we actually use
- Stefano: email meant to be for stat tracking; better for running leagues, getting fans, etc. We use it for registration, getting info out to users (similar to COMBA). Can get all that stuff a lot cheaper.
- Nigel: how much? Around \$695 USD / year.
- COMBA is done in WIX... easy to build by a novice and it's plenty good enough for what we need it for... around \$350 / year. Could probably even get it down further if needed
- Stefano will research and come back with report at a future meeting

**DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

- Final draft is pretty much complete, will send out to Nigel and Ken for final review.
- Compared to COMBA and Cloverdale... bit more wordy but better way to do it.
- Will come back with recommendation for adoption, likely through email as opposed to next meeting. Don will send to Shawn for dissemination, likely next week.

**COACHING
PEOPLE FIRST
SEMINAR – RFD**

- Report by Colin Mitzel
- Brad Robinson “the complete athlete”, sits on coaching and high performance committee for BC Baseball. Saw a bunch of presentations at coaches conference last week, one from him: “Coaching People First”
- SOMBA had the same seminar, had all 75 coaches participate.
- \$150 for 1 hour session with Q&A afterwards
- Suggested signing up for 2 sessions
- Discussion: Don in agreement if we have room in the budget

MOVED by Don Klettke, SECONDED by Stefano Walker;

THAT the Association sign up for 2 sessions of the seminar as presented.

CARRIED.

GIRLS BASEBALL

- Report by Ashley Stewart (guest)
- Has had previous discussions with Baseball BC, currently in Kelowna.
- Wants to try to get more girls in ball, supporting them, etc.
- Chatted with Stacey (Kamloops president), copying their short term goals. Have girls out a single night a week, extra session and then build on that. Will depend on numbers and interest, only practice at this point. Supplement/addition, not removing them from house league teams.
- Long term goals: “instructional league”. Can eventually play games, etc.
- Also wants to promote the high-performance aspect... Ashley played for TeamBC back in the day, could potentially play for Team Canada.
- Discussion:

- Might be some issues with COVID restrictions, aren't allowed to play on secondary team depending on RTP rules.
- Colin: space on Issler on weekends, Thursday-Friday at UB.
- Andrea: how many girls registered now? Colin: need to get new girls in that aren't already registered due to COVID.
- Nigel: if we move to next stage, can we then allow it to happen as noted above? Colin: unsure
- Don: appetite for it? He totally supports it. Talked about pulling from other associations in future.
- Nigel: might not be realistic this year without being to take it from other teams. Colin: thinks they can pull from kids that aren't sporty kids and give it a start like that. Stacey: in Kamloops, non sporty girls were the ones signing up.
- Stacey: will be coordinator to promote programs, also planning on coaching. Looking for a field, help with registration, tracking, support from another parent or two. More targeted to younger kids but open to whatever works.
- Keep it revenue neutral. Charge to players is about \$50.
- Discussion ensued about what cost should be compared to others.

MOVED by Tyson Ralph, SECONDED by Don Klettke;

THAT the Girls Baseball program move forward with 1 night a week for 6 weeks, \$50 fee for registration

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Signing authority, Dustin and Don need to go in to sign off on bank papers to note they've accepted changes. Note the employee's name *Jayme Rosychuk* (not working there anymore but they'll be able to find the appropriate papers in that way). Rich Swift will step down as head coach if anyone is interested.

- Nigel: if fields open when they figure, what about batting cage schedule? The 4 division directors will contact each other via email to confirm times/dates. Stef will look into something on the website to confirm the days/times and possibility for booking spots as well. He'll start the email chain.
- Colin: keys. Does Kim or Paul have more keys? Colin will connect to drop off the 9U keys.
- Andrea: animals nesting in shed? Bit of mouse poo, but pretty old. Nothing serious, no nests, etc.

NEXT MEETING **May 6, 2021 @ 8PM (Zoom)**

ADJOURNMENT MOVED by Jaclyn Jaeger

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 PM

CARRIED.