

WEST KELOWNA MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

**WKMBA Executive Meeting Minutes
Held Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom**

PRESENT: Don Klettke
Dustin Joslin
Rich Swift
Shawn Grundy
Ken Unger
Colin Mitzel
Nigel Mandau
Andrea Mandau
Stefano Walker
Kim Ducs
Jaclyn Jaeger

ABSENT: Paul Gillmore

CALL TO ORDER Shawn Grundy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA To add to Agenda Topics, consequences for non-compliance with health orders.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA MOVED by Andrea Mandau, SECONDED by Rich Swift;
THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 2021 MOVED by Dustin Joslin, SECONDED by Kim Ducs;
THAT the Annual General Meeting Minutes held Monday, November 30, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

AGENDA TOPICS

FINANCIAL REPORT Treasurer – Dustin Joslin

- \$15,299 in general account and another \$22,000 in Stripe account (replacement for PayPal), total of about \$37,500. \$20,000 in gaming account. Looking good to start the season
- Suggests keeping expenses low in case we have refunds required moving forward (spring season)
- ViaSport have grant available for minor sports association, awarded \$2500 for equipment, field rentals, etc. Main stipulation, has to be used by March 1/2021.
- Andrea Mandau noted that dome rentals costs are due to City of West Kelowna (COWK), will forward to Treasurer as soon as possible for potential use of the ViaSport grant.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

7U - Ken Unger

- Can't see registrations on webpage yet, Stefano will get him set up.
- Want to know what days they'd be looking at from the School District (SD). Discussion about splitting the days with the groups this time.
- Andrea deals with field allocation, will check with the COWK (Lisa Williams) to see who does the bookings for SD

9U -Vacant

- Colin Mitzel: 40 registered so far.
- Colin Mitzel and Ken Unger to figure out what days/times they want and then will reach out.

11U - Jaclyn Jaeger

- 20 players in winter ball, good mix of first and second years.
- All players have paid and submitted their waivers
- 34 players signed up for spring ball thus far.
- Rich Swift: good turnout so far, good talent. All coaches set up.

13U- Stefano Walker

- Similar to 11U, about 22 kids in winter ball. Good mix, good talent. With regards to AA team; Ryan Glendinning to be coach, currently leading practice sessions for winter ball.
- Questions about timing, dates, etc.

15U - Dustin Joslin

- About 15 kids registered. 15/18 winter ball was cancelled, only 3 kids total signed up. Application was sent in to Baseball BC for 15U AA team, have the 15th of this month to withdraw if need be.
- About 7 showed interest in AA so far, reached out to 2 more. If short, would reach out to Penticton

18U - Nigel Mandau

- Put in for 18U AAA team, 11 signed up for spring, 10 kids signed up for AAA, 2 more have agreed but haven't signed up yet.
- Spoke to Jeff Bligh at COMBA regarding potential cuts. 22 kids in AAA winter, will cut 5 – may be able to be added to our team.
- Discussion on potential AA team. Suggested that if we don't get enough to field a team, reach out to Kelowna and see if they can play out there and offer our field.

1st VP – Vacant

2nd VP - Don Klettke

- Photos this year? Probably not at this point but will re-evaluate once we get closer.
- Colin Mitzel suggested digital photography program with CATO (?), will call for quotes.
- 15U/18U: no sense in continuing photos for house teams, historically very low turnout.

Registrar – Vacant

- Colin: look at caps for certain divisions, esp for 7U.
- Also spoke to flyers for schools if we want to increase registration

Webmaster - Stefano Walker

- Has worked through Teampages to clean up registration, website, security, etc. Have been good to work with, links well with the Stripe account.
- Promotion: social media accounts. Especially good engagement on Facebook.
- Colin Mitzel: wants to bring Twitter in a bit more.

Uniforms - Colin Mitzel

- Presented a new logo for WK, board approved the change for use in WK branded clothing
- Launching a hoodie sale in the next couple weeks, cost to us is \$46 for adults, \$29 for kids. Sell at \$60 adults, \$40 for kids.
- Masks: WK branded facemasks, can get them for \$13 / unit at 100 plus, price at \$20
- Colin Mitzel will discuss with Webmaster and send info to get it up on the website

Equipment - Kim Ducs

- From Paul Gillmore: practice balls, want to go with "RTD" practice balls, \$1 more but much more durable.
- Suggested that coaches spend more time in going and picking up the balls, not typically a problem with balls wearing out, most just go missing
- Picked up some catcher's equipment and lots of straps on order.
- Confirmed that the quad at Boucherie Main is the property of WK
- 11U lawnmower and quad, Tyler Jaeger will take care of it at his work.
- Asked if there's any equipment needed at the dome for winter ball practices? Both 11U and 13U are a bit sparse and using personal equipment, will reach out for Association equipment if needed.

Tournaments – Vacant (responsibility of Division Directors)

Head Coach - Rich Swift

- NCCP updated program qualifications, easy to understand what you need to coach in each division now
- Some questions about paying for modules, WK MBA will reimburse; submit receipt to Treasurer
- NCCP clinics are now online (in-person clinics on hold). Updating with new clinics on a regular basis (nccp.baseball.ca)
- Sent all Director's 2021 rule book and information on NCCP program to get required qualifications for division. Rule #11.0 in rule book has chart for what's required for each division (for head and assistant coaches)

- Only received 2 criminal record checks (CRC) from the RCMP thus far. Use access code AY269SB6RF and fill out the form at <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/home.htm>
- 7U and 9U do not need NCCP certification to coach but encouraged to start the process now and register.
- ALL coaches will need CRC before being allowed on the field.
- Touch base with Jeff Bligh at COMBA and see if VOC's can help us fund some of it (have about \$30K specifically for coach and umpire training, from previous conversations Don figures we should get 50% back of all our costs). Andrea to reach out and will report back.

Umpire in Chief - Don Klettke

- Had sent out an email earlier from Okanagan umpire association. Bulk of initial training will be online, waiting on dates.

Concession - Vacant

Fundraising – Vacant

- Officepools for hockey pools. Lease software for \$20 to run hockey pool, don't need to deal with gaming license.
- Don Klettke and Dustin Joslin called that into question, Colin Mitzel said he checked but seems like we won't need it. He'll follow up to confirm and report back.

Valley of Champions Rep - Andrea Mandau

- Will have more info next meeting

**PRESIDENT'S
REPORT (VACANT)**

**VACANT
EXECUTIVE AND
DIRECTOR
POSITIONS**

Shawn Grundy noted that we're still lacking in some positions; President, 1st VP, Tournaments, Registrar, Concession and Fundraising.

Colin Mitzel expressed interest in taking on the position of President.

- Spoke with Tom about it a while ago, volunteered to stand as President.
- Discussion ensued, unanimous support.

MOVED by Don Klettke, SECONDED by Kim Ducs;

THAT Colin Mitzel be elected to the position of President for a term of 2 years.

CARRIED.

Tyson Ralph has expressed interest in taking on position of 9U Director. Ryan Bruce also volunteered (Ken Unger's friend), will offer the position to Tyson Ralph since he volunteered, Colin Mitzel noted that he's coached with him in the past and would be a good fit.

Initially brought up by Rich Swift at 2019 AGM, discussed at the 2020-03-04 meeting, Minutes show a carried motion that “*Board Members receive 50% reduction in fees for each of their children*”. This was never actually done due to COVID. Discussion ensued to confirm which executives it applies to (elected, appointed, coordinators) and whether it’s just for spring season or all.

MOVED by Jaclyn Jaeger, SECONDED by Rich Swift;

THAT Board Members (including elected and appointed positions) receive a 50% reduction in fees for one of their children within the WKMBA during the spring season. To qualify for the fee reduction, the board member must be present for at least 50% of the formal board meetings. The decision will be made for each member at the annual AGM.

CARRIED.

**RFD: BANK
ACCOUNT SIGNING
AUTHORITY**

Shawn Grundy noted that signing authority needs to be updated to reflect current executive membership. Includes the removal of Tom Katelnikoff and Ron Baun and the addition of Colin Mitzel and Shawn Grundy. This would leave us with four current members with signing authority; Dustin Joslin, Don Klettke, Colin Mitzel and Shawn Grundy. The bank requires signatures of all those with current signing authority to make any changes as well as a copy of the minutes noting these changes. Shawn will follow up with bank and attempt contact with Ron Baun.

MOVED by Kim Duacs, SECONDED by Dustin Joslin;

THAT Tom Katelnikoff and Ron Baun have signing authority for WKMBA banking revoked AND;

THAT Colin Mitzel and Shawn Grundy be granted signing authority for WKMBA banking.

CARRIED.

**NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH HEALTH
GUIDELINES**

Colin Mitzel brought forward discussion on drafting a new policy to address consequences of non-compliance with league and/or provincial health guidelines with regards to COVID-19. Policy to include parents, players, coaches and anyone else attending the field for the purpose of baseball.

Discussion ensued, decided on another person to be added to winter ball sessions to ensure masks are being worn, etc. No policy to be drafted at this point.

NEW BUSINESS

PO Box keys

- Confirmed that Dustin has a key and Jaclyn Jaeger took possession of Tom's set.

Constitution / Bylaws

- Colin Mitzel confirmed that he received a copy from Tom Katelnikoff and would be sending it out to Stefano Walker for addition to the website.

Scorekeeper's Building at Boucherie Main

- Discussion on proposed "scorekeeper's building" at Boucherie Main. Rebuilding it (similar to the structure at Edith Gay) has been on the docket for years.
- In her discussion with COMBA regarding VOC funding, Andrea Mandau will check to see if we can use potentially use VOC money funds.
- Colin Mitzel will reach out to Tom Katelnikoff to speak to him about spearheading the building project.

Discussion on date to close spring ball registration, was agreed to close on March 15th.

NEXT MEETING **March 11th @ 7PM**

ADJOURNMENT MOVED by Colin Mitzel

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:48PM

CARRIED.