



West Kelowna Minor Baseball Association  
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## 2016 Annual General Meeting MINUTES

Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm  
 Best Western Inn, West Kelowna BC

### ATTENDANCE

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1. Call to Order at 7:05 pm
2. Approve the Agenda  
MOVED Larry Martel  
SECONDED Patrick Wielders  
CARRIED unanimously
3. Approve the Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting  
MOVED Brian Pavia  
SECONDED Larry Martel  
CARRIED unanimously
4. Financial Report (Dustin Joslin) – Income statement for October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 (Fiscal 2016)  
TOTAL revenue = 138,351.07  
TOTAL Expenses = 138,505.21  
Balance = -154.14  
MOVED Dustin Joslin  
SECONDED Crystal DeVries  
CARRIED unanimously
5. Directors Reports:
  - a. 7U T-ball (Marlon Zaleschuk)  
We had a full year with 8 teams and 7 players on each team. Was a great year and the players had fun and the parents were very supportive. The final wrap-up was great and grateful to Tim Hortons for the hats. Need to address that there are no porta-potties at Chief Tomat fields.
  - b. 9U Tadpole (Crystal DeVries for Braden Messenger)  
Possibility to pick up a new field: Common complaints that the fields at Rose Valley are not the greatest for playing ball. I have reached out to Westbank First Nations, unfortunately we're not able to book until January 2017. There is / was another league using the field, so they may have first grab at it. – They do have record that I contacted them. The upside, no rental fees, just a deposit of \$250 at the beginning of the season. They will try to work with the existing league using the field to see if we can have it for at least one of the days (Tues or Thursday)
  - c. 11U Mosquito (Shawn Vodarek)  
The 2016 11U Mosquito Baseball season was a very successful one. We posted record registration numbers for spring baseball and managed to find good coaches and accommodate field times for games and practices even with limited field availability. We had a great spring wrap up party with

sponsors like Save-On-Foods and SunRype donating hot dogs, buns, and drinks

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT - Hosted the Provincials for the 11U Baseball B.C. AAA TIER 2 division. With great help from our parent group and some of our board members (Tom and Carol specifically) we successfully hosted a well-organized tournament.

UNIFORMS: Braden Messenger had suggested that when we do our registration form we have a box/area to allow parents to enter their kids waist size

REGISTRATION: recommend registration form only allow parents to register their children by date of birth. This should land them in the proper division right from the start avoiding parents deciding that their child is good enough to play up a division. Also recommend registration form be more clear about the girl/boy playing situation.

PLAYING UP A DIVISION: Last year we had a couple children play up for Spring coming from 9U to 11U. We had the children that requested to play up in 11U at evaluations.

d. 13UPee Wee (Patrick Wielders)

WINTER LEAGUE: successful indoor program. Recommendation would be not to offer drop-in fees as it was challenging for the coach to track drop-ins and collect fees.

SPRING LEAGUE – 48 total registration 3 A teams and 1 AA team. Fees were increased this year and recommend another increase for coming year.

UNIFORMS – recommend to go to “keeper” jerseys as cost has come down, this would minimize the efforts trying to re-collect jerseys at the end of the year and allow for teams to put their player names on the back.

TIERING – run the AA tiered team as a “single season” team i.e. commit to both spring and summer. Worked very well and recommend to continue with this process for the coming year.

TEAMS - Thank you to all the coaches that volunteered this year. 1AA team and drafted 3 equal strength A teams. All West Kelowna teams were able to participate in Interior Interlock leagues. I recommend that we find a volunteer to coordinate tournaments.

FIELDS – recommend the use of the Ranch (Glenrosa) and Issler (Lakeview Heights) fields again in the coming year.

UMPIRING – recommend for better guidance and mentorship for new umpires.

FALL – no fall program due to lack of coaches and only 8 registrations.

e. 15U Bantam (Carol Katelnikoff)

There were 3 15U A teams and 1 15U AA team. The 15U AA team was a single season team, which was new this year. They played in the Interior division with Kamloops, Central Okanagan and South Okanagan and

Vernon. They played straight through from April to July. 15U A played against Central Okanagan (Kelowna/Rutland), Penticton, Keremeos, Summerland and Oyosoos. The 15U A hosted a five-team tournament in May. In the final playoffs of 2016, which included WKMBA and all teams south, West Kelowna 1, won the tournament, beating West Kelowna 2 in the final game. I would like to thank all the coaches.

f. 18U Midget (Larry Martel)

ARIZONA SPRING TRAINING – Mesa Arizona March 2016

- Parents and 14 players raised funds through 3 bottle drives a Pub Night and grocery bagger day at the Superstore. Thanks to Donna Obrien for all the fundraising organization.
- March 19-26 Mesa Arizona. Played teams from BLE, Calgary, Regina, Cloverdale. Daily practices with Marty Lehn, Albi Lopez, Bob Didier, and other former major league players.
- Visited Arizona State University's baseball program and watch a no hitter versus Utah.
- Attended a Major league game the Anaheim Angels versus the Oakland A's in Scottsdale AZ

SEASON April – August 2016

- 60+ games - 46 league games + Spokane Tournament (2-3) & Valley of Champions Tournament(1st place) + weekly exhibition games with Okanagan A's Jr team. Roster of 17 players from West Kelowna, Kelowna, Vernon and Nelson Ages 15-18 yrs old
- Graduated 3 players to College Baseball Programs – Brandon Ludwig (Kelowna) & Jacob Holland (Vernon) to the Okanagan College Coyotes and Brendan Martel (Nelson) to Div. I NAIA Dickinson State University Blue Hawks. A total of 17 players from the AAA & College prep divisions in BC Minor moved to college baseball this fall. West Kelowna with 3 players and Coverdale with 4 graduated the most to college programs.
- Nic Ostrom (Kelowna) from the 2015 D-Backs team was recruited to Missouri Valley College Vikings Div I NAIA this fall. Jeremy Buckely (Kelowna) 2014 DBack plays for OC Coyotes 2015 /16.

MIDGET AA – BC MINOR BASEBALL – Okanagan Division

- 16 players all from our West Kelowna program. Played about 10 games in a division that included Kelowna(COMBA), Vernon(VBA) , Kamloops(KMBA) and Penticton(SOMBA)
- Limited field time availability in West Kelowna reduced the team to only one practice all season. Something we may want to look at next season if we are having an AA Midget program.
- This was an age where the boys are very busy with other activities and jobs therefore getting a 9 man roster for a game or practice was VERY difficult. Mark will like to coach again next season.

- g. 2nd Vice President (Don Klettke)  
Team photos were held on Saturday, May 14 with all but three of the teams participating. Recommend schedule photo sessions sooner as well as schedule retake day sooner.

- h. Equipment (Patrick Wiolders)

THANK YOU: With help of some volunteers we cleaned, sorted and inventoried and distributed all team equipment bags.

FIELDS: Rosevalley Elementary School Field (shared 7U/9U) – this field is in poor shape and not ideal for our needs, would recommend improvements made and holes filled or provide an alternate field. Chief Tomat, Issler, Ranch are not our fields to maintain. Boucherie Upper (11U) – the dug-out roofs have been installed and various fence repairs are complete. New bases were purchased and a new movable pitching rubber with anchors at 46' and 48' was installed. Shelving for storage container was purchased and container was organized. Darroch (13U) – flooding issues this year. Various fence, sprinkler and lip repairs were completed. New Bull-pens built with help from coaches and parents. New movable pitching rubber with anchors at 46' and 48' was installed. A new tractor was purchased for this field. New bases were purchased for this field and shelving for storage container was purchased and container was organized. Boucherie Main (15U/18U) – warning track and new fencing was installed November 2015. With help from coaches and parents, bull-pens were spruced-up and new bases were purchased for this field.

RECOMMEND cage clean next season – pulling weeds, some new fill.

RECOMMEND negotiating per season fees for our main fields or more accurate record keeping as we pay by the hour so time we do not use is wasted – need to ensure coaches are aware if they cancel.

RECOMMEND installation of power into batting cage building.

BUDGET – equipment budget was \$11,000 for 2016 season and went \$2,000 over due to increased registration numbers requiring extra team equipment purchases. Recommend an ongoing field maintenance and equipment budget be set and all purchases flow through the equipment director.

- i. Head Coach (Tom Katelnikoff)

PROGRAMMING: This year we ran a full year of baseball including Winterball (Jan – March), Spring ball (April – June), All-star summer ball (mid-June – August) and Fall Ball (Sept-Oct). Enrollments in all these programs were up.

COACHES – WKMB paid for two coaches to attend the BC Baseball coaches convention held in Langley February 19, 20, 21. Great feedback. Recommend this again for 2017.

NCCP CERTIFICATION CLINIC – hosting this clinic April 15 – 17 (1-20 coaches participated). We open this clinic to coaches outside our association as well to help defer costs. Over the last five years we have trained over 100 coaches. We also hosted the Inside Pitch Baseball Camp run by Morgan Reiter for the past 6 or 7 years.

PROVINCIALS – This year WKMB had 3 teams qualify for provincials – 11U tier 2 AAA, the 13U AA team and the 18U AAA Team.

FALL BALL – we ran 11U and a combined 15U/18U program. 11U in conjunction with the City of West Kelowna (15 registered). 13U program cancelled due to lack of registrations. 15U/18U – practiced twice a week and played some exhibition games.

As coaching and learning Baseball is a passion of mine, I have worked on the BC Baseball coaching convention. Will implement some updates in 2017 from suggestions from our coaches and directors to continue to improve the programs and experience of each player and coach.

j. Umpire in Chief (Don Klettke)

The distribution of umpires was again managed by the Central Okanagan Baseball Umpires Association (COBUA). This was the third full year of this program under the tutelage of Darcy Rysz. COBUA manages the scheduling of all umpires in both Kelowna and West Kelowna. COBUA also began a mentorship program for the first time this past year which saw some of the younger group being mentored and evaluated by some of the senior umpires.

COBUA has taken a large part of the administrative duties previously managed by each Associations Umpire in Chief and, or each Division Director. This, along with several rebate opportunities open to support Umpire development, has greatly assisted in the consistent growth of this position.

k. Concession (Carol Katelnikoff)

2016 was a great year for the Concession. Great weather and busy fields made a difference. In 2016, WKMB hosted 6 Tournaments, which included the Valley of Champions Tournament and 11U AAA Tier 2 Provincials. These tournaments helped the concession a lot this year. I would like to thank all those who helped in the concession this year. Sales this year were just over \$12,000 with a profit of \$3,000.

l. Valley of Champions (VOC) rep (Larry Martel)

Valley of Champions funds come backs to our umpires and coaching programs. Will look into participating in the VOC AGM.

6. MOTION to accept the revised Bylaws (Chantelle Funk)

MOVED Chantelle Funk

SECONDED Don Klettke

CARRIED unanimously

MOTION to accept the revised Constitution (Chantelle Funk)

MOVED Chantelle Funk

SECONDED Brian Pavia

CARRIED unanimously

7. President's Report: (Tom Katelnikoff)

THANKS to all the Board members, Division directors, coaches, umpires and volunteers to make this 2016 season a positive experience. Final registration numbers surpassed 300 for the first time.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- all divisions were full and wait-listed before opening day.
- Great opening day followed by a competitive and fun spring season
- Three of our teams competed in provincials and hosted a provincial tournament with great success
- Hosted 4 tournaments and our 18U AAA team travelled to Arizona again for spring training.

CITY OF WEST KELOWNA – have worked with the City to improve our facilities. Received new fencing on 2 of the fields, roofs installed on upper Boucherie dug-outs, much-needed repairs to upper Boucherie fences. Earlier this year the City of West Kelowna applied for Federal Infrastructure Capital for lights at two of the West Kelowna fields and will hear by early December 2016 if our bid was successful. With increase in population averaging 2.5% annually, we can continue to expect growth in our enrollment and an increased necessity for more fields and facilities.

KIDS-CARE FOUNDATION – were successful in our application for \$5,000 to construct a new building where the umpire's shack currently sits. Prior projects donated by this foundation supported our batting cage (\$13,000) and the pitching machine (\$4,000).

BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION – continue with our membership as they provide all programs including grassroots rebate programs such as RallyCap, coaches certification, umpire training rebate programs and a competitive insurance program. It should be noted that in 2017, Dairy Queen will replace Tim Horton's as the national sponsor for the RallyCap program.

8. Elected Board Members – Voted in by acclamation – unanimous  
 MOVED: Carol Katelnikoff  
 SECONDED: Chantelle Funk  
 CARRIED unanimously

	Nominating
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President to fill the current term ending 2017	Patrick Wielders
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President 2 year term until 2018	Don Klettke
Treasurer 2 year term until 2018	Dustin Joslin
Secretary 2 year term until 2018	

President's term is 2 years until 2017 Tom Katelnikoff
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9. Other Comments and Feedback

10. Adjourn