

MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Attendance

Kevin Crellin, Kimberly Teffaine, Claudette Thibert, Wayne Sager, Clare Dickinson, Don Neusitzer, Dawn Glays

Absent

Marc Bissonnette, Luc Jubinville, Jen Ducharme, Mike Thompson, Curtis Ste. Marie, Allison Kennedy, Jared Hall, Brian Turner, Glen Agar, James Bates and Ken Goodwin

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of March 20, 2017

Kimberly made a motion for approval. Dawn seconded.

Approval of Minutes from last meeting (June 14, 2017)

Kimberly made a motion for approval. Wayne seconded.

Business Arising Out of Minutes of March 20, 2017

Goal to have Barb from Challenger Baseball attend a meeting before the 2018 season starts, preferably January 2018 meeting. Kevin will make contact with her to invite her to same.

Kevin – President's Report

First meeting for the end of the 2017 year and to start planning for the 2018 year. I want to start by thanking everyone who has volunteered their time! Baseball can never thank you enough...that's thanks to everyone for helping from tryouts, all coaches and managers and of course everyone on our board from the executive to the convenors. It is truly amazing how much gets done in such a short period of time. Most sports like hockey run for 7-9 months of the year. The average time frame for our baseball teams is 3.25 months. So much to get done in so short of a time period.

Special mention has to go out to our AAA programs and AA programs for a very successful season. Our AAA U18 had a good run at provincials and at the Western Canadians. Also to our AAU11 and AAU13 Red Sox teams. The U11AA team went undefeated all year capturing the Cities and Provincials!! The U13AA team were Provincial champs also! Job well done!! I would like to take pride in how competitive all of our teams were this year at the AAA and AA levels. We tried some new things with how the teams were made by age and overall I think the takeaway from my point of view is it worked.

Also want to say kudos to all of our players and teams playing in our A program. We either hosted or partnered with RRVSL in our leagues and it was awesome to see everyone play the most games that they have played in one season by my memory and for the first time we participated in an all-star games for some of the age categories.

Our association is strong in numbers and strong in results but we are not perfect. We need help in facilities. We need help with attracting volunteers. We need help on our board. I hope that we will see some new people out for annual meeting in October.

In August, I announced that I am stepping down as President of Bonivital. I look forward to working with the new President to continue the journey on making baseball in Bonivital a great game!

Don – Vice-President High Performance

13U was a great competitive season. Looking for more good things in 2018.

15U Bantam AAA. Won cities, but did not fare as well in provincials.

18UAAA. Second in cities and provincials and westerns.

Several players played well in Canada Games.

Most coaches should hopefully be returning in 2018.

Don will be retiring at 2017 AGM.

Wayne – Vice-President City

Based on AA results, 11U undefeated. 13U did well. 15U did well with young/old teams.

All-star games in A ball were a success.

Discussions were had about the breakdown of teams for the 2018 season, i.e. “major/minor” teams.

Consistency is key. Decisions should be made by vote.

Amendment to Wayne’s report

Host community clubs will be required to have a convenor or another individual who is responsible for allocating diamonds in order to have an A or AA team.

Glen – Policy and Infrastructure

Absent, no report.

Dawn – Registration and Branding

Keener Jerseys a success. Very pleased with customer service and product.

Bonivital clothing store will be open.

Still waiting for some league clothing from Home Run Sports. Letter will be sent detailing dissatisfaction with delay.

Will draft written policy regarding invoicing to be possibly brought up at AGM.

Jared – Tournaments and Player Development

Absent, no report.

Kimberly – Treasurer’s Report

Most bills are paid and are not running a deficit.

Outstanding receivables are attempting to be collected.

Payment for jerseys/hats at 18U A and AA need to be collected the same way it is for other AA teams.

Assistance for hosting clubs for tournaments to be addressed.

Motion for executive reports to be passed.

Community Club Reports

Clare – Winakwa CC

Good year. Hosting extra teams.

Looking to host additional Mosquito A or AA team in 2018.

Big thank you to Jared Hall with city convening for Southdale and Winakwa.

Motion to pass CC report. Kimberly and Dawn seconded.

New Business

AGM set for October 16, 2017, @ 7:00 at Winakwa Community Centre.

Changes to constitution – need to make amendment so that we address name changes/additions for executive committee positions, to be sent at least two weeks prior to AGM.

Next meeting before AGM set for October 2 @ 7:00 at Dakota.

Formation of nomination committee – Kevin Crellin, Terry Couvier and Jen Ducharme. Letter will be posted to the website to get people to join BV Board.

Board positions open – President, VP of High Performance and three new positions: VP coach development, VP player development, VP special events.

Board reply to Dakota:

- Procedure for AGM - Discussed same and we are now making sure that next AGM follows constitution.
- U13 AA Red Sox issue - Discussed letter received from Dakota chairman. Agreed to send out response letter within five days.

Under 13 prospect team – outstanding bill. Should be forwarded to coach for payment.

Baseball Manitoba AGM – November 3 in Brandon. Someone should be in attendance.

How to record policy. Should be policy and procedures manual. Asking for Glen Agar to provide us with a policy manual based on previous minutes.

Request for 18U AAA for monies for westerns as monies have been given in the past. Motion made by Kevin that all teams are responsible for their own costs for all championships for AA and AAA. Motion passed. Should be made a policy and wording will be decided at next meeting.

A policy should be put in place for players playing AA and AAA in one season.

Motion made that policy be recommended that Bonivital teams A, AA, AAA, where jerseys and hats ordered by Bonivital, invoice for hats and jerseys must be paid prior to or upon pickup.

Request from a AA team wanting the association to pay for the coaching clinic fees. All coaching fees come from home community club. To be finalized at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.