

# ***Bonivital Minor Baseball Meeting Minutes***

February 8, 2016

## **Call to order**

Kevin Crellin called to order the regular meeting of the Bonivital Minor Baseball Association at 7:09pm on February 8, 2016 at Dakota Community Center Meeting Room.

## **Roll call**

Kim Teffaine conducted a roll call (by sign in sheet). The following persons were present: Kevin Crellin, Glen Agar, Don Neusitzer, Dawn Glays, Ross Sutherland (Southdale), Clare Dickinson (Winakwa), Ken Goodwin (Greendell), Jamie Bates (Glenwood), Mike Krykewich, Jen Dickinson

## **Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last 3 meetings will be approved at the next meeting, March 14, 2016.

## **Presidents Report**

-Introduction of agenda

-Introductions around the table re: new board members Jen Dickinson (Secretary), Ross Sutherland (Director, Southdale) and Jamie Bates (Director, Glenwood)

-Is working with Brian Honey at the City of Winnipeg regarding the Maginot diamonds

-Looking into Bonivital Baseball Day with AA and AAA participating. This would be a fun day for Bonivital participants including hot dog and drinks. Looking into possible date and location.

Kevin moved report as presented, accepted by Dawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen - passed

## **VP of High Performance (Don Neusitzer)**

-working with Jamie to transition the role of VP for High Performance

-the search is under way for AAA Peewee and Midget coaches

- advertising on Baseball Manitoba web site and the BoniVital AAA team web pages
- response to date has been luke warm

-attended the WABA meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2016 (see attached)

-attended the Baseball Manitoba Competition Committee meeting on Wednesday February 9, 2016 (see attached)

### **WABA Meeting**

7:00PM Tuesday February 2, 2016. Conference Room A, Sport Manitoba 145 Pacific Ave.

-BoniVital AAA Midgets will co-host the WABA tournament as in previous years

-there will be an increase in all team fees of \$150/team

-16U provincial teams  
prelude to the 2017 summer games  
want to play games against AAA teams  
scheduling may not be balanced for all teams  
Saturday and possibly Sunday games

### **Baseball Manitoba Competition Committee Meeting**

6:30PM Wednesday February 9, 2016. Canad Inns Portage La Prairie MB.

-AAA Provincial Qualifier changes adopted (see attached).

- NO pick-ups for AAA Provincials

-AAA Midget league proposal (see attached) was considered to be a viable option for presentation at the Baseball Manitoba AGM

-Baseball Manitoba AGM 2:00PM Sunday March 20, Holiday Inn Airport West, 2520

## PROPOSED QUALIFIER CHANGES

**Purpose:** To eliminate the current Qualifier format, and create valid events with all “AAA” teams entered.

### Proposed Format:

- The Winnipeg “AAA” playoffs (WABA) as will be one Qualifier, with all Rural teams playing in the other.
- For 2016, 4 of the WABA teams would advance to provincials, and 5 Rural teams plus host would advance. This would result in a 10 team provincial championship without any byes (except for the host team).
- This will also make seeding of provincial championships easier.
- The intent is to have the best 10 teams at the provincial championships.

### Current Qualifier and Provincial schedule

13U “AAA” Qualifier	Morden	July 22 - 24
13U “AAA” Provincial	Hamiota	July 29 - 31
15U “AAA” Qualifier	Blumenort	July 22 - 24
15U “AAA” Provincial	Altona	July 29 - 31

### 2016 Expected “AAA” teams for 13U & 15U

<u>Rural</u>	<u>WABA</u>
1. Parkland	1. St. James
2. Midwest	2. North Winnipeg
3. Brandon	3. Winnipeg South
4. Oildome	4. Red River Valley
5. Pembina Hills	5. Bonivital
6. South Central	
7. Carillon	
8. Interlake	

The following number of teams would advance to provincials from their Qualifier

- 4 off the 5 WABA teams (80%)
- 5 of the 7 Rural teams (plus the provincial host) (75% - 6 of 8 rural teams)

If the provincial host is in the top 5 of the rural standings, the next highest ranked team would then attend the provincial championships.

NOTE: In years where the provincial is hosted in Winnipeg, the host team would take part in the WABA playoffs, but because they are already in the provincials, would not be in the mix for teams advancing. 3 of the remaining 4 teams would advance to provincials. For the rural Qualifier 6 of the 8 teams that play would advance to provincials.

### QUESTIONS

1. Do we allow pick-ups from the not qualifying teams?

**Provincial Tournament Draw Structure Working Group Meeting  
January 24, 2016  
Salon C – Holiday Inn Airport West**

Attending: Nicole Madsen, Darrell Humeniuk, Ray Moroz, Alex Grenier, Morgan de Pena, Curt Letkeman, Cal Hawley

Regrets: Terry Couvier

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The Working Group further discussed the proposal to create a provincial 18U AAA league. The focus of the discussion was to create a high-level proposal to present first to the Competition Committee at its February meeting and then to the general membership at the Baseball Manitoba AGM on March 20, 2016.

The following points were agreed to as important aspects of the proposal.

-A provincial 18U AAA league will:

- drive an improvement in the overall level of AAA competition in Manitoba;
- provide a more competitive environment for more players for a longer period of time each baseball season;
- encourage players to stay in the game longer and strive for this higher level of play; and
- contribute to overall coaching development by providing more coaches more opportunities to coach at and learn at the AAA level.

**-This provincial 18U AAA league will be the only AAA competition available for 18U players in Manitoba each season.**

**-The league will be comprised of five or six teams made from combining current associations to provide a broader and deeper pool of players to select from for each team.**

<b>Six Team League</b>	<b>Five Team League</b>
South East (Bonivital and Carillon)	South East (Bonivital and Carillon)
North Central (North Winnipeg, Interlake, Red River Valley)	North Central (North Winnipeg, Interlake, Red River Valley)
Winnipeg West (Winnipeg South, St. James)	Winnipeg West (Winnipeg South, St. James)
Central Plains (South Central, Pembina Hills, Portage La Prairie)	Central Plains (South Central, Pembina Hills, Portage La Prairie)
Westman	Westman

(Brandon, Oildome)	(Brandon, Oildome, Midwest, Parkland)
Park West (Midwest, Parkland)	

**-Teams will be run cooperatively by the partner associations. The associations will jointly run player identification or selection camps to select the final roster for each team, and will jointly identify and appoint the coaching staff for each team. (Note –Baseball Manitoba will assist with the identification of qualified coaches for consideration, as may be requested by the partner associations.)**

-The partner associations will select the towns / locations for their home and practice fields for their teams. More than one home field location can be identified for each team, to recognize regional representation and participation, but a key consideration will be that each team should have at least one home field location that is equipped with lights to allow for evening games.

-Each team will play a regular season schedule of between 20 and 30 games, balanced as much as possible between all league locations to ensure that no one team is unduly burdened by travel requirements. The game schedule will also be split between weekend double-headers and weekday evening games to further reduce the burden of travel.

-The league will have a formal structure and organization, including the following:

- League Executive – Commissioner, Umpire-in-Chief, Scheduler
- Dedicated league website – information on teams, schedule, standings, player and coach profiles, and other relevant information and announcements
- Annual Team Registration Fee – includes costs of umpires, field rental, league website, honoraria for league executive members and a league sustainment fee
- Team Charter – signed by each team, and articulates the expected structure and organization to be put in place by the partner associations to ensure that each team is properly supported and managed

-The league will formally start in 2017, but during the 2016 season the following activities will take place in support of developing the league:

- If approved in principle by the Baseball Manitoba membership, the Competition Committee and the Working Group will continue to fully develop the structure and associated processes and policies for the proposed league;

- Baseball Manitoba will organize and run two showcase tournaments in August and September 2016 to act as a pilot or trial of the proposed league and team structure and competitive balance; and
- The Competition Committee and the Working Group will bring a completed formal proposal and motion to the Baseball Manitoba SGM in November 2016 for approval and ratification to establish the league and begin operations in the 2017 season.

Don moved to accept report as presented, accepted by Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clare – passed

### **VP of Policy and Infrastructure (Glen Agar)**

-nothing new happening with infrastructure

-Going to schedule a meeting with The Sage Creek Residents Association to speak to them regarding diamonds within their area.

-Has spoken with the city (Brian Honey) about Whittier, midget diamond absolutely needed as Bonivital has more midget players than any other area association in the city.

-Will be working on a refund policy for AAA, NSF cheques and late fees with Kim in time for 2016 registration.

-In regards to child abuse background checks, will be looking for forms, finding out time frames for getting them done, checking to see what soccer does as it may be more than a single season process. Recommendations will be made as to what BVMB policy should be in the future. Kevin will be bringing this up at the annual meeting.

Kevin moved to accept the report, accepted by Glen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don -passed

### **Treasurer (Kim Teffaine)**

-\$20,054.00 currently in account with a few changes made, all unallocated fees are now associated with a team or age group.

-Umpire fees are going up, costs for 2015 were \$14,000.00 (minus midget ump fees). Idea is to charge back the community clubs for ump fees in the future, starting 2016 season

-There is a need to figure out ways to generate revenue to rebuild the balance in the account or cut costs. Kevin's suggestion is to apply for grants, have plan in place and the new website should help show where money is being spent

-wants to look at spending.....\$1500 spent on dinners and parties, \$500 spent on tickets and hotel costs and \$1000 spent on meetings...should we be spending this much on these items as we are a non-profit organization?

- AGM's out of town must have hotel rooms paid for the volunteer coaches
- Bank balance can't exceed \$30,000.00 unless we have a capital project on the go
- Without guidelines in place for extra expenses, where does the line get drawn? We need a policy in place or approval from the board for extra expenses

Kim moved to accept the report, accepted by Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glen, passed

### **Community Club Reports**

#### **Southdale- Ross Sutherland**

-is happy to be on the board and would like to know what is expected of him. Will be looking into what days A and AA will be played so that the Southdale website can be updated with the correct info

#### **Winakwa – Clare Dickinson**

- Winakwa is running a pre-season baseball camp for ages 8-12
- batting cages will not be built at Winakwa this year, probability for next season
- brought up a question as to whether there may ever be a Rally Cap camp held by any clubs in the association

#### **Greendell – Ken Goodwin**

-is looking into hosting a Grand Slam and Mosquito clinic

#### **Glenwood – Jamie Bates**

-has spoken with Derek Dagert and is getting caught up and learning his new role as Director of Baseball for Glenwood

Club reports moved to be accepted by Kevin, accepted by Glen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don - passed

### **Website Committee**

- is looking into fonts and logos
- is putting together a contacts list with all names spelled correctly to be posted on the new

website

-there will be standard Bonivital email addresses posted on the website for all board members as well as community club addresses. Behind the scenes of the website your normal email address will be used but will not be shown on the website. BV emails will be set to forward to you

-Request for write-ups have been sent to Whittier and the City so that we can see a sample of the website. Kim would like info for the website without using too many “links” to other websites

-Kim will be seeing the first mock-up of the website within a week or so and will report back

Kim moved to accept report, accepted by Don, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin - passed

## **Tryouts**

-tryout dates handed out via spreadsheet (Don to forward by email as well)

-Tryouts will be held at the University of Winnipeg Rec Plex

-Tryouts will be run by Wesmen players.....Mike Krykewich looking into whether they will be only running drills or if they will be evaluating as well. Ken thinks independent evaluators would be better

-Fees will be set at \$100 for AAA and \$60 for AA. If you try out for AAA and don't make the team, you will not have to pay again for the AA tryouts, both are included in the \$100 fee

-There are 2 professional batting cage in the U of W complex

-Mike will be looking into the use of the Wesmen logo being put on the tryout shirts. There will be shirts for all age groups this year

-U of W parking map will be sent out prior to community club registrations

-Vote on tryout fees, passed

Mike moved to accept report as presented, Glen accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don – passed

## **Registration**

-Clubs will be charged a team fee and a per player fee this year to help offset the cost of umpires. Costs will be as follows:



Rally Cap - \$10 per player  
Grand Slam - \$10 per player  
U11 - \$20 per player  
U13 - \$20 per player  
U15 - \$20 per player

-Bonivital Team fees are as follows:

Rally Cap - \$100  
Grand Slam - \$250  
U11 - \$695  
U13 - \$745  
U15 - \$935

-Fees for club transfers. This fee is for transfers only and does not include field allotment fee or club booster charges. Clubs can set their registration amount for whatever they like but will be charged this amount for any transfer in/out of your club

Rally Cap - \$100  
Grand Slam - \$160  
U11 - \$210  
U13 - \$225  
U15 - \$245  
U17 - \$370

-AAA fees for 2016 will be:

U13 - \$625  
U15 - \$675  
U17 - \$725

Fee increases voted on and passed

**Next meeting will be on Monday March 14, 2016 at Winakwa  
Community Center, 7:00pm**

## **Adjournment**

Kevin Crellin adjourned the meeting at 9:38pm.  
Minutes submitted by: Jen Dickinson  
Minutes approved by: [Name]