

BoniVital Baseball Board Meeting
7:30 pm at Dakota Jan 11th, 2016
Community Centre

Attendance

Kevin Crellin, Marc Bissonnette, Glen Agar, Dawn Glays, Luc Jubinville (Dakota), Clare Dickinson (Winakwa), Kim Teffaine, Don Neusitzer and Jared Hall

Commence - 7:40 pm

Minutes from October board meeting and November (AGM) will be approved at next meeting. Kevin will contact Sylvie.

Business arising from minutes – none as minutes have not been distributed.

President's report (Kevin Crellin)

- I want to welcome everyone to our first meeting in 2016! I am looking forward to working with all of you in making 2016 a fabulous year for baseball in Bonivital.
- With the success of the Bluejays last fall, we have to be prepared for increased numbers in our younger age groups this year and we have to make sure that we do everything possible to keep them in the game for the future years.
- Working with our two committees on Fields and Website will help advance the game for the future plus build awareness and openness of what we are about.
- I would like to begin by laying a plan for us be cash positive so that we can have a set goal for funds to be put aside for our a "Fields of Dreams Program" where we commit say 10,000 a year over the next 5 years to such a program. Again this is an idea and I am open to discuss the finer points over the next couple of meetings.
- I want to take a few minutes to cover some of the below... are all interrelated...
 - Great working relationships with our community clubs
 - Increased numbers – at all ages
 - Financials (controls in place)
 - A better registration process - that works efficiently and simple
 - A plan for our diamonds at all ages moving forward, heavy focus on U15 and U18 diamonds
 - Player development plans for the whole year
 - Website
- Marc and I attended the Baseball Manitoba Annual meeting in Brandon in November, where the biggest change is in the size of mosq AA base distances.
- Canada Summer Games is being hosted at Whittier in 2017. We will be inviting Cal Hawley to speak to us for our next meeting on volunteers.
- After today we will have our 2016 board in place, we have tryouts booked ...Now we just have to make the season happen!
- Kevin moved report as presented – Accepted by Clare Dickinson, 2nd Marc Bissonnette - passed

VP High performance (Jamie Bettens)

- Absent, no formal report submitted prior to meeting
- Through email to Kevin mention of hosting a Blue Jay Super Camp, possibly at Whittier. There may be grant money available for hosting.
- Jamie also did contact Superstore to see if they would be interested in some involvement with us and the development of the field located at King George Park. Further work into looking for grant money will continue.
- Don Neusitzer has accepted this role (voted in later during meeting)

VP City/Grassroots (Marc Bissonnette)

- In 2015 only Midget A had a championship, it was decided that for the 2016 season that all "A" levels will have a championship. Goal is to still have season end by July 1st.
- Will be attending the city meeting Tuesday, January 12th. Will provide more information at next meeting.
- Marc moved report as presented, accepted by Dawn Glays, 2nd Don Neusitzer – passed

VP – Past president (Terry Couvier)

- Absent, no report submitted prior to meeting.

VP – Policy and Infrastructure (Glen Agar)

- No report
- Question was asked by Don Neusitzer if we ask coaches to complete criminal record check and child abuse registry. Bonivital board does not, but Dawn Glays was going to check with Baseball Manitoba if they do anything as an association.
- Overall consensus agreed that these checks may offer some value to our association. After we hear back from MB Baseball we can look into costs and how as an association we would implement these checks for future.
- Glen moved report as presented by, accepted by Don Neusitzer, 2nd Kevin Crellin - passed

Registration and Branding (Dawn Glays)

- Have started looking at upcoming season jersey/hat orders – Question "Do we include Midget A" in our order.... Unanimous answer was YES.
- Projected number for Midget 2016 is 92-104 players.
 - This number prompted further discussion around how many teams - likely mean that we will have 6 teams (3 x "A", 2 x "AA", 1 x "AAA).
 - Whittier can only host 5 midget teams. Will need to look into another diamond, possibly Maginot.
- Is there a rule that would not permit players from having advertising on player helmets, Kevin answered was no nothing preventing this. Looking at possibly having a Bonivital Sticker on players helmets
- Can we advertise on jerseys? Kevin believes it is okay, but suggested we check with MB Baseball.
- Looking at clothing option for Board Members to purchase – hoodies, jacket. Luc Jubinville suggested warm up jacket. Short sleeve, wind jacket. Dawn will get some pricing. Not mandatory that all board members order.
- Community Centres need to forward their registration dates once they are set so that the dates can be given to MB Baseball and posted on their website.

- Will work with Don Neusitzer regarding tryout t-shirts. This year all players at tryouts will have a t-shirt.
- Creating a tryout document that will explain the process to parents and will be distributed at tryouts.
- Working on process to pre-register for tryouts to make it simpler upon arrival at tryouts.
- Decided the official logo will be the B... black with yellow in back/outline.
- Discussion around who can order and pickup at Home Run Sports. Some options discussed;
 - The initial jersey/hat order, the city program would be paid upfront by BV Assoc
 - Only a few people have authority to place orders? Who are they?
 - All purchases need to be paid for before leaving store with merchandise?
 - Home Run Sports needs to be accountable
 - Dawn/Kevin prepare letter for Home Run with names of those that can order (if we go that route)
 - Further discussion to be had at future meeting.
- Dawn moved report as presented, accepted by Glen Agar, 2nd Don Neusitzer - passed

Treasurer's Report (Kim Teffaine)

- Bank balance as of January 11, 2016 is \$21,538.99
- Outstanding amount owed by Champlain CC has finally been received.
- 2015 – No outstanding Accounts Payable or Accounts Receivable
- Net income 2015 - \$427.72. Will need to look at ways to generate revenue.
- Suggest we implement a \$50 NSF fee – Glen will make a policy
- Suggest that all tryout fees are paid before player is permitted to partake. This is in order to alleviate chasing down the fees well into the start of the season, as done in past year.
- Bonivital laptop to be collected from Sylvie (past secretary) and given to Kim. Financials will be put onto laptop versus Kim's personal computer.
- Kim moved report as presented, accepted by Marc Bissonnette, 2nd by Dawn Glays - passed

Past President Report (Terry Couvier)

- Absent, no report

Tournaments and Player Development

- Role is vacant, no report
- Jared Hall has accepted the role (voted in later in meeting)

CC reports

- Dakota - Luc Jubinville – will be doing write-up for community centre newsletter, will put a plug in for recruiting umpires. Registration dates not known.
- Winakwa – Clare Dickinson - no report
- Glenwood – absent, no report
- NGCC – James Flett/Robyn Boyd - absent, no report
- Champlain – Brian Turner, absent, no report
- Southdale – Role is vacant, no report
- Clare Dickinson and Luc Jubinville move reports as presented, accepted by Glen Agar, 2nd by Kevin Crellin – passed.

New business

- Jared Hall - VP Player Development and Tournaments - nominated by Kevin Crellin, 2nd by Luc Jubinville – elected by acclamation
- Don Neusitzer - VP of High Performance – nominated by Kevin Crellin, 2nd by Kim Teffaine – elected by acclamation
- Jamie Bettens (absent) will take on role of Vice President and will assist in all areas and also has agreed to chair the committee for diamond development and procurement. Will vote him in at next meeting.
- Jen Dickinson has agreed to become the new secretary, will be voted in next meeting.

Website Committee (Don Neusitzer)

- The Web committee interviewed Kevin to best understand his vision for a BoniVital Minor Baseball Web presence. Using that vision we established the requirements that the Web page would require. We looked at several vendors in our search for a Web Design Company that we felt could best deliver on those requirements.
- We are extremely confident that Office Smarts will deliver a robust Web page for everything baseball related for BoniVital. Their design will allow BoniVital to further grow the Web page by adding online registration and team tracking in future years.
- The Web committee is recommending that BoniVital Minor Baseball accept the proposal from Office Smarts to build a Web page at a cost of \$ 4,000.00.
 - 1/3 is due at contract signing. Another 1/3 at the mid-point & the final 1/3 on completion.
- Additional charges of \$60/year for domain registration and \$12.99/month to host our web page.
- Winning proposal will be distributed to board members.
- Don will advise OfficeSmarts that they are the successful provider.
- Marc Bissonnette and Kim Teffaine will be the contacts and have authority to make decisions on behalf of BoniVital baseball.
- Dawn Glays suggested we look into advertising for a fee on our site. Will ask Mary-Jane for some pricing recommendations for banner ads and business card type ads.
- Don Neusitzer moves report as presented, accepted by Kevin Crellin, 2nd by Kim Teffaine - passed.

Registration Fees

- Will address at next meeting.

Adjourned at 9:37 pm

Next meeting will be held at Dakota Community Centre, February 8th 2016 at 7 pm