

Bonivital Minor Baseball Association
Southdale Community Centre
January 30, 2017

Attendance:

Kevin Crellin, Clare Dickinson, Jared Hall, Marc Bissonnette, Glen Agar, Kimberly Teffaine, Luc Jubinville, Dawn Glays, Jen Ducharme, Terry Couvier, Wayne Sager, Mike Thompson, Don Neusitzer

Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 7:09pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- Minutes from the April 2016 meeting are unavailable. The computer they were on crashed before they could be sent out.

VP of City (Marc): (Reporting first, has to leave early for another commitment)

- Will assist Wayne in the transition of roles over the upcoming year.
- No date currently set for the next City meeting, when date is known Marc and Wayne will attend.
- Dairy Queen is the new Baseball Canada sponsor (was Tim Horton's)
- One coach on U11 teams must have "My First Pitch"
 - Bonivital should consider hosting this clinic for our coaches
 - ❖ **ACTION** – need volunteer to book clinic
- Coaching clinics can also be found on the Baseball Manitoba website for various levels.
- Challenger Baseball – invite Bobbi Bottle (Challenger Baseball Provincial Coordinator) to attend meeting and as an association look at getting involved.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – person to contact Bobbi and ask her to attend meeting
- 11U AA – 70foot base distance will remain in place for 2017
- 21U Girls won Canadian Championship 2016
- 21U Womens Invitational held in Stonewall August 24-28th, 2017.
- Baseball Manitoba looking to add a Non-Confrontational/Verbal Abuse between coaches/umpires/players policy. If passed, more details will follow.

President (Kevin):

- First I would like to welcome everyone out to our first meeting of 2017. I always start reports with a big thank-you to everyone involved with baseball in Bonivital. Especially more so since I announced at our annual meeting that our theme for this coming year is “Volunteers and Facilities”. Two very big topics for many organizations like ourselves. We are one of the top 3 baseball association within Baseball Manitoba in size , registrations and success within our programs. With the launch of bonivitalbaseball.ca , I feel very strongly with our ability to now communicate directly that we can accomplish many things in the coming months. Our goal as an association is to have a process in place where we are attracting volunteers from all our teams to help from our association level so that we can build, host and grow our sport and to also help everyone that is in this room moving forward to enjoy our baseball season. Also we need to have a field plan in place by the end of the year that will layout the direction we are going for the next 15 years. Our diamonds other than Whittier are amongst the worst in the province...This can be done in two ways- one build ourselves (field of dreams fund that we have put together) or amalgamate with another association to make use of their diamonds. I have the confidence that we are so lucky to have such a strong board in place for the coming season and look forward to all the ideas that will come from our discussions and helping implement most of them for 2017.
- I did attend the Baseball AGM in November and would like to communicate that 2016 was a good year for Baseball Mb. It was agreed to look at sending a team to the peewee national championship. To be finalized in March if its approved. Wanted all associations to look at starting a summer league – extending the baseball season in July and August. Mosquito AA baseball paths will remain the same. Bonivital did bring up the Coaches Checks we do with Child Abuse and we did ask Baseball Mb to look into taking that off our hands. Or helping in some way mandate what we are suppose to do or not do.
- Just a special mention to our website committee and especially Kim for all her hard work to get this off the ground! I would also like to welcome Wayne Sager to our Board which will be made official later on in our meeting.
- Looking for a secretary, position is vacant

VP of High Performance (Don):

- Hats have been ordered from PemBrand. Saved over \$400.00 what we were quoted on by HomeRun Sports for the same hat.
- Working on replacing the yellow jerseys for 2017.
 - ❖ **ACTION** - Dawn will also help Don, as finding yellow jerseys proving to be a task.
- Jeff Bouchard will be returning this year to coach the AAA Bantams. Brady Bouchard (2016 AAA Midgets co-coach) will be helping Jeff as Jeff also has the Provincial team this year.
- Robbie Lebleu (2016 AAA Midgets co-coach) will be returning this year with the AAA Midgets.
 - I have been asked to manage the team
- JM Habeck will not be returning as coach of the AAA Peewees due to personal commitments
 - An advertisement has been placed on the Baseball MB and the BoniVital web sites indicating that we are looking for a AAA Peewee head coach. I have already received an application to coach the team from a AAA alumnus.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Kim to post advertisement on Bonivital website, just need a tweak to website
- 2017 fees for 13U and 15U should remain the same. 18U fees will see a small increase due to the increase in Whittier rental fees beginning in 2017

- In the past, whenever we have had players returning from out of province to play on our AAA teams, we have charged them ½ the registration fee for that year. This policy works fine for a player returning at the end of June from the western baseball academies. But it falls down when we have players returning at the end of July from national programs. It is un-realistic to expect any player returning at the end of July to pay ½ the registration fee for less than 1 month of baseball.
 - I propose that all players returning from out of province, regardless from the western baseball academies or national teams, pay the tryout fee which they would have paid anyways had they been at the tryouts. Players returning the last week of June continue to pay ½ of the registration fee for that year. Players returning the last week of July will then pay ¼ the registration fee for that year.
 - In the past this has only affected Midget players.
 - Examples:
 - 2016
 - 2 players returning from out of province
(1 x western baseball academies & 1 x National baseball program)
 - fees collected \$775 (2 x \$387.50)
 - 2017 and onward assuming \$100 tryout fee and \$775.00 registration fee
 - 2 players returning from out of province
(1 x western baseball academies & 1 x National baseball program)
 - fees collected \$781.25 (1 x (\$100.00 + (\$775.00/2))) + (1 x (\$100.00 + (\$775.00/4)))
- Norwood CC has been less than co-operative in maintaining the diamond at the Norwood flood bowl for our 13U Peewees. Are there any other suitable diamonds in BoniVital for Peewee AAA? The Norberry facility perhaps?
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Mike going to discuss with the Norberry board if there are opportunities
- WABA meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm, Don not available to attend.
 - ❖ **ACTION** - Wayne and Kevin will attend in Don's absence.
- On a personal note, Don will be stepping down from his role with the Wesmen

VP of Policy and Infrastructure (Glen):

- Child abuse and background checks were done last year, and will continue this year. Last year only the AA team coaches were required to participate. This year the requirement will be extended to included AAA coaches as these coaches are not parents of the players.
 - Forms need to be completed in full, or the form is sent back with no check completed.
 - Bonivital Minor Baseball Association recommends that all its feeder Community Centres embrace this practice
- Kevin and Glen attended a meeting with an individual regarding the allocation of Winnipeg athletic field study. Unfortunately, were informed that this was not something we the association qualifies for and are not suitable for the study. Essentially, it was also not what BV thought it was.
- Continue efforts to find more fields. Sage Creek does have green space set aside, but exact size and intentions are not known.
- New fields will be a priority, it has been announced that Southdale will be adding a third rink in near future will eliminate 1-2 diamonds (softball or baseball, it's not known)

Registration and Branding (Dawn):

- Require registration dates from each Community Centre. Dates will be provided to Baseball Manitoba to post on their website. Dates will also be posted on the BV website.
 - ❖ **ACTION** - Most CC's have not set registration dates, as they become available provide to Dawn and Kim
- Dairy Queen in new sponsor of Baseball Canada and will be providing jerseys for Rally Cap. Once numbers are known, will be able to provide those numbers and get jerseys ordered/provided.
- Working with Home Run Sports on try-out T-shirts and jerseys. Need to know how many AA teams at each age level going with.
- Discussion – should we have 2 teams at the Peewee level in particular, but also at the other levels as well. Is there enough talent, what is coming up? Hard to know exactly as the talent pool flexes year over year. Until tryout attendance is known we may not be able to make decision
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Dawn will provide projected numbers for upcoming season
 - ❖ **ACTION** – next meeting, try to determine number of teams at each age group if possible

Treasurer (Kimberly):

- Bank balance today is \$31,417.23
- Net income for 2016 was \$11,433.16
- Have no outstanding payables currently
- One outstanding receivable – Midget A jerseys totaling \$422.00
 - ❖ **ACTION** – to be discussed at next meeting when Marc is present as to how we go about collecting these funds?
- Like to offer credit card payment option to AAA families on registration night.
 - Kevin had approached Southdale CC explaining we were looking at this option, but that it is just for 1 evening a year, it was a lot of effort to open/maintain account and if they would be willing to assist us. Southdale said if we hold the registration evening at their facility they would consider the use of their machines for a fee and transfer the money to us.
- Credit card payment option would be made to AAA families only, and they would be advised of this option once their child has made the team and the first communication from Don or the coach was made.
 - If paying by credit card payment must be made in full.
- Bonivital will still assist families that require to pay in installments as an option with the following understanding;
 - Cash/Cheque only – payment can be made over 2 installments.
 - 1st payment - on night of registration (typically in May).
 - 2nd payment - to be made no later than the June 15th.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Kim will make this motion at board meeting when fees are set.

VP of Tournaments and Player Development (Jared):

- Will host the AA Mosquito City Playoffs in 2016
- Held a Bantam AA tournament in June 2016 that was a success, consider doing again.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – decide if this is what we want to do, need a leader and committee
- BV will likely be hosting a couple division of A City finals
 - ❖ **ACTION** – make a commitment to host, organize and be better prepared
- Would like to offer/run My First Pitch Clinic, supports Marc suggestion from his report.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – who is going to organize?
- Further to Kevin's report regarding Summer Baseball program – Initial thoughts is that running/organizing a summer program requires people for coaching and maintaining fields, as well as facilities/diamond availability. This type of commitment may not be able to be supported. Also possible that there may not be enough interest for that level of commitment. Suggest considering something in summer programming, but more along the line of camps. Day time camps, shorter duration, and can get BV older AAA players involved.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – make a decision shortly to move forward with ideas, if yes, put a committee together in order to organized and efficient.
- Grand Slam & Rally Cap – need a convenor. All documents are prepared, ready to be passes along. Easy transition. Jared cannot do this, convene mosquito, coach, etc.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Community Centre's with those age categories to look for recruits.

Past President (Terry):

- The next MBA Competition Meeting will be held at Portage la Prairie on February 16th at 6:30 pm at the CanadInn.
- The next MBA Coaches Association Meeting will be held in Portage la Prairie on February 24th in the afternoon.
- The SGM will be held on March 19th at 10:00 AM in the Holiday Inn Airport.
- The Coaches Convention will be held on April 7, 8 and 9th. This will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport as well and there will be Coaching Clinics on April 9th. Registration is taken through the MBA Office. This convention provides 3 PD Points for all coaches. The PD Points are required by all Certified Coaches each three years (they require 12 points over three years to hold their Certification). Certification is required for any Head Coach who would need to coach in a AAA Provincial, Western or National Event and any Coach who would need to Head Coach at a AA Western Event. This is the beginning of another three year cycle so if the coach has not acquired 12 points over the past 4 years (Canada Baseball allowed a extra year of grace because they made this rule active in the middle of the first three year cycle) A Certified Coach acquires only 1 PD Point (Professional Development Point) per year for coaching a team and this is one point only if you coach 1 or 15 teams for that matter.. If you do not have your required points you must recertify again which would mean you would need to complete your MED (Making Ethical Decisions) Practice Evaluation and Game Evaluation elements on your portfolio again. Your VP High Performance should be aware of this.
- MBA will be sending a 13U Select Team to the 13U AAA National in Repentigny Que this year. The Manager/Chef has been tentatively assigned and the coaches will be announced at the SGM in March. There will be three id camps, one each in Brandon, Portage and Winnipeg. The coaches will be travelling to events throughout the season as well to watch player and see how they perform. Players will need to register for one of the three camps which will be held on different days to show the interest required to be possibly chosen. More information will be coming from the Committee shortly. Players will be expected to travel to Westerns with their own club team first They will not be allowed to choose the National Event and discard their obligations to their own team due to any type of problem such as financial constraints.

- **Qualifier Dates:**

PeeWee "AAA"	Jul 21-23 2017	Brandon
Bantam "AAA"	Jul 21-23 2017	Winkler

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- **Provincial Dates:**

Mosquito "A"	Jul 7-9 2017	Reston
PeeWee "A"	Jul 7-9 2017	Swan River
Bantam "A"	Jul 7-9 2017	Seine River (Ile des Chenes)
Mosquito "AA"	Jul 14-16 2017	St. James
PeeWee "AA"	Jul 14-16 2017	Altona
Bantam "AA"	Jul 14-16 2017	La Broquerie
Midget "AA"	Jul 14-16 2017	Brandon
Midget "AAA"	Jul 20-23 2017	Winnipeg South
PeeWee "AAA"	Aug 4-6 2017	St. James
Bantam "AAA"	Aug 4-6 2017	Morden


- **Western Dates:**

Midget "AAA"	Aug 11-13 2017	Steinbach, MB
Junior "AAA"	Aug 11-13 2017	Brandon, MB
PeeWee "AAA"	Aug 18-20 2017	Spruce Grove, AB
PeeWee "AA"	Aug 18-20 2017	Kamloops, BC
Girls PeeWee Invitational	Aug 18-20 2017	Kamloops, BC
Bantam "AAA"	Aug 18-20 2017	Kamloops, BC
Bantam "AA"	Aug 18-20 2017	Kamloops, BC
Midget "AA"	Aug 18-20 2017	Kamloops, BC

- **National Dates:**

Baseball Canada Cup	Jul 29 - Aug 4 2017	Winnipeg, MB
Girls Bantam "AAA"	Aug 17-21 2017	Vaughan, ON
Midget "AAA"	Aug 17-21 2017	London, ON
PeeWee "AAA"	Aug 24-28 2017	Repentigny, QUE
Bantam "AAA"	Aug 24-28 2017	Summerside, PEI

- Girls 21U is on Aug 24-27 at Stonewall.

 **MOTION** - Kevin moved that all the above reports be accepted as presented, accepted by Glen, 2nd by Jared, passed.

Community Centre Reports (for those present):

Norberry-Glenlee (Mike):

- From tonight's meeting will look into Peewee diamond at both of their sites.

Winakwa (Clare):

- Working on acquiring more diamonds.
- Should have both Maginot diamonds
 - South Maginot diamond could be used for Bantam and Midget practices, Niakwa to start upkeep.
- Winakwa diamond beside Windsor Park Collegiate can possibly be added
- If needed, another Rally Cap diamond could also be made available.

Dakota (Luc):

- Using Burland, Geroge MacDowell and Burland – Dakota maintains facilities
 - Biggest complaint is no washroom facilities, but they are school properties, doors are locked.
- Umpire Clinic – ran one last year at Dakota, have booked again for this year, Sunday, April 2 from 8am-2pm.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – post Umpire Clinic information on Baseball Manitoba and Bonivital website. Luc to provide details.

✚ **MOTION** - Kevin moved that the above Community Centre reports be accepted as presented, accepted by Terry, 2nd by Glen, passed.

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✚ **MOTION** - Kevin nominated Wayne Sager as a VP, accepted by Glen, 2nd by Mike, passed.

Website Committee:

- The website is live, bonivitalbaseball.ca
- Share the site, include it on email correspondence, get the word out
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Dawn to notify Baseball Manitoba to add to their website
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Each Community Centre to include on their website if possible
 - ❖ **ACTION** – provide Kim with anything you would like on the website
 - ❖ **ACTION** – provide feedback, what is missing, etc.

Summer Baseball League – Jared addressed in his report, see above.

Registration Fees – Excluding the AAA program, fees will remain the same for 2017 season.

Tryout Dates and Times:

- Times have been booked with the University of Winnipeg SportPlex
- Marc, Wayne and Don to finalize exact times for age groups. Mosquito and AAA tryouts will be first
 - ❖ **ACTION** – Information to be provided to Kim within the week to be posted on BV website

Canada Summer Games:

- Begin July 28th, 2017. Will require many volunteers, possibly get a volunteer committee together once teams are formed, get the athletes involved where possible.

Age Convenors

- Like to see more involvement from the Community Centres
 - Like to have convenors known before the teams are picked
 - Potentially have an age convenor from CC to represent 11U, 13U, and 15U
 - Prefer if volunteer does not have a child in that age level.
 - ❖ **ACTION** – who is going to recruit for these?

Next meeting - Monday, February 13, location and time TBD

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm