

**Bonivital Minor Baseball Association**  
**Southdale Community Centre**  
**March 20, 2017**

**Attendance:**

Kevin Crellin, Clare Dickinson, Marc Bissonnette, Kimberly Teffaine, Luc Jubinville, Dawn Glays, Jen Ducharme, Terry Couvier, Wayne Sager, Mike Thompson, Curtis Ste. Marie, Allison Kennedy, Jared Hall, Brian Turner, Glen Agar, Don Neusitzer and Jamie Bates

**Regrets:**

Ken Goodwin

**Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

**Approval of minutes from last meeting (February 13, 2017):**

✚ **MOTION** - Kevin moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Accepted by Wayne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike, passed.

**Business Arising (ACTION items) from Minutes of February 13, 2017**

- My First Pitch – Jared & Bob will coordinate, date tbd, possibly last weekend in April
- Challenger Baseball – Kevin talked with Bobbi Bottle, will address more in his report.
- AAA jersey replacement – Dawn and Don worked together, jerseys ordered.
- No update on diamond status since last meeting
- Midget A jersey outstanding receivable – Marc will provide list of names to Kim who have not paid. Names will be cross referenced to registered players. If registered they will be contacted and advised that the money is outstanding and needs to be paid.
- AA jerseys – 2 sets of jerseys ordered for each AA age group.
- Umpire in Chief – waiting to hear if Phil is returning
- Umpire Assignor fees – Lynne is returning. Kim to find out how many games we arrange umpires for, to assess if we are compensating fairly.

**President (Kevin):**

Thank everyone for attending today's meeting and as you can see by the weather outside, we are getting very close to baseball season. Tryouts are 2 weeks away! Looking forward to hearing the tryout committee report.

- St Vital City councilor Brian Mayes April 5-6<sup>th</sup> meeting to be scheduled
  - Initial discussion was had and Brian is aware that as an association we need a large green space for a baseball complex, meeting to discuss if there are any city property available.
- Meeting about Whittier Park – Dino
  - There is an increase to the Whittier field fees, as indicated last year.
  - Due to a lottery policy change, there will no longer be bingos, this was a big part of keeping costs down

### President (Kevin) continued:

- Sat in on the Sport Development Committee Meeting March 19
  - DQ sponsoring Rally Cap – participants will be provided with shirts and hats from Dairy Queen
  - Tim Hortons sponsoring Grand Slam – will provide button up shirts for teams, no hats
  - Challenger baseball - Wpg South, St James – 9 players registered last year from our area
    - Like to get involved with this year, have some of the AA and AAA players participate. We just need to supply a diamond that is wheelchair accessible.
    - ❖ **ACTION** - invite Bobbi Bottle to a future meeting.
  - Mosquito Monster Mania April 29<sup>th</sup> – **ACTION** – Kim to put on website
  - Rogers June 30<sup>th</sup> National Baseball Day
    - As an association we should be a part of, perhaps can tie it in with hosting the City playoffs
  - 5 tools camp
    - Week long summer camps, for players aged 9-13, 15-20 players, organized and ran by Baseball Manitoba. Host sites are needed. To be a host site need 1 or 2 diamonds, and an indoor gym in case of inclement weather. Can choose any week that works for the community centre. No fee to host centre, and typically Baseball Manitoba pays the community centre a fee.
    - ❖ **ACTION** – Community Centres look into hosting a camp
- Baseball Manitoba AGM – March 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Team Manitoba Under 13 Provincial Team
    - 1<sup>st</sup> time sending a 13U team, any player 13U can tryout, do not need to have been on AAA team
    - Will be 3 ID camps; Winnipeg, Brandon and Portage, players must attend one, cost is \$30
    - If selected, to play on the provincial team, cost is \$1000
    - Player must play with their team in Westerns tournament then can go to Nationals.
    - If selected, player cannot be “picked up” for Westerns by another team.
- Funding Change.ca – need to put someone in charge
  - Is an online app for 50/50 fundraising. They manage all the lottery licensing and paperwork
  - All teams can participate
  - We decide how we want to manage, can be at a team level, age level, as an association. We also determine frequency of raffles (weekly, monthly, etc)
  - Distribution of money - 15% to admin, 50% winner, 35% decide as an association
    - ❖ **ACTION** – require somebody to organize

### VP of City (Marc and Wayne):

- 11U AA City Playoffs – July 1 & 2
  - Bonivital hosting 11U AA City Playoffs – we need a convenor
- 18U A City Playoffs – July 1 & 2
- 11U A, 13U A, 15U A City Playoffs – June 24 & 25
- 11U A playoffs – diamonds will need to have a pitching mound.
- Lynne Habeck will return as umpire assignor
- Mosquito Monster Mania April 29<sup>th</sup> at Little Mountain Park
  - Looking for umpires, need to supply at minimum 1 umpire for each team we submit
- Next City meeting is Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **VP of City (Marc and Wayne) continued:**

- Season starts Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for 11U A, 13U A and 15U A
- Coach meetings held at Burton Cummings Theatre
  - Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>
    - 11U AA – 6:30pm
    - 13U AA – 7:30pm
    - 15U AA – 8:30pm
  - Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>
    - 18U A – 6:30pm
    - 18U AA – 7:30pm

### **VP of Tournaments and Player Development (Jared):**

- My First Pitch – will be hosting
  - ❖ **ACTION** – set a date
- 5 Tools Camp – inexpensive and simple
  - ❖ **ACTION** – Have a couple Community Centres to get involved, book dates with Baseball Manitoba
- Roger's National baseball Day – June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ **ACTION** – get involved, tie in with AA City Playoffs, discuss/bring ideas to upcoming meeting (BBQ?)
- Bantam AA Tournament – will likely host again
  - ❖ **ACTION** – who is hosting, what date

### **Past President (Terry):**

- All provincial dates have been set, visit Baseball Manitoba website for dates.
  - Provincials dates are Friday to Sunday with the Monday added as a rain date, plan accordingly
- 18U AAA provincials is a 4 day event July 20-23. Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> is a rain day.
- Coaches Convention April 7-9<sup>th</sup>. Clinics, speakers, etc.

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

- Aaron Couvier is the successful applicant for the 13U Peewee AAA coaching position
- Baseball Caps for AAA are ready for pick-up
- Ordered home (yellow) jerseys for the 3 AAA teams from Keener Jerseys, a local firm, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The correspondence that I had from them, late last week, indicated that they would be ready the middle of this week. In my opinion these folks really wanted our business. I have been told by folks that I know in the sport apparel industry that the price we got for a jersey with pro-twill cresting front and back was a phenomenal price. I have passed on their contact information to Dawn.
- 🚩 **MOTION** – Don moved that any AAA player returning from out of province on or before July 25<sup>th</sup> will pay ½ the registration fee for that year PLUS the tryout fee for that year. Any AAA player returning from out of province after July 25<sup>th</sup> will pay ¼ the registration fee for that year PLUS the tryout fee for that year.
  - Accepted by Kevin, 2nd by Terry, passed

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


- Child Abuse Registry – we do not need to register annually as an association, no cost to association.
  - We have the forms and instructions. Can start handing out as early as tryouts, or distribute at the coaches meeting - tbd
  - Will review last year forms that were rejected/incomplete to avoid those errors again this year
  - All AA and AAA coaches must complete a check.
  - ID needs to be verified, before submitting form
- Kevin added that at the AGM information was given that the coach package would contain a letter regarding the recommended protocol for suspected concussions. Not a Baseball Manitoba policy, but a recommendation.
  - ❖ **ACTION** – look at adding this to Bonivital Baseball policies.

### **Registration and Branding (Dawn):**

- Preregistration for tryouts is ongoing, currently have the following – do not know if for AA or AAA tryouts
  - 11U – 38 registered, 13U – 32 registered, 15U – 23 registered, 18U – 8 registered
- Expect more that register and also walk-ups
  - ❖ **ACTION** – Community Centres to provide Dawn list of registered players, she can then cross reference the lists.
- Email was sent to potential evaluators, waiting for confirmation they can assist to ensure coverage
- AA jerseys ordered two per each age group.

### **Treasurer (Kimberly):**

- Bank balance today is \$31,310.73, GL balance is \$19,939.34.
  - A/P – AAA hats, AAA jerseys, rec plex, need to be paid
- One outstanding receivable – Midget A jerseys totaling \$422.00.
  - ❖ **ACTION** – Marc to get list of players from Taras that did not pay.
- As previously discussed will be accepting credit card payment for AAA.
  - ❖ **ACTION** – Allison to confirm with the office staff at Southdale that they are still okay to allow us to use their machine. Money would be transferred to our account less the fees. What credit cards are accepted?
- Attended the Competition meeting in Portage on February 16<sup>th</sup>, highlights included;
  - 11U A Provincials – 2017 pitching mounds are not required but recommended, in 2018 will be mandatory.
  - Coach Clinic – April 7-9<sup>th</sup>
  - Provincial host teams will play in qualifiers
  - Provincial dates – adding a rain day (Monday) to the schedule – plan for it (umpires, facilities, etc)
  - Umpires – “No Umpire Approach” – not adopted by Baseball Canada, Baseball MB ill look at it in future
  - 13 U Provincial team, see Baseball Manitoba website for more information
  - Recommended that coach names be provided to Baseball Manitoba before the roster deadline to ensure that coaches have their qualifications. If not, there is still time to get certification.

 **MOTION** - Kevin moved that all the above reports be accepted as presented, accepted by Terry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Glen, passed.

## Community Centre Reports:

### Champlain (Brian):

- Have registration numbers, numbers are down, expect some late registrants.
- Will be using same diamonds as last year.

### Southdale (Allison):

- Registration numbers are down

### Dakota (Luc):

- Registration is done, numbers are up. Could be because Greendell does not have a Rally Cap program.
- Hosting Umpire Clinic – have 20 registered for level 1 and 8 registered for level 2.
- Would like to see a Bonivital Baseball Day – mid-season (last Sunday of May?), all teams play locally, possibly a BBQ.
  - ❖ **ACTION** – CC's to see if they are possible host sites
  - ❖ **ACTION** – Wayne to check with scheduler

### Norberry-Glenlee (Mike and Curtis):

- Mike will be stepping away but still assisting Curtis.

### Glenwood (Jamie):


- Registration numbers consistent with last year just dispersed differently

### Winakwa (Clare):

- Maginot North - Fixing 18U diamond
- Maginot South – can be used for 11U practices
- Windsor Park Collegiate – can be used for 11U practice, and possibly for 13U practices (need to measure)

### Geendell (Ken):

- Absent – No report

 **MOTION** - Kevin moved that the above Community Centre reports be accepted as presented, accepted by Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jen, passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

### TRYOUT COMMITTEE and TRYOUTS (Wayne):

- Met for first time, a lot of progress made on drills, evaluators, evaluation sheets, expectations. Thanks to Terry for drills, floor layout and descriptions for evaluators.
- Until final numbers known, group sizes, number of evaluators cannot be finalized
- Kevin asked convenors to be present for the first tryout dates for both 11U and 13U if possible.
- If you have a child in the age group trying out, do not be on the field, observe from upstairs.
- Age advance – grand slam player can advance to 11U A, but cannot pitch in playoffs
- Age advance – no underage 11U AA
- Age advance – not allowed at 11U to 13U, 13U to 15U or 15U to 18U

## AGE CONVENORS

- New this year – have community centre convenors involved more once the season begins. Each age group would have a convenor. (Previously being done by one individual and is too consuming)
- Age convenor – would organize league, create schedules, attend coach meeting, work with Wayne/Marc, address all matters for the age group that come up throughout season
  - Rally Cap and Grand Slam - Southdale and Dakota have interested people, will work together
  - 11U (Mosquito) – Mike and Curtis
  - 13U (Peewee) – Dawn
  - 15U (Bantam) – Clare
  - 18U (Midget) - Luc

## TEAM HOST SITES

- Based on current numbers, could be changes once numbers are finalized
- 11U (Mosquito)
  - 1 x AAA
  - 2 x AA – Winakwa and NGCC
  - 1 x A – 2 x Winakwa, 2 x Southdale, 2 x Dakota, Champlain, NGCC, and Glenwood
- 13U (Peewee)
  - 1 x AAA
  - 2 X AA – Southdale and NGCC
  - 5 x A – Glenwood, Southdale, Dakota, Champlain, Greendell
- 15U (Bantam)
  - 1 x AAA
  - 2 x AA (TBD) – Southdale and Winakwa (Provencher)
  - 2 x A (TBD) – Dakota and Greendell
- 18U (Midget)
  - 1 x AAA – Whitter
  - 1 x AA (TBD) – Whittier
  - 1 x A (TBD) - Whitter
- Need to determine dates for team formation meeting.

**Next meeting** - TBD

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 9:43pm