

BONIVITAL BASEBALL – AGM
7:00 p.m. Winakwa Community Centre
October 16, 2017

Attendance

Kevin Crellin, Terry Couvier, Clare Dickinson, Dawn Glays, Marc Bissonnette, Glen Agar, Claudette Thibert, Kimberly Teffaine, John McLennan, Wayne Sager, Brad Miner, Allison Kennedy, Tom Thiessen, Jeffrey Norman, Jay Nolet, Manny DiGioia, Marc Pinchin, Peter Foulidis, Ward Gordon, Amy Perron, Jason Perron, Jodi Miner, Raj Santiago, Chris Chapman, Rory Kunderman

Regrets

Brian Turner (Champlain), Luc Jubinville (Dakota), Mike Thompson (Norberry/Glenlea), Jared Hall, James Bates, Ken Goodwin (Greendell)

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Confirmation of Delegates' Credentials and Roll Call

Quorum achieved.

Discussions were had about the proper clubs to be notified from each community club, regardless whether they have a team, of the AGM and what considers proper notice.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION by Tom Thiessen, Clare Dickinson second. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from 2016 AGM

Minutes from previous AGM not accepted.

Business Arising Out of Minutes

No business as not accepted.

Kevin – President's Report

Hard to believe another year has gone by. So proud of our organization. for everyone in this room, for all the volunteer hours that you all put in. We have accomplished so much to make baseball better in our community and for our players.

Accomplishments on the field are easy to measure and we have numerous that will be mentioned by VP High Performance and VP City. From AAA City champs to runners-up at Provincials and Westerns to AA undefeated seasons...from individual accomplishment of our players...from Victor on the

national team to numerous players on our provincial teams, plus the outstanding performance of our Canada Summer Games players.

At the A levels, when we take part in hosting leagues that offered the most games in over 5 years plus all-star game participation for the first time.

Our branding of our Bonivital teams, we are viewed as leaders as all our AAA and AA teams fall under the Bonivital name. Our website has the "WOW" and is full of information that was needed by our baseball community.

Our establishment of the "Field of Dreams" is the first step towards having funding available for upgrades on our fields for our teams. Next step is have that plan to have what other areas have, which would be a baseball complex that would host multiple fields and teams. Our financials are in great shape and the detailed info helps make the decisions that need to be made with supporting info.

Communication is so important – I know we have done our best to communicate on what we are about and what we are doing, but you can never communicate enough. It is my goal as we move forward that we continue to work on improving communication. We are all here to improve the game and experience for our players, too easy that gets lost. Also celebrating all of our achievements, too easy that gets lost, at the fault of no one. Other than our season, all happens in such a short time frame. All the best and looking forward to working with the new board!

Don – Vice-President High Performance

The Bonivital AAA program had yet again a very successful season.

Our AAA 13U team was very competitive under first year head coach Aaron Couvier. Aaron has indicated he will be back next year and looking forward to improving on this past season's record.

Our AM 15U team, coached by Jeff Bouchard, was the WABA champion in 2017. Jeff is also the coach of the 2018 Provincial Youth team and will not be back to coach this team next year. We wish Jeff the best of luck with the 2018 Provincial Youth team and hope to see him back in the dugout for Bonivital soon.

Our AAA 18U team, coached by Brett Harrison and Jared LeBleu, was very competitive in 2017. They finished second in WABA, second in the provincials and second in the Western Canadian Baseball Championships. Brett and Jared have indicated they will be back to coach this team next year.

Marc & Wayne – Vice-Presidents City

Wayne:

Good year as first time RRVSL & BV combined in A ball. AA ball in Mosquito and PeeWee won cities. Mosquito went undefeated in league and city play. Changes in days played for 2018 for A & AA divisions.

Marc:

Overall, the 2017 season was a good one for Bonivital Baseball. We had a total of 24 teams at the A and AA level. 2 AA teams at every level except at midget where we had only one, and all had a successful season. At the A level, we had 9 mosquito teams, 3 peewee, 3 bantam and 2 midget teams. A midget team losing in the city finals.

Mosquito 11U "AA" Red Sox – City Champions, Provincial Champions
PeeWee 13U "AA" Red Sox – 2nd in City, Provincial Champions
Bantam 15U "AAA" Black Sox – City Champions
Midget 18U "AAA" Black Sox – 2nd in City, 2nd in Provincial, 2nd in Westerns

At the Rally Cap, we had 21 teams and for the Grand Slam, we had 22 teams.

Some issues have been brought forward regarding the behaviour of some of our coaches and that is something that as a board we will need to address.

We were responsible for the Mosquito AA playoffs and it was a great success, thanks to Jared Hall and his group of volunteers.

Manitoba hosted the 2017 Canada Summer Games and the Baseball section was headed by our own Cal Hawley. I am happy to say that Bonivital was well represented on the silver medal winning team, but also on the volunteer side. Bonivital looked good there too!

Thanks to all our volunteers and coaches for a great season!

Glen – Policy & Infrastructure

Looking at facilities. Short on midget diamonds. Putting money aside to build a fund to build infrastructure.

Policy – looking at changes to make more flexible. Looking at having more volunteers. Need written policy to incorporate into by-laws to fall back on and use in situations, i.e. team selections, number of teams, discipline issues.

Dawn – Registration and Branding

Thank you to coaches for getting rosters in. Much smoother in 2017. Changes in branding – new supplier for jerseys. Keener jerseys used and will continue to use them. Branding with Home Run Sports need to be discussed.

Dakota is very appreciative of Dawn's job in organizing the tryouts and registrations.

MOTION made to accept VP reports for policy and high performance by Tom Thiessen and second by Don Neusitzer. Motion passed.

Kimberly – Treasurer's Report

\$11,364.07 net income for 2017. Surpasses goal of \$10,000.00. Formal business plan to be put together for "Field of Dreams". General ledger \$29,574.97. Bank balance \$31,929.97.

Total revenue is \$92,820.00.

MOTION made by Don Neusitzer and second by Clare Dickinson.

Umpire in Chief

Not present, no report given.

Resolutions – Constitution and By-Law Amendments

Three proposed changes:

1. Date of AGM change to third week of October. Better to change in order not to clash with Baseball Manitoba AGM. Better to have our AGM before theirs.

Motion made to replace 5.2 wording to move AGM from second Thursday in November to third week in October. Clare seconded. Dakota opposing any changes to constitution as members not provided sufficient notice.

Motion passed 3 for 1 against. Carried over.

2. Expand executive from three VPs to seven VPs.
3. Audited financial statements. Sense that we do not need audits and are wanting to save money. However, audits will be available if needed or asked.

These proposals can be dealt with at a separate meeting or at this AGM. Decided to call a separate meeting to deal with proposed amendments in order to review same carefully. First proposal passed, other two will be a special meeting of members of eligible voting delegates (community clubs).

Nominations and Election of Officers

Agenda amended to nominations for three VPs – city, high performance, registration & branding.

Potential to lose half of members because of only three VPs.

President, VP high performance, VP city, VP general, secretary, treasurer, umpire-in-chief

- i) President
Nomination for Tom Thiessen – declined
Nomination for John McLennan, seconded by Allison Kennedy – voted in
- ii) VP high performance
Jeff Norman – nomination – in by acclamation

VP city
Wayne Sager – letting his name stand – in by acclamation

VP general
Marc Bissonnette – letting his name stand – in by acclamation
- iii) Secretary
Claudette Thibert – nomination – in by acclamation

- iv) Treasurer
Kimberly Teffaine – letting her name stand – in by acclamation
- v) Umpire-in-Chief
No nominations – no one in position

Community Club Reports

Dakota – Luc Jubinville
Southdale – Allison Kennedy
Winakwa – Clare Dickinson
Champlain – Brian Turner
Greendell – not sure who it is
Norberry/Glenlea – check if Mike Thompson coming back

New Business

Don Neusitzer with Bonivital Baseball for 25 years and is stepping down. Thank you for years of hard work.

Dakota is questioning how is Bonivital going to deal with concerns in the future. Suggested that new board sit with the community clubs to discuss future dealings with clubs and BV. Dakota had questions in spring 2017 regarding governance and quorum at last AGM. Never received a response.

Question raised regarding Bonivital's involvement in recruiting kids to play ball.

Need three convenors to call special meeting to discuss proposed changes to constitution and by-laws.

Adjourned 9:08 p.m.