

MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018

Attendance

John McLennan, Kimberly Teffaine, Claudette Thibert, Jeff Norman, James Wright, Dawn Glays, Wayne Sager, Clare Dickinson, Brian Turner, Bob Sawchyn, Chris Chapman, Allison Kennedy, Glen Agar, Randy Atchison, Curtis Ste. Marie, Rob Sedgwick from Keener Sports (guest)

Absent

Kevin Crellin, Marc Bissonnette, Luc Jubinville, Jen Ducharme, Mike Thompson, Curtis Ste. Marie, Jared Hall, James Bates, Terry Couvier and Ken Goodwin

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by John to move Agenda. Dawn seconded.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of December 4, 2017

Not able to approve as quorum not reached at last meeting. No minutes done.

President's Report

There has been a whirlwind of activity since I have taken over as President.

The Saturday immediately following the AGM saw me at a Presidents' meeting for Winnipeg Minor Baseball. I was able to meet all the presidents from the Winnipeg area and absorbed as much info as I could without looking to glassy-eyed while trying to figure out who was who and from where.

I also tried to connect with as many of you as possible. You all let me know what was working and what wasn't. I appreciated all your candor and ideas. I will try to leave alone the things that have been successful and focus on the issues that need fixing.

November saw me driving through a snowstorm to Brandon for Baseball Manitoba's Semi-AGM where I attended committee meetings and voted on candidates for several contested positions for Baseball Manitoba's board. I was also able to network with many knowledgeable baseball folks from around Manitoba and came up with a few new ideas and possible solutions to issues that concern BV Baseball.

The Board meeting in December had a poor turnout due to a flu bug, colds and holiday functions but there was a good dialog with the people that did come out! I also had an informal cup of coffee with a city councillor about new and/or better facilities in BV.

Now it is time to get down to the nitty gritty of the 2018 baseball season and this is my wish list:

I would like to:

- see more volunteers from all community clubs be part of the board
- see a succession plan for key positions on the board
- have near perfect attendance from everyone involved as many hands make light work

- be able to establish a more flexible board that can adapt and expand/contract when necessary
- implement necessary policies and procedures in writing and practice
- start working on a facility in BV for Mosquito to Bantam and possibly Challenger Baseball, that other teams from Winnipeg and beyond look forward to playing on
- see all the community clubs have an incredible year in baseball
- have teams that foster competition, fun and high performance
- foster sportsmanship of the highest degree for players, coaches, officials and parents/guardians
- have a schedule for meeting facilities for a whole year in advance
- get agendas and meeting notices out **at least** 1 full week in advance

I know that I don't know a lot about what goes into planning and executing a successful baseball season, but I am willing to learn. I do know that with collaboration, flexibility, open minds, respect and all your individual and collective expertise that you bring to the table, BV will have an incredible year in baseball! Now, let's get it done!

Motion to accept president's report. Dawn seconded.

Discussions arising out of report:

- Concern raised re passing by-laws at board meetings.

Kimberly – Treasurer's Report

No change in finances since AGM.

Rob Sedgwick – Keener Jerseys (special quest)

Spoke to uniforms and hats.

Producer of jerseys for 2017 no longer doing jerseys. Looking to switch to an athletic knit. Faster delivery with new jerseys as Canadian company and easier to get to us. Same price point as previous jerseys with better quality and replication of pro teams.

Umpire-in-Chief Report

No report to give.

Community Club Reports

No reports to give.

Discussion Items

1. Approval of:

- i. Parents-Guardians Codes of Conduct
- ii. Players Code of Conduct
- iii. Coaches Codes of Conduct

These are the first step in the process. Still have to draft repercussions, manners in dealing with infractions, enforcement, etc. Hope to have these by next meeting.

- i. Will change clause to two hours before game time rather than one hour to approach coach with suggestion or concern in the parents-guardian code of conduct. Motion made to accept codes of conduct with change as noted above. Brian seconded. Motion passed.
- ii. Motion made to accept players code of conduct. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.
- iii. Motion made to accept coaches code of conduct. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

2. Changes to Constitution and By-Laws

A review of the current by-laws was had with suggested changes as per John's e-mail. Much discussion was had regarding finalizing/changing the current by-laws and many concerns were raised.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting February 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Norberry-Glenlea CC (Molgat Avenue location).