

MEETING MARCH 19, 2018

Attendance

John McLennan, Claudette Thibert, Kimberly Teffaine, Jeff Norman, Bob Sawchyn, Allison Kennedy, Randy Anderson, Mike Thompson, Dawn Glays, Wayne Sager, Brian Turner, Curtis Ste. Marie, Ken Goodwin

Absent

Kevin Crellin, Luc Jubinville, Jared Hall, Terry Couvier, Ken Goodwin, James Wright, Clare Dickinson, Chris Chapman, Randy Atchison, Jamie Bates, Marc Bissonnette

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Curtis to move Agenda. Wayne seconded.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of February 5, 2018

Motion made by Dawn to approve minutes. Curtis seconded.

President's Report

It's getting real close to the baseball season. I am starting to envision sitting in a lawn chair with a Slurpee and a bag of spits, enjoying a game of baseball on a warm summer night!

Before that happens though there is still a LOT of work to do. We have the AAA coaches and now we need AA and A coaches. Tryouts need to happen. AAA and AA teams picked. A teams formed and organized. Fields scheduled. Officials certified and scheduled. Baseball Manitoba anniversary projects coordinated. Bonivital Days organized. Etc, etc, etc.

THIS IS A VERY LARGE ENDEAVOR. We, as a Board, need all hands on deck and as many other hands as possible to pull everything off. I, along with the BV MBA Executive and friends of, are asking the convenors to find at least one person, and more if possible, to volunteer their time and efforts to assist in projects outside of the regular team functions. It shouldn't be hard, you are looking for someone like yourself that wants to contribute to the good of their community!

So, let's roll up our sleeves, get the work done and enjoy the fruits of our labour!

Let's make this a GREAT year for Bonivital Minor Baseball!

In partnership with The Canadian Women's Baseball Association and Toronto Girls Baseball, we are very excited to bring Manitoba Girls Baseball to the Brandon and Winnipeg this spring! Manitoba Girls Baseball is a development program for girls ages 4 – 12 who want to learn to play baseball, no experience necessary. Players learn the rules of the game and have fun while they're doing it. We provide all-female coaching, uniforms, awards and skills training to all girls regardless of their ability. They will also try to utilize women umpires.

Kimberly – Treasurer's Report

No report to give.

Vice-Presidents Reports

- **Jeff Norman – VP of High Performance**

- Discussions were had during the High Performance meeting on February 9 in Portage la Prairie. regarding fees remaining the same, except for Rally Cap of \$2.00/player.
- Umpire clinics are posted on the website.
- Rule changes were discussed regarding extra batter in AA and AAA in addition to designated hitter.
- Rules regarding thunder during games have been changed as per Baseball Canada and adopted by Baseball Manitoba, which have now been adopted. Play suspended with first sound of thunder and umpire will determine if play continues based on when next thunder is heard.
- Jersey costs and numbers were discussed for 2018 season. Jeff will prepare a AAA uniform policy, which will be presented and reviewed at the next meeting.

- **Marc Bissonnette – VP of Cities**

- All rally cap coaches need to do the initiation course.
- Suggested date for grand slam jamboree is June 9.
- Send the rally cap and grand slam numbers to Brenda at Baseball Manitoba as soon as possible. Deadline April 15.
- One coach per mosquito team must have My First Pitch course. Bonivital is hosting a My First Pitch clinic on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dakota Community Centre.
- Coaches convention for those interested (see Baseball Manitoba Website) April 6 – 8 in Portage la Prairie.
- 11UA 1 coach will be allowed on the field in defense. Make sure the umpires know that.

Umpire-in-Chief Report

No report.

Convenors' Reports

No convenors' reports.

John moved that all reports be accepted as written. Jeff seconded. All in favour. Motion passed.

Approval of:

- i. Player Transfer In/Out Policy
 - The Player Transfer In/Out Policy for AAA and AA baseball shall be a year-to-year policy to be voted on at the February or March board meeting. For 2018, the policy will be:

- The Bonivital Minor Baseball Association will allow a player who does not make the Bonivital AAA team to request a transfer out to another AAA team. If there is no other team that will accept said player, the player must return to BVMBA and play for a BVMBA AA or A ball team. If the player requesting a transfer out is granted a place on another AAA team the transfer is only granted for the period of that specific baseball season. To be considered for AA in BVMBA, player must participate in AA BVMBA tryouts.
- BVMBA has decided for the 2018 season to not grant any transfers into the jurisdiction for AAA or AA baseball.

Motion made by Ken to accept, seconded by Randy. All in favour. Motion passed.

ii. Fundraising Disbursement Policy

- From time to time opportunities to fundraise are brought forth from outside sources to BVMBA. In such cases, the opportunity will be offered to the team with the highest associated team fees. If said team declines the offer, it will cascade down the line until a team accepts the offer. The team working the fundraiser will claim 100% of the proceeds of the event.
- Ex: The Winnipeg Goldeyes offer BVMBA 2 nights for selling 50/50 tickets. One night will be offered to the AAA Midget team and 1 night to the AAA Bantam team. If one or both of those teams rejects the opportunity, the AAA Peewee team may take one or both of the nights.

Motion made by John to accept, seconded by Dawn. All in favour. Motion passed.

iii. Tournament Fee Policy

- The Bonivital Minor Baseball Association will allow any team wishing to enter into an age and skill level appropriate tournament to do so. The team entering into a tournament will be responsible for 100% of any and all associated fees including tournament fee, officiating, lodging, transportation and food. BVMBA will not be held fiscally responsible for any costs associated with a team entering into a baseball tournament.

Motion made to accept by Dawn. Seconded by Brian. All in favour. Motion passed.

Formation of Teams

Convenors are to e-mail Allison asap regarding what fields they have for Rally Cap and Grand Slam.

Formation of teams and host clubs are as follows:

- Mosquito A (8 teams)
 - Champlain
 - Winakwa x 2
 - Dakota x2
 - Southdale x2
 - NGCC

- Mosquito AA (2 teams)
 - NGCC
 - Winakwa
- Pee Wee A (4 teams)
 - Greendell
 - Glenwood
 - Southdale
 - Champlain
- Pee Wee AA (2 teams)
 - Southdale
 - NGCC
- Pee Wee AAA (1 team)

Age convenor: Curtis Ste. Marie (NGCC)

- Bantam A (3 teams)
 - Southdale
 - Dakota
 - Greendell
- Bantam AA (1)
 - Winakwa
- Bantam AAA (1 team)

Age Convenor: Claudette Thibert (Winakwa)

- Midget A (2 teams)
 - Whittier
- Midget AA (1 team)
 - Whittier
- Midget AAA (1 team)
 - Whittier

Age convenor: Clare Dickinson (Winakwa)

Next meeting – April 2 @ Norberry/Glenlea, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.