



# Leduc Baseball Association (LBA)

Regular General Meeting – July 15, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting

Location: Books Matter, Leduc

Attendance: Dan Mark Steve Wolbeck Reagan Huculak Kevin Tritten  
Tresa Vogstad Scott Dragon Trent Jones Dawn Miller  
Arminey Sveinsson Julien Savard Ashley Bourdeau

Recording Secretary: Dawn Miller

Call to order: 7:02p.m.

## 1. Welcome & Introductions -

1.1 Regrets – Brendan Z, Shawn O, Devon S, Heather F

## 2. Presentation & Adoption of Agenda

2.1 Additions/deletions/corrections:

Add 7.10- Challenger baseball

2.2 Arminey moves to accept the agenda as amended

## 3. Presentation & Adoption of Minutes

3.1 May 13, 2018

3.2 Dan moves to accept the minutes as presented.

## 4. Business arising from the minutes

- None at this time

## 5. Executive Reports

5.1 Presidents report – Kevin Tritten Nothing to report at this time

5.2 Vice-President – Devon Stout Nothing to report at this time

5.3 Treasurers report – Tresa Vogstad

Chq- \$72,712.77

Bingo - \$ 2993.73

Approximately \$16,000.00 in fees to be paid out to the city of Leduc for diamond fees yet.

5.4 Secretary – Dawn Miller Nothing to report at this time

## 6. Committee & Director Reports

6.1 Level Director Reports

a) Rally Cap – Julien Julien to create report with a motion/recommendation to present to the board in September in regards to the introduction to baseball program.

Julien moves to have the introduction to baseball program become a regular “level” or program offered by the Leduc Baseball Association.

Julien removes the above motion from the table.

Ashley & matt looking to take over for Julien when he leaves. They have received information about the position and further meetings with them to catch them up to date will happen over the summer. Contact information with will gathered for both Ashley & Matt.

- b) Rookie – Shawn Not in attendance, no report
  - c) Mosquito – Donnie Not in attendance, no report
  - d) PeeWee- Arminey Team 3 received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tier 2 division. She would like to talk further about restricting this level, (under 7.8). There is a concern of diamond use and practice scheduling. Better organization and communication is needed for the next season. Suggestion of possible on-line calendar to help with this process, but a main point person would still be needed. Also suggestion of level directors not evaluating and/or creating teams for their levels and there is the opportunity for other directors to evaluate and create teams. Indoor space for peewees was also an issue this year. It was agreed that this is a concern for all levels due to the growth of the organization. Suggestion of recruiting coaches earlier-this is being worked on by Steve.
  - e) Bantam – Trent Season went well. Had 3 teams this year for LBA. The issues with season schedule and practice schedule was echoed in this level also. There were 39 teams in the Bantam level for the league. A concern of higher ability teams playing against equal level to enhance the athlete experience and challenge the skills of the athletes was brought forward. With that many teams in the league, the short season, it was hard to be able to play all the teams, or a good portion of them to be able to have a proper standing going into the playoffs. Trent will do an official report to present to the board for September and Kevin can take the information to Baseball Alberta.
  - f) midget- Not in attendance, no report
- 6.2 AA/competitive program – the season is 2/3 done. So far everything is good to date.
- 6.3 Registration there were 495 athletes registered for this year. Refunds were issued for the rally cap level for those that entered the introduction to baseball level. A breakout of costs for each level will be available for the September meeting.
- 6.4 Equipment/Procurement – Reagan – Still looking for some equipment to be returned from the house league season. 70% of the equipment has been returned to date. Reagan to send email to return the rest of the equipment. August/September agenda- add 2<sup>nd</sup> portable pitching mound.
- 6.5 Communications- Heather Not in attendance, no report
- 6.6 Marketing/sponsorship- Scott Brewhouse will give every team a free pizza party for the kids, adults that accompany have to pay for their own food. This will be kept in mind for the AA year end and the teams for next season. Any “sponsorship” as in donation or signs would have to go through corporate head office. As far as signage, waiting for a cheque from MNP, CE media is now a no, waiting to hear back from Caldwell banker. Some existing signs need to come down
- 6.7 Coaching – Steve Coaches manual is a work in progress. It will probably be customized for each level. More work will be done in the off season. No complaints about coaches or from coaches.
- 6.8 Facilities- Not in attendance, no report

- 6.9 Female program-Brendan not in attendance, no report
- 6.10 Bingo- Heather Not in attendance, no report

7. New Business

- 7.1 review/update of wording for website- to be discussed under 7.9
- 7.2 Casino & Casino advisor – LBA has a bingo on December 21 & 22. Tresa working to getting a bingo advisor.
- 7.3 Leduc Sports Hall of Fame – Dawn did a draft letter for silent auction donation items. Kevin has approved it and it needs to be sent to Christine at the City because it has the city logo on it. Once letter is finalized, it will be sent to each director to hand out for items. The executive will meet after this meeting to organize volunteers for the event.
- 7.4 Strategic, retention & growth planning. – A meeting for August 25 has been set. The meeting will be from 10:00-2ish with a lunch. Dawn to book a room at the LRC and organize lunch.
- 7.5 RBI program – this item to table for a report at the next meeting. Devon submitted application for LBA to become RBI certified.
- 7.6 update with 50/50 with the oilers- this will not be possible for LBA to be a part of. The oilers organization requires that 50/50 seller organizations be registered as a charity.
- 7.7 Evaluation & special requests policies – to be discussed with 7.9
- 7.8 Restructuring of Peewee & Bantam - Talked about teams that are playing at a higher skill level playing against same “level” teams and vice versa. Also about tiering teams within LBA at each level. It was mentioned that this had been done before within LBA and did not work well. The object of putting a good mix of skill level on each team is to enhance the skill level and experience of all players. Also, the CUB league has agreed to make equal playing teams and do away with tiers/rating/stacking teams. There is an opportunity to promote the “A” team for each level for those athletes that want a more competitive game. As discussed before and currently being worked on, an option to “check a box” on the registration form should be available for the “A” provincial teams. Also there is a need to better organize how each team in the league plays against the other teams so that in the finals, the placement/rating of teams is fair and representational of the season and abilities.
- 7.9 Policy Committee – Dawn has requested that a policy committee be formed. Purpose of committee would be to create policies, review existing, update existing etc. and bring the draft pieces of policy to the board for approval. Kevin, Reagan and Dawn have volunteered for this committee so far. A terms of reference needs to be created for the committee.
- 7.10 Challenger program- Dawn brought up the idea of LBA creating a challenger baseball program. Dawn to look further into this and bring information back to the September meeting.

8. Meetings & Adjournment

- 8.1 Next LBA meeting: August 25, 2018 @ the LRC (strategic planning meeting)
- 8.2 Adjournment 8:47p.m. pm by the chair

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President, Kevin Tritten

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Secretary, Dawn Miller

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Date accepted