



SHERWOOD PARK MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 7, 2016
7:00 PM

Present: Mike Ewaskiw, Angela Bayduza, Cindy Lovie, Richard MacLeod, Paul Pieschke, Marc Teierle, Adrienne Labonne, Tara Macdonell, Darren Anderson, Ken Sparks, Sheri Teierle, Stephanie Parker

Absent: Rick Bourne, Jon Fitzgerald, Coleten LeBlanc, Angie Paddy, Mark Glockzin, Christine Scheetz, Derek Pollard, Kevin Aitkin, Joanne Brunner, Lorie Matiowsky, D'Arcy Shade, Corrie Davis, Tammy MacDougall, Real Dechaine, Beverley Killoran

AGENDA

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM

- Chaired by M.Ewaskiw, minutes recorded by A.Bayduza

2. Approval of agenda

- approved unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting

- approved unanimously

4. Approval of Slate for 2017 Board of Directors

- Review of the slate and election process (refer to SPMBA Bylaws 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9)
- Submission of slate to the Board (see Appendix A) and reviewed
- **MOTION** by D. Anderson, seconded by A.Labonne to approve the presented and proposed 2017 Board of Directors for ratification at the 2016 AGM. Approved unanimously.

5. Calendar Updates

- a) Forward all dates associated with departments to A. Bayduza ASAP to get onto the association 2017 calendar (have only heard from the Rep Director and Outgoing Raffle Director thus far)
- b) AGM: November 18th, Upper Hall (Doors open 7 PM; 7:30 AGM; Awards Banquet 8:30 PM)
 - A.Bayduza will be sending out a volunteer sign up sheet for this meeting shortly
 - **Outstanding Action item: Tabled for next meeting:** update on when the annual planning meeting will take place in December that will be combined with a Christmas social.
 - * All outstanding action items list, Outstanding Action Log – 2017, circulated to Board members

6. Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer's Report A. Labonne
 - **Outstanding Action item: Tabled for next meeting:** report on use of phone lines and whether or not to keep lines in the basement of log cabin; paying \$140/month to have 2 separate phone lines; look into consolidating into one line to reduce costs .

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- **Outstanding Action item: Tabled for next meeting:** possible options for reducing bank fees tabled for next meeting.

- auditors will be finishing up the auditing of the Assoc books this week and reporting at AGM; Christmas Tree fundraiser has begun and volunteers have already stepped up for this; Discussion regarding budget and accounting of Doc Plotsky budget; current balance here at ~\$6500 (see Doc Plotsky item 7k below)

NEW ACTION ITEM: Add item line for post season support on Doc Plotsky Financial Accounting on the 2017 Budget Draft

MOTION by D.Anderson, seconded by M.Teierle, to accept treasurer report as presented. Approved unanimously.

b) House League Report

Cindy Lovie

- **ACTION ITEM: Tabled for planning meeting:** M.Ewaskiw working on an update proposal to change to the policy that will attend to a suitable alternative in situations where directors are also coaches of teams and how the conflict resolution process will apply in these situations.

- Survey questions were sent to L.Matiowsky regarding survey to last season HL coaches to get their feedback related to the support they received last year, to see who might be interested in coaching development sessions, and what they would like to see so that it would be of value for them to be there; dates and spaces (classroom and field on same nights) for these possible coaching enhancement sessions.

- **NEW ACTION ITEM:** L.Matiowsky to get this survey out to the HL coaches from last year (whether we know they are returning or not) and previous year coaches that did not return as well.

- HL Committee is currently brainstorming and looking at ways to more fully support our HL coaches in training and to also get to the coaches earlier in the season; trying to make the community program be bigger than just 8 weeks; looking at culture and changing how the board views HL coaching; bringing balance and equity between the focus, support, and training placed on both HL and Rep coaching; trying to bridge the gap of how differently rep coaches are prepared and supported in comparison to how HL coaches are prepared and supported before and during the season; currently looking for facilities to run coaching support and development sessions; also strategize on how to get coaches to attend these sessions; brainstorming on ways to accomplish this (send ideas)

c) Rep Program Report

Corrie Davis

- work has started on documenting the tryout process; trying to get together with the VP Rep; tryout dates are still being worked on; nothing to change really to the webpage; will be starting small; will have some information regarding .

- **Outstanding Action item: Tabled for next Meeting:** to continue to update, document, and share the tryout process for increased transparency

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- question posed to the rep committee: why do we attend tournaments in BC? they don't support us or attend our Doc Plotsky; possible to look into ab/sask/mb (2 midget aaa tournaments already listed on BA, and 1 under 155)?
- Response by Rep Committee members in attendance: typically we've gone because of calibre of play is higher at the BC tournaments, play a variety of teams, and families have liked making a holiday of these trips; Prince George is also a BC team that frequently, almost every year, that attends our Doc Plotsky; Calgary Summer Slam as possibility

d) President's Report

Mike Ewaskiw

- AGM Items / Volunteer Schedule for meeting will be out soon; keep an eye out for it
- Powerline League; have wanted for a number years to have a senior midget program; team will register with us, use our jerseys and facilities, fundraise with us, and grows our program (team of 18 players); will have to work out budget, registration costs, and will base registration costs on the budget calculated
- Discussion re: new concession building; no decisions need to be made currently; Mike met with an architect regarding a new bldg. for concessions between the SH diamonds; drawings currently being worked on
- Discussion re renewing support staff contracts for 2017; all three positions are interested in coming back and continuing their work with the assoc. (office worker, log cabin coordinator, bookkeeping); discussion regarding reviewing the responsibilities of the support staff positions and taking some work of some of these positions back to board member positions, particularly during registrations in the month of April.
MOTION by C.Lovie, seconded by M.Teierle to renew the 2017 contracts of our support staff (office worker, log cabin coordinator, bookkeeping), with duties to be reviewed by the AGM. Approved unanimously.

NEW ACTION ITEM: Meeting with and between Registrar and Office Worker to re-establish and rebalance responsibilities by the AGM to discuss overlap in registration duties.

- Website upgrades: server is currently down and getting worked on; should be up in the next day or so; M. Ewaskiw working with R.Bourne to get generated list of registered emails and Email Distribution
- Discussion related to the little response back from the Board to Mike's email re planning meeting topics and ideas; get these to Mike as soon as possible
- CP North meeting; sometime between now county will announce rezoning of this area; will still have contract and will get extension letter on this letter; Bremner issue came up at this meeting and planning for that area

7. Operations / Committee Reports

a) HL Uniforms Report

Angie Pady absent

- no report

b) Rep Uniforms Report

Tammy MacDougall absent

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- no report

- c) Equipment Report Kevin Aitkin absent
- tabled for next meeting
 - Return status update
 - Year end inventory update
- d) Facilities Report M.Ewaskiw for Mark Glockzin absent
- See President's report above re: Update on County Contract
 - SH Bull Pens will be done in the spring
 - SH#5 Dugouts (install / fencing) in the spring as well
- e) Umpire Report M.Ewaskiw for Coleten LeBlanc absent
- Umpire clinics booked for end of March (end of Spring Break) at Millenium place
- f) Registrar Report Stephanie Parker
- Registration Dates: Tues Jan 10, 5-8 PM; Jan 21, 9-3:30 AM, Tues Feb 7, 5-8:30PM, Sat Feb 25 9-4 PM; Rep Program still trying to finalize dates but Feb 7 will be cut off registration date for rep players; mall wide registration date TBD; considering having a registration date in March after mall wide date; discussion of absolute cut off of April 1 as we had a lot (~65) after our mall wide registration date last season. Will publish a date of April 1 for a firm registration cutoff date, but with some flexibility here in extenuating (e.g., short players on a team, etc...): NO post dated cheques will be accepted this year; will be carrying on with late fees this year as well for those who miss the registration deadline of April 1

NEW ACTION ITEM: L. Matiowsky to talk with SP News to get a news article into the paper informing community about our Winter Camps (history, dates this year)

- getting another credit card, debit machine for February and March registration dates (~\$70 month cost to the Assoc)

- **Tabled as an Agenda Item for the Planning Meeting:** Discussion as to whether or not to include another option on our registration form for "volunteering" to make back their \$100 fundraising fee (e.g. this year our casino, Doc Plotsky shifts; donations in kind)

- g) Camps/Clinics/Fall Ball Report Sheri Teierle
- community and performance camp dates set and will forward those dates to Secretary and Webmaster; community 2 hour session 2 times a week; will not be an academy style camp; a more academy style camp also created as a performance style of camp; will not delineate between HL and Rep; 3 day a week camp; registration will drive the number of camps; quality coaching at both styles of camps; same head instructor on both styles of camps tailored by registration and numbers; trying to not differentiate between HL and Rep; starting January (10 weeks community; 11 weeks performance) and registrations to be up ASAP; budget still being worked on and will get to the board through emotion

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- looking at April dates for divisional practices

NEW ACTION ITEM: S.Teierle to forward camps dates to secretary and webmaster for posting

- h) Communications Report M. Ewaskiw for Lorie Matiowsky absent
- any submissions should be in word or pdf; any attachments send links
 - camps are in the winter guide
 - community signs will be up first week of December

- i) Sponsorship / Fundraising Mike Ewaskiw
- Casino update: SPMBA is in the q3 section for our casino in 2017 (july-sept)
 - Raffle motion; Adrienne & Mike to sign raffle application; Hand in date for raffles will be June 26th
 - **NEW ACTION ITEM:** M. Ewaskiw to look into how to Update of bylaws- bylaws updated to have an opt out option included in the by laws according to the AGLC.

MOTION by S.Parker, seconded by P.Pieschke, for SPMBA to authorize S.Parker to submit a raffle license application to the AB Gaming and Liquor Commission for the 2017 Season Raffle Fundraiser. Approved unanimously.

- j) Concession Report M. Ewaskiw for Beverly Killoran absent
- Pickle ball tournaments in July; will meet regarding use of facility to accommodate

- k) Doc Plotsky Report Cindy Lovie
- sub committee has been formed and has met twice and begun a conversation about revisioning and refocusing what they would like to see their tournament look like and what they hope to get out of their Doc Plotsky tournament; consensus is it will not be bigger but better; will be looking at ways to get AAA teams to come; registration for the tournament will be up and ready to go at beginning of January 2017; discussion as to why there is such a large sum of money being carried over from year to year; important to keep this on the radar for this committee in that this sum of money is important in the case of a rain out in any given year

7. **Baseball Alberta Report** Mike Ewaskiw
- AGM is Nov 26; the assoc gets one free ticket; current

8. **New Business and/or Business Arising**
- discussion regarding why Rep survey went out so late and came down so quickly off the website; #s down significantly this year; revisit going back to paper pencil surveys rather than online survey; must get the survey up sooner and keep up longer

9. Next Board Meeting – November 21 at 7 PM

10.Meeting Adjourned 9:20 PM

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APPENDIX A

SLATE OF DIRECTORS FOR ELECTION AT 2016 Annual General Meeting

The following slate of new nominees and returning directors needing re-election was approved at the November 7, 2016 meeting of the SPMBA Board of Directors and is presented for membership approval at this year's AGM:

New nominees for election to the SPMBA Board for Year 1 of Term 1:

Jen Sharp
Brittany Watson
Kevin Clelland
Real Dechaine
Paul Pieschke
Dave Carkner
Tyler Bourne
Lorie Matiowsky
Andrew MacGillvary

Returning Directors needing re-election:

Cindy Lovie
D'Arcy Shade
Tara Macdonell
Kevin Aitkin
Beverley Killoran
Sheri Teierle

FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

The following is a list of **RETURNING** directors who are not in need of re-election and is presented here for information purposes only. The names below are NOT part of the slate being presented for approval at this year's AGM:

Marc Teierle
Corrie Davis
Angela Bayduza
Jon Fitzgerald
Derek Pollard
Ken Sparks

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Darren Anderson
Stephanie Parker
Tammy MacDougall

The following is a list of **RETIRING** directors:

Mike Ewaskiw
Rick Bourne
Richard MacLeod
Angie Pady
Adrienne Labonne
Mark Glockzin
Coleten LeBlanc
Joanne Brunner

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