



Youth
Development
Basketball



**ST. ALBERT SLAM BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SERVUS PLACE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011
7:00 PM**

Attending:

Denise Budney
Mike Shewchuk
Marvin Dobish

Paul Looker
Dan Hurlburt

Pat Sullivan
Arden Spachynski

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Arden called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm

2. APPROVAL OF 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

- **Moved: Denise Budney**
- **Seconded: Paul Looker**

3. ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Moved: Mike Shewchuk**
- **Seconded: Pat Sullivan**

4. OLD BUSINESS

- **REVISIONS TO SLAM POLICY MANUAL**
 - ⇒ Arden reviewed the suggested changes to the Policy Manual. Refer to the Highlights of Changes to SLAM Policies – November 2011
 - ⇒ Mike Shewchuk asked if we could access any other community organizations policy manuals
 - ⇒ **Action: Pat Sullivan to provide Arden with a copy of the St. Albert Minor Baseball Associations Policy Manual**
 - ⇒ **Action: Arden to check with other EYBA Community Coordinators for copies of their Policy Manuals**
 - ⇒ **Action: The Policy Manual will be reviewed by a committee of Arden, Marvin and Bruce Schell for presentation at the 2012 AGM in April**
 - ⇒ **Action: Review Committee to forward Policy Manual to Shelley Blackburn for her review**

- **TECHNICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT**
 - ⇒ The Technical Director was not in attendance at the meeting
 - ⇒ The Technical Director did provide a proposal to Arden back in September
 - ⇒ The Technical Director to attend team practices if teams cannot attend skills sessions
 - ⇒ **Action: Executive to meet with Technical Director following the 2012 AGM to formalize an agreement for the 2012-13 season**

- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROPOSAL**
 - ⇒ Arden circulated a draft proposal for a Club ED Business Case
 - ⇒ SLAM will continue to review the feasibility for an Executive Director based on the elections, appointments and state of the Club coming out of the 2012 AGM. An update to be provided at the AGM
 - ⇒ The current registrar (Paul) has expressed an interest to continue in this position for the 2012-13 season

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **FINANCIAL REPORT**
 - ⇒ Dan provided an overview and update of the 2011-12 financial report
 - ⇒ Projecting a \$3000 operating surplus for the current season and a \$15,000 overall carryover to the 2012-13 season
 - ⇒ The 2010-11 financial statements have been audited
 - ⇒ **Action: Dan to present the 2010-11 Financial Statements for approval at the 2012 AGM**

- **REGISTRAR REPORT**
 - ⇒ Paul reported that we have 276 registered players for the 2011-12 season and that is down from 301 last year
 - ⇒ A report is available with a breakdown of registrations

- **PRESIDENTS REPORT**
 - ⇒ Arden reviewed his report as was circulated at the meeting

- **OPERATIONAL ITEMS REPORT**
 - ⇒ **REVIEW OF BANTAM & MIDGET PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS**
 - Neither the Coordinator or Technical Director were in attendance to bring forward a report
 - There was discussion and concerns expressed that SLAM is not looking at the "entire picture" of an athlete when they are attending the tryouts rather than what is just happening at the actual tryout

- New members of the Club are taking potential spots of long-term members in reference to the B/C teams. There does not seem to be a concern over the selections to the A team
- **Action: Arden to meet with Reid over the process**

⇒ **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT MODEL**

- No report

⇒ **DIVISION COORDINATORS UPDATE**

- Mike reported on the Juvenile program that there are 2 boys and 2 girls' teams this season
- The season concludes November 26th
- Teams are currently under-achieving
- Mike suggested that SLAM look to increasing the roster sizes for the juvenile teams to 15 athletes per team due to all of the obligations of these athletes to ensure that we have enough players attending practices and games
- Mike suggested that 2 practices per week be allocated to these teams
- Mike suggested that SLAM look to improve our relationship / dialogue with all of the high school programs for both basketball / volleyball
- **Action: Policy Review Committee to amend the policy to have 15 athletes on SLAM juvenile teams**
- **Action: Reid to address concerns of no Paul Kane boys in the SLAM program with Rick Stanley**

⇒ **PRACTICE GYMS UPDATE**

- Denise reported that with the juvenile season ending that there will be some practice gym allocations that will be adjusted
- No other significant concerns at this time
- **Action: SLAM to bring forward a list of concerns / issues when it is time to meet with the City of St. Albert to negotiate gyms for the 2012-13 season.**

⇒ **EYBA UPDATE**

- Arden provided a verbal report and highlighted items in his written report.

- Player transfers are an ongoing issue for the EYBA
- EYBA ED contract is up for renewal
- **2012 BASKETBALL ALBERTA PROVINCIALS UPDATE**
 - ⇒ Will be held March 16-17 in Edmonton with the GO Centre, Harry Ainlay and Louis St. Laurent being the venues
 - ⇒ SLAM will send as many teams that we can to participate
 - ⇒ GO Centre Passes can be picked up at the main desk
- **POSSIBLE SPRING CASINO**
 - ⇒ SLAM has not received notification from the AGLC on details for a pending spring casino
 - ⇒ Dan advised that he may have someone that will take on the organization of the casino
- **2012 AGM**
 - ⇒ **EXECUTIVE VACANCIES**
 - Include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinators, Gym Coordinator
 - **The Club is approaching major cross-roads in terms of a succession plan to have new volunteers take on executive and board positions.**
 - ⇒ **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL**
 - A date has not yet been finalized. More information to follow.

6. ADJOURNMENT – 8:50 pm

- **Moved Denise**
- **Seconded Mike Shewchuk**