

Elk Point Minor Ball Club General Meeting
April 29, 2024, Horizon Room, AG Ross Arena, Elk Point AB

In attendance: Dennell Anderson, Brianne Greening, Katelynn Caron, Terri Bannister, Yvette Franklin, Matt Kelly, D'Arcy Evans, Margaret Bayduza

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Dennell at 7:35 pm.

Approve Agenda

Add honorarium, secretary

Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Brianne, seconded by Yvette. Carried.

President's Report

We had a few league changes for the league. The Lakeland League is working toward setting up its own governing body instead of associations taking turns running it.

Treasurer's Report

Year end financial statements were presented.

Motion to approve the 2023 year end financial statements. Moved by Margaret, seconded by Brianne. Carried.

Casino Application

We would like to apply for a casino license. Currently there is a 4 year wait between casinos for groups assigned to Camrose. Casino proceeds could be used for major projects like replacing shale on the diamonds.

Motion to apply for a casino license for Elk Point Minor Ball. Moved by Brianne, seconded by D'arcy. Carried.

Website

Our website is now live at EPMB.ca. It will be synced to the league website so all league games will come over to our calendar and to RAMP team app if you use it. We will be posting information on the website, so please check it regularly or if you have questions about something. The website has executive contact information, a classifieds section, and a volunteer section that we may use for sign ups.

Team Communication Apps

Ramp has a team communication app that syncs to our website (so it downloads calendars, players). Cost is \$25 per team.

Team Snap has a business package that is \$700-\$900 that has features Dennell would like and includes team accounts.

Discussion of the relative merits. We will make a decision about this for next season.

Motion to reimburse managers up to \$25 for the RAMP Team App or Team Snap. Moved by D'arcy, seconded by Kelly. Carried.

Hats/Uniforms

In the past, EPMB got sponsorships for hats. For the past few years, we have not received that sponsorship (poor economy). Hats cost us \$35/hat. Discussion of sponsorships.

Motion that there will be a \$20 charge for hats beginning with the 2025 season. Players must have a team hat, but they are not required to purchase a new hat every year if their hat is in good condition. Moved by Margaret, seconded by Kaitlyn. Carried.

Pumas required equipment list on our website needs to be updated. D'arcy will revise and send to Margaret to be posted.

Some jerseys are getting old and worn/frayed. We need to begin replacing jerseys. This is where we would prefer to focus sponsorships if we had any.

Umpires Needed

If you know anyone - 14 or older, recruit them. EPMB will reimburse the umpire course fee. Elk Point has basic umpire supplies available for our umps, but someone who is interested in umping might want to invest in their own equipment.

There is a baseball umpire clinic in Cold Lake on May 4. This is the last one that will be available locally.

If someone takes the umpire course, please let Dennell know so she can add them to the umpire list. Send receipt for fee to elkpointminorball@gmail.com

50/50 Cash Raffle

We are asking for players to sell \$150 of tickets or families to sell \$250.

We can take offline sales. There is a form on the website. Offline sales must be paid in cash or via e-transfer, and ticket purchaser information will still be entered into Rafflebox for the electronic tickets.

If anyone did not receive their "In Support Of" link for their player, text or email Margaret (preferably email from the account where you want the link sent). You can also request that all siblings be put together in the same link.

Volunteer Requirements

Discussion of how to manage the volunteer requirement. Decision was made to assign points for volunteer jobs, with a requirement of 100 points per player.

Head Coach - 100 points

Manager - 100 points

Assistant Coach - 50 points

Booth worker - 10 points per hour scheduled

Diamond maintenance after games & practices - 5 points per game or practice:

- raking batter box & bases

- pulling weeds (infield)

Scorekeeping & Pitchcounting: 5 points per game

Whipper snipping diamonds (fences/bleachers) - 20 points per diamond

- done around the end of May - check with Dennell if it needs to be done more than once

Setting up a diamond for a game - 10 points (check with Dennell/Doug if help is needed.

This will include prepping diamonds before each game when hosting a tournament)

Volunteer coordinator - 100 Points

Booth coordinator - 100 points

Equipment manager - 50 points

Canada Day:

- Arena booth workers - 10 points per scheduled hour

- Dunk tank

 - Dunkee - 10 points per slot (usually 20 min)

 - Line & seller - 10 points per scheduled hour

- Skills competition TBD - probably 10 points per hour

Special projects (e.g. painting dugouts, spring clean up, etc) TBD as the need arises.

No point value was assigned for executive positions at this time, as none of the executive has a child playing ball in Elk Point this year.

A suggestion was made to split the volunteer & fundraising cheques and increase the amount of the bond. We will look at this for next season.

Fees

Every year we have a high number of late registrations. We have to enter our teams into the league in early April, and there are penalties for late entry or late withdrawal. It is very difficult to make decisions about teams when registrations aren't in. It was noted that hockey charges a \$200 late registration fee after June 30. Suggestion to increase

fees across the board and then offer a discount as an incentive for early registration. We had a late start this year, but registrations will open in February next year.

Motion to increase all fees by \$50 beginning in the 2025 season. An early registration discount of \$50 will be available until March 15. Moved by D'arcy, seconded by Brianne. Carried.

AGM Timing

Discussion of best time to hold our AGM. It should be late enough in the fall that all bills and reimbursements have been submitted and can be included in our year end financial statements, but prior to the January league planning meeting. There is some concern that it will be difficult to fill positions that early if people don't know if their children will be playing the following spring. We will aim to hold our AGM in November.

Honorarium for Non-Parent Coaches

We reimburse for all required and recommended coach courses (e.g. Respect in Sport coach, Community Coach).

We sometimes have coaches who volunteer who do not have any children playing in minor ball. These coaches put in hours of time and travel around the league for games. Both of our 18U and U18 head coaches this year are former players who do not have children in ball, and we are looking outside the association to try to find a coach for the U13 team because no parent wants to take on that job. We would like to offer an honorarium to those coaches who are pure volunteers.

Motion to pay an honorarium to coaches who are not related to a player in the amount of \$400 for a head coach and \$250 for an assistant coach. Moved by Brianne, seconded by Kaitlyn. Carried.

Clarification - coaches may opt out of the honorarium and take the volunteer points instead to apply them to a player.

Secretary

The executive position of Secretary has been vacant for a number of years. Brianne volunteered to fill the position.

Brianne Greening is appointed as Secretary.

Adjournment

Dennell adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.