

Camrose Softball Association Meeting
Provincial Building
Nov 14th, 2023

Attendees: J Riopel, L Enzenauer, S Bird, C Bird, L Herder, K Schafer, S Nordstrom, J Mulloy, K Schneider, M Zimmer, K Blackman, K. Bugge

Missing: A Blades, B. Lundy, K Nantias, M Nantias, N Bratrud, R Galenza

Call to order 6:32pm

1. August Minutes

- Reviewed by Chair
- Approval of August minutes- Shannon

Second-Ken

2. AGM Minutes

- Reviewed by Chair
- Approval Of AGM-Shannon

Second- Ken

3. Review of Action Plan

- City/School fencing issue, quotes for fencing, coaching clinic, jersey replacement, HSC batting cage is available for rental, (pitching camp is being run from this location), board appreciation meal ideas, fall tryouts etc.

4. Role Descriptions

- Chair distributed role review descriptions for members.
- Ken to write policy on term durations/ number of board members etc.

5. Provincial hosts

- Applications are open for all levels

6. Canadian and Westerns

- Teams will be required to hold a \$2000 bond for interest in Canadians/Westerns. Canadians fee is \$850, Westerns is \$50.
- Shannon will make a motion to cover the bond cost for Canadians and Westerns, Lyndsey Second, All in favor. Passed.

7. Comp Diamond

- Quote was \$6100- bill was \$11,000+ for fencing at Comp Diamond. Labour will be donated and Chris has sent an email to the City regarding the miscommunication in using new versus old fencing. CAS Board did not approve the quote for new fencing.

8. Signing Authority

- Motion to add Kim and Kaitlyn for signing authority by Chris, Kara Second.

9. Book Audit

- Kara discussed the options of having the books being audited. Options of having two people auditing the books or to have an accountant do them to alleviate the issues of having one person/responsibility and or availability. Jordan motioned to have Jes Mulloy and Melissa Zimmer audit the books if no accountant is available, Sandi Second- Passed.

10. Coaching Applications

- Will be open shortly and posted on social media. Applications will be sent to Shannon. Please spread the word to anyone that may be interested. Deadline Jan 31.2024

11. Registration

- Will open on RAMP on Jan 1.2024

12. Pictures for the 2024 season

- Round table vote on keeping the team pictures as part of the budget line/fees for the 2024 year.

13. Practice time

- 2 on field and 1 batting practice is in the budget per team. Batting cage is shared 1/3 Softball and 2/3 Baseball. Thursdays and Sundays typically.

14. Equipment Budget

- Grant money is being used for equipment costs. Deadline is July 2024
- Fence toppers- Phoenix Fence does carry this product and would be beneficial in the future. Chris to get quotes on fencing toppers and warning track costs. Other options are fundraising or approaching the City Of Camrose with shared costs.

15. Fencing

- Permanent anchors are being installed at diamonds that will have the temp fences in the sheds.

16. Tryouts/Evaluations

- Previous years have been 3 tryouts per age group
- 1.5 hour duration per session for older groups, U13/U15 2 hours
- Lyndsey to look at dates for mid February for field house rentals

17. Player Fees

- Discussion of keeping the in-season coaching fees as an association cost, budget line erased.
- Motion by Jordan to increase the U11 fees to \$200 from \$180. Shannon second. Passed. This fee is still at a negative balance (Operating cost in 2023 was \$229 per player)
- Other age group fees will be frozen for another year.
- Add KidSport and JumpStart options to all medias and emails.

18. Softball Alberta

- Metal cleats are now allowed at U15
- U15A is allowed to use designated player
- Mileage is now .50/km if over 20km away for umpires and coaches.

Jordan made the motion to increase the mileage to Alberta Softball rate. Sandi second.

19. U17 Update-Sandi

- Everything is going well, questioned about when the apparel store will be open, TBA. Practices are happening in the Chester Ronning Gym

20. U15 Update-Jordan

- Tryouts are not finalized, waiting for releases in January.

21. Round Table

- Casino date could be up until 2027
- Next meeting Jan 16th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm