

CSA AGM Meeting Minutes - November 4 2024 6:30pm

Camrose Recreation Center – Downstairs Across from Border Paving Arena

#1 – Call to Order – 6:33pm

- Attendance – Neil Bratrud, Jordan Riopel, Ryan Galenza, Chris Bird, Shannon Bird, Bobbi Delowsky, Scott Delowsky, Kim Bugge, Kaitlyn Schneider, Jes Mulloy, Rhonda Basque, Guy Basque, Mandy Dux, Brendan Lundy, Devan Herder, Jason Sharkey
- Review of 2023 AGM Minutes – Approval from Neil Bratrud, Second from Chris Bird

#2 – Agenda Additions

- No additions

#3 – Board Introductions - 2024 Season

- President – Jordan Riopel
- Vice President – Ryan Galenza
- Treasurer – Kim Bugge
- Secretary – Linette Enzenauer
- Registrar – Brendan Lundy
- Scheduling Director – Lyndsey Herder
- Facilities Director/Equipment – Chris Bird
- Umpire Director – Michelle Naniias
- Marketing, Sponsorship, Fundraising Director – Kaitlyn Schneider
- Website and Media Director – Ken Schafer
- Coaching Director – Shannon Bird
- U5/U7 Co-ordinator – Neil Bratrud
- U9 Co-ordinator- Neil Bratrud
- U11 Co-ordinator – Ken Schafer
- U13 Co-ordinator – Vacant
- U15 Co-ordinator – Melissa Zimmer/Jes Mulloy
- U17 Co-ordinator – Sandi Nordstrom
- U19 Co-ordinator – Vacant (no teams)

#4 – Equipment/Facility Update – 2023/2024 – Chris Bird

- Discussion on plans for 2025 season & preparing quotes for budgeting

#5 Highlights From this past season

- Umpire growth (2 umpire system promoted for training purposes)
- U15 A(Riopel) hosted provincials July 19-21 finished in second place earning a spot in Nationals (Ile Perrot Quebec) Finished 15 out of 21 teams in Canada
- Aaliyah Riopel was recognized as the National Utility Player of the Year and Softball Alberta Minor Female Athlete of the Year
- In season school session at St. Pats
- 2025 tryouts for U15A and U17A teams completed in September
- Registrations continue to rise (2024 - 155 athletes) (2023 - 126 athletes)
- Fenced St. Pats with dugouts (association funds/sponsorship)- Neil
- U11 Schafer Gold Medal (Advanced Yellow)

Season Summary

- U5/U7 - Neil Bratrud – Handful of games & kids had fun
- U9 – Neil Bratrud – had a great season & brought in pitching specialist to assist
- U11 Ken Schafer – one of teams achieved a gold medal (advanced yellow)

- U13- Busy season with multiple teams
- U15-Melissa Zimmer and Jes Mulloy – registrations up to 37 this season compared to 25 in 2023. 3 teams – Jordans team got 2nd at provincials, 15th overall at nationals / Cal's team played 39 games and lost in finals to go to provincials / Sharkeys team had 21 games and kids learned a lot
- U17- Sandi Nordstrom – busy & successful season
- Every team had the opportunity to practice three times per week (2 on field / 1 batting cage) leading to better development

#6 – Future Moving Forward

- Continue to work with the City of Camrose, CMBA and Slo-Pitch on set diamonds, this will allow us to make improvements to the facilities
- 2 diamonds with proper fencing: Comp is proper size for Softball U13-U19, St. Pats is now suitable for U11
School Diamonds are currently the best option for CSA to make improvements
- Continue to find and work with sponsors/community leaders to raise funds for the Association
- With registrations growing, we may need to source diamonds outside of Camrose for practices and games in 2025
- Build new diamonds
- Source off season facility
- Source bigger storage facility (we have outgrown our current location)
- Create and strengthen policies and procedures for our Board moving forward
- Host skills camps and pitching camps/winter training
- Casino
- Possibility of hosting our own tournaments/provincials or play downs
- Continue to grow our number of registrants moving forward (grassroots)
- Recruit and maintain a healthy number of umpires
- Recruiting and educating new coaches into the program, host a coaching clinic, level 1 and 2. We would like to have more female coaches involved in Camrose
- Continue to supply quality equipment to all our teams
- Comp diamond Warning track (2025)
- Softball Alberta is planning to tier A and B for the 2025 season

#7 – Financial Report

- Kim moved that the report was complete & presented – Chris Bird second
- CSA invested over \$50,000 back into the program, facilities & equipment

#8 – Agenda Additions - Discussion from #2

- None

#9 – Round Table/Open Discussion

- Discussion on hosting coaching clinics for Level 1 or 2 in the future – reviewed past experiences – will review based on interest/facilities/facilitator availability at next meeting

#10 - Exiting board members – thank you!

-Ken Schafer

Ken has been vital to our growth, with 3 daughters in the association; he is around the diamond coaching multiple teams every year. At the board level, Ken has held multiple coordinator positions as well as the Media Director.

-Lyndsey Herder

Lyndsey is an original board member and helped start CSA in 2019. Lyndsey has been a big supporter of competitive ball. Lyndsey has been a coordinator and our scheduler.

#10 – Nominations for CSA Board

Email Nominations received – None

Open Positions: U11 Coordinator, U13 Coordinator, Scheduler and Media (Website, Social Media, Team Snap)

Neil: motion for Melissa Zimmer to be u11 coordinator, Chris second

Neil: motion for Rhonda Basque to be u13 coordinator, Chris second

Media & scheduler positions remain open

#11 – Excuse non-board members

#12 – Board Members remain to provide information and schedule next meeting

- Next meeting: November 25 at 6:30pm / Location TBD

#13 – Adjournment – 7:12pm