

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of the CBS Kiwanis Minor Baseball Association

Held November 28, 2022 @ 7:00pm  
Kiwanis Club, CBS

**Present:** Todd Powell, President  
Billy Taggart, Vice President  
Melinda Blundon, Secretary-Treasurer  
Dave Smith, Coaching Chair

**Scrutineer:** Leon Ledgister, Eastern Director, Baseball NL

**Door Attendant:** Cameron Flynn

## **Members in Attendance:**

Reed Bartlett	Denis Kennedy	Corey Parsons
Steve Bartlett	Erin Letto	Dana Rideout
Cory Buck	Les McFadden	Stephen Slade
Brian Collins	Paul Murphy	Mark Smith
Melissa Flynn	Jason Murphy	Scott Walsh
Tom Flynn	Norm Noseworthy	Mike White

## **Welcome & Introductions:**

- Todd opened the meeting with introductions and presented the President's report
- Very positive year with focus on growth and development and good governance
- Thank you to the Constitution & By Law Review Committee for their contribution and commitment to their roles and revision of the governing documents
- Special points to be noted: Increased registration numbers, association became incorporated in 2021 as well as applied and obtained grants for equipment
- Sponsorship program implemented to enable the purchase of additional equipment
- All star tryouts started earlier and used new technology with outside evaluators brought in to assist
- Rebranding of uniforms and logos was successful
- New online registration system implemented this season
- 9U program was revamped for better development. Rookie selects program was successful
- Grants obtained for 14 staff – Staff moved around from both fields and also learned and performed field maintenance
- Thank you to Leon Ledgister for coming out to assist with the process as our Scrutineer

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Todd called for any questions with regards to the minutes from the previous AGM. As there were none a motion was called to accept the minutes from the 2021 AGM. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Mark Smith and seconded by Scott Walsh.

### **Business Arising from Meeting:**

No business arising from previous meeting

### **Financial Reports:**

Financial reports from the end of 2021 as well as 2022 up to November 16<sup>th</sup> were shared with the membership prior to the current meeting for review.

Melinda reviewed both sets of documents detailing the expenses and carry forward amount for the remainder of 2021 as well as the income and expenses for 2022. The financial outlook for 2023 is positive with a healthy bank balance going forward.

Raider's store was a success and proceeds helped contribute to the overall revenue of the association. There is a small amount of in stock of items remaining.

Inventory of some house league jerseys to carry into next season which will save on uniform expenditures for 2023.

Todd made a motion to accept the financial reports. Motion to accept reports was made by Scott Walsh and seconded by Norm Noseworthy.

### **Coaching Report:**

Dave provided the coaching report with details on the numbers per division as well as overall successes this season.

- 11U, 13U & 15U House League divisions continued to interlock with Paradise for games and tournaments
- 9U & 9U (Rookie) Selects – This season players in their last season of 9U were eligible to play in a special division with Paradise once a week that uses 11U rules for better transference of skills to the next level. As mentioned, this division was revamped this season for better development including the introduction of manual pitching machine for consistency.
- 6U – High number of volunteer coaches and commitment for this division this season
- Completely redesigned All Star Tryouts – 80 players tried out over 3 divisions with hitting, agility, pitching and catching components completed indoors and earlier than in previous

seasons. Outdoor simulated games and skills evaluations were then completed for each division and all teams were selected and posted on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- We welcomed numerous new volunteers and coaches this year and had 26 coaches complete coaching courses this season
- Some specific accomplishments were highlighted for the season which included:
  - 11UAA, 13UAA, 15UAA came 1<sup>st</sup> place in their respective Provincial Tournaments and represented NL at the Atlantic level.
  - Rally held to support these 3 teams was a great success and a highlight of the season
  - 18U – There was a combined team with Paradise this season as we did not have enough players at this level to field a team. The plan is to have our own 18U team this upcoming season.
  - Senior Team – First time a team has been fielded since 2005. The return of this team to competition was very successful with them winning the Senior B finals and placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Senior A championship.
- Challenges & priorities for next season:
  - New format for tryouts was great but very time consuming and challenging to set up. Suggested we move to a different indoor facility for this upcoming season.
  - Tryout process was completed over a shorter period of time so it was hard to get the same evaluators for each session. It is suggested to bring in members of the Senior Raiders team as evaluators for next season.
  - Interlocking Leagues – Optimistic that adding a House League Director will help to alleviate issues within the interlocking leagues
  - Mid season House League tournaments were introduced – Issues with year end tournament scheduling and attendance due to conflict with other sports.
  - Day camps – still need to utilize the field more during the day/down time.
  - Many of the staff have baseball experience and knowledge and still play so continued flexibility is required with their schedules to ensure we can retain them as summer staff.

### **Amendments to the Articles:**

The Constitution and By Law Review Committee was comprised of 3 volunteer members including Corey Parsons, Erin Letto & Jim O'Toole (absent). Proposed changes to the document were sent out to the membership for review prior to the meeting.

The Committee reviewed the revised/proposed amendments to the Constitution and By Laws and presented to the membership for voting. Upon review of each section/subsection of the document the results of the proposed changes are as follows:

Section	Moved	Second
1	Mark Smith	Paul Murphy
3	Mark Smith	Scott Walsh
4	Paul Murphy	Scott Walsh
5.1	Mike White	Paul Murphy
5.2	Tom Flynn	Dave Smith
5.3 - 5.4	Reed Bartlett	Mark Smith
6	Tom Flynn	Mark Smith
7	Paul Murphy	Norm Noseworthy
8.1-8.8	Mark Smith	Scott Walsh
8.9	DEFEATED	
9	Tom Flynn	Paul Murphy
10	Jason Murphy	Mark Smith
11	Tom Flynn	Norm Noseworthy
12	Tom Flynn	Paul Murphy
13	Tom Flynn	Norm Noseworthy
14	Mark Smith	Paul Murphy
By-laws	Tom Flynn	Mark Smith

*\*No changes were recommended to Section 2 of the Constitution*

Points of discussion during the review:

5.1. Membership - Dana Rideout questioned that a member has one vote per family regardless of number of registered players in the household. It was noted that this is not a new addition to the Constitution and was the same rule in the previous Constitution under section 10.2 Meetings.

5.2. Membership – It was questioned why paid umpires would get to be voting members of the organization. It was clarified that voting privilege and recognition as a member would be afforded only to volunteer umpires and was not intended for paid staff.

9.9. Umpiring Director - Discussion over roles and responsibilities and value of the Umpiring Director position. Members expressed the need for this role and that it would provide value and oversight, training, and development to the young staff.

#### 13.1. Disputes Committee

Melissa Flynn suggested that an additional person from the membership sit on the disputes committee so it is not solely comprised of executive members.

#### **Election of Officers:**

Upon membership approval of the recommended officer positions in Section 8.4. the following positions were tabled to the membership for nominations and voting process with the length of the terms as described in the Constitution:

**Vice President** - Corey Parsons nominated Erin Letto; seconded by Tom Flynn – Erin accepted the nomination and the position by acclamation for a 2-year term.

**Secretary-Registrar** - Call for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Position vacant.

**Treasurer** – Corey Parsons nominated Melinda Blundon; Steve Bartlett seconded. Melinda accepted the nomination and the position by acclamation for a 2-year term.

**Female Director** – Call for nominations. No nominations from the floor. Position is vacant.

**House League Director** - Corey Parsons nominated Steve Bartlett; seconded by Brian Collins. Steve accepted the nomination and the position by acclamation for a 1-year term.

**All Star Director** – Scott Walsh nominated Dave Smith & Norm Noseworthy seconded. Dave accepted the nomination and the position by acclamation for a 1-year term.

**Coaching Director** – Mark Smith nominated Billy Taggart; seconded by Scott Walsh. Billy accepted the nomination and the position by acclamation for a 2-year term.

**Umpire Director** – Call for Nominations from the floor. No nominations. Position is vacant.

- 3 positions did not get filled during this meeting and will remain vacant until such time that persons are appointed by the executive.

#### **New Business:**

A healthy discussion entailed with members regarding various suggestions and direction to be taken going forward.


- Brian Collins spoke to emphasis retaining and development the females within our organization as well as recruiting new females. Todd mentioned the idea of bringing some females from softball to an invitational tournament to expand interest.


- Melissa Flynn spoke to summer scheduling conflicts and how we could offset the times by communicating with other local sports organizations to alleviate scheduling issues. This would allow for more player availability to have multisport athletes throughout the summer.
- Tom Flynn inquired if there are any plans in the works for development or use of a future field in the town. Todd spoke to the Town’s long-term plan which sees a new field in 10 years. The plan going forward is to explore utilizing open green spaces for our lower divisions to free up our fields. Leon from BNL spoke to how the membership should be lobbying their elected officials going forward for development of baseball facilities in the town.
- Reed Bartlett spoke to the historical programs that offered day camps/skills sessions in the past. This would attract more players and allow for better development. Tom Flynn spoke to raising fees to cover off the costs of staffing for the camps.
- Melissa Flynn suggested we take a staff person away from doing the scoreboard during games to allow them to use those hours elsewhere.
- Mark Smith suggested doing an introduction to baseball prior to the season starting for some skills sessions (similar to intro to hockey). We could try and utilize staff for this in conjunction with volunteers.
- Denis Kennedy – suggested looking into installing lights at Kiwanis
- Tom Flynn mentioned contacting the Villa Nova Church to rent their field.
- It was mentioned to “go elsewhere” outside of CBS to garner field time. It is a good move to leverage elected officials to move faster on obtaining another field.
- Jason Murphy brought up the issue with no practices at the 11U level and how we should be alternating between practices and games and not just 2 games per week. Todd stated that will start with enabling coordinators at each level.
- Melissa Flynn suggested a potential revenue source by operating a full-day baseball day camp similar to that of the local soccer association.

**Adjournment:**

Mark Smith moved to adjourn the meeting and Scott Walsh seconded the motion.

Being that there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

  
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