



## **CBS Kiwanis Minor Baseball Association Annual General Meeting**

**Held November 20, 2023 @ 7:00pm  
Kiwanis Club, CBS**

### **Present:**

Todd Powell, President  
Erin Letto, Vice-President  
Melinda Blundon, Treasurer  
Billy Taggart, Coaching Director  
Dave Smith, All-Star Director  
Adrian Barnes, Secretary/Registrar

### **Members in Attendance:**

Justin Taylor	Tracey Holwell
Corey Parsons	Chris Peach
Dennis Lake	Lisa Meaney
Paul Murphy	Norm Noseworthy
Jim O'Toole	Tanya Drover
Brian Collins	Paul Davis

### **President's Welcome:**

- Todd opened the meeting and thanked members for attendance and support in moving baseball in CBS forward.
- Todd thanked current Executive for their contributions in 2023.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- Todd called for questions with regards to the minutes from the previous 2022 AGM (November 28, 2022).
- There were no questions, so Paul Davis motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Brian Collins.

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

- No business arising from previous meeting.

### **Reports:**

- The following documents were emailed out to members in advance of the meeting:
  - President's Report
  - All-Star Report

- Coaching Coordinator Report
  - Staff Report
  - Balance Sheets & Financial Statements
- Todd asked if there were any concerns or questions with the above documents.
  - No concerns or questions were voiced.

**Amendments to the Constitution:**

- The below table outlines member voting results on the proposed amendments as [published for members](#) prior to the meeting:

Document	Section	Subsection	Result
Constitution	3. Jurisdiction	3.1. Geographical Jurisdiction	Passed
	8. Governance	8.6. Coordinators	Passed
	8. Governance	8.7. Past President	Defeated
	8. Governance	President Eligibility (NEW)	Defeated
	8. Governance	Vice-President Eligibility (NEW)	Defeated
	9. Roles & Responsibilities	9.1. President	Passed
	9. Roles & Responsibilities	9.6. House League Director	Passed
	11. Coaching	All-Star Coaches (NEW)	Defeated
	12. Meetings	12.1. AGM Timing	Passed
	13. Disputes & Complaints	13.1. Committee	Defeated
	14. Amendments	14.1. Timeline	Defeated
By-Laws	2. Coaches	Team Managers (New)	Passed
	3. Tryouts	3.3. Selection of Comp. Players	Passed

- Points of Discussion:
  - 3.1. Geographical Jurisdiction:
    - Where will extra kids play? Todd explained field time challenges and that we turned down kids this season. Todd then updated members on what Executive were actively working on (e.g., lobbying Town of CBS, reaching out to Holyrood, Parsons, etc.). President/Vice-President scheduled to meet with full CBS City Council on November 28.
    - Did we talk to towns impacted by jurisdiction expansion? Todd indicated we have not to date.
    - Do we need to run this by BNL? Plan would be to update BNL if amendment is passed.
  - 8.7. Past President:
    - What is the rationale? Executive indicated majority of proposed amendments were anonymous so impossible to follow-up for additional context/rationale. Examine gathering/including rationale for next year's AGM. Thought is this would provide continuity of governance, retain experience.
    - Precedent? Jim O'Toole indicated he hadn't seen this in any organizational constitutions he's been involved with for over 23 years.
  - President Eligibility (NEW):
    - Precedent? Hockey just did something similar but not aware of any minor baseball associations adopting.

- Vice-President Eligibility (NEW):
  - Running uncontested? It was clarified that if someone who did not meet criteria (minimum of 1 year on Board) was running uncontested, that they have right to be acclaimed to the position.
- All-Star Coaches (NEW):
  - General comment was made from the floor that this is unnecessarily restrictive (e.g., want the most qualified coaches on the field, negative impact to Executive volunteers?).
- 12.1. AGM Timing:
  - Rationale? Closer to the end of the season and BNL AGM is usually the end of October.
- 13. Disputes & Complaints:
  - Disputes Committee Training? What training (qualifications) do Disputes & Complaints Committee members have? Potentially opening up the Association to risk.
  - Anonymity of Complainants? Potential for baseless/meritless accusations to ruin Complainee's reputation.
  - Paul Davis spoke about the importance of ensuring neutrality for whomever is on the Disputes & Complaints Committee.
  - What is BNL's role? Billy responded indicating BNL views complaints of this nature as Association business and wouldn't (typically) get involved. It was noted that, Hockey NL does have a role in complaints and disputes.
  - Privacy Sharing Agreement? It may make sense for Association to examine potential utilization of Privacy Sharing Agreements and decide on who investigates complaints on a case-by-case basis.
  - Conflict of Interest? It was clarified that, currently, the Executive will replace Disputes & Complaints Committee members if there is a perceived/actual conflict of interest.
- 14.1 Timeline:
  - Must vs. May: This is unnecessary as current verbiage doesn't say "must" but says "may" (flexibility).
- Team Managers (New):
  - What specific courses? RNC Vulnerable sector-checks (similar to coaches).
  - Hockey/Softball Courses? It was mentioned that CBSKMBA may be able to leverage courses used by Hockey/Softball Associations.

### **Election of Officers:**

- The following positions were tabled to the membership for nominations and voting process:
  - President: Todd Powell was nominated/seconded from the floor. Todd accepted the nomination and the position for a 2-year term.
  - Secretary/Registrar: Tanya Drover was nominated/seconded from the floor. Tanya accepted the nomination and the position for a 2-year term.
  - Female Director: Call for Nominations from the floor. No nominations. Position is vacant.

- All-Star Director: Dave Smith was nominated/seconded from the floor. Dave accepted the nomination and the position for a 2-year term.
- Umpire Director: Call for Nominations from the floor. No nominations. Position is vacant.

**New Business:**

- No new business was brought forward.

**Adjournment:**

- Todd Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Brian Collins seconded the motion.