

## **Meetings Minutes – Nov 6, 2023 Cochrane Minor Baseball**

**Attendees: Corey O’How, Jason Qually, Mike Maguire, Michelle O’How, Jim Cooper, Steven Mirosh, Tyler Code, Jason Hardy, Kayley MacLennan, Joy Eaton, Jordan Nielsen, Alison Clayton, Leigh Edmunds**

**Absent: Jackie Nickel, Kris Austin**

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm

Corey went through the September minutes. Joy made motion to accept the October minutes, Tyler second the motion. All in favour. Carried.

### **Treasurer’s report: Mike**

- Mike is 90% done detailed financial reports. He will send to Michell on Wednesday for distribution and then we will vote on the details at the AGM. Equipment and facility rentals have gone up, but mostly everything else remains the same for expenditures.
- AGLC reporting has been sent in. Mike asked if the results were in, but no reply at the time of the meeting.

### **Fundraising report: Kayley**

- Kayley met with the TOC on the application for Field of Dreams, but we will not able to apply this year, as we are not able to get in front of council until November and the application deadline for this year is Oct 31. Kayley asked if anyone would like to join her in the presentation for the TOC and Corey will be helping.
- Casino has been secured on May 22 & 23, 2024. Kayley hired an advisor on recommendation from CMHA. Lists need to be sent to advisor by Mar 23. Families that volunteer will receive the \$100 discount after casino. Payment of revenue will come mid August.
- The breakdown of expenses for casino include:
  - \$2350.95 – advisor fees
  - \$1175.00 – food budget (subject to change)
  - \$3600.00 – discounts from CMB to 36 families at \$100/family
- Average casino revenue is \$62K with a net of \$54K (pending expenditures don’t change)

### **Umpire report: Steven**

- The initial email went out to ask for returning umpires. So far Steven has 11 and would like to see that increase to 20 active. With each umpire doing min 1 game/week to stay active.
- Steven would like to see umpires take the NCUP clinic and for it to be mandatory.
- Steven has been working with Alison on umpires for softball. The certification is different for softball than baseball, so those interested will have to complete both certifications.
- Steven and Jim will be meeting on Friday to look at equipment. There are 11 sets and will not need any new. Steven has added new hats and shirts to the budget for umpires.
- Will want to ensure we are using a pay scale for softball as we do in baseball. U11 and U13 softball umpires to receive \$35/game to keep consistent with m/m scale.
- Steven will be looking further into clinics for softball and baseball to ensure everyone can get certified.

### **Equipment report: Jim**

- Jim worked with Jason and Corey on the equipment budget and have entered all updates. Substantial expenditures will need to be made for bats to upgrade everything for insurance. Looking to spend \$10K on bats for both softball and baseball. Will adjust budget based on any donation from Can Tire for balls.

### **2023 Season Update**

- **Softball – Alison**
- Alison has been working with Jason on budget items.
- Alison has asked about temporary fencing at BR and will be looking into cost etc. Michelle will bring to TOC meeting to see if we are able to put up the fencing at the BR diamond.

- Alison asked about extra turf time and currently there is no turf available in spring due to other user groups having it booked. We will continue with schedule as is, but Michelle has a watch on anything extra coming up. Will inform as we go.
- Rates to increase \$10/division in softball. The rate increase motion was made below.
- **Little League: Jason**
  - Sunday training has started at the turf with Coyote Den coaches and Jackie.
  - Jason went over the budget tabs for all divisions with everyone. Anyone needing to make a change needs to do so prior to Nov 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will vote to approve budget at the AGM.
  - Discussion was held around rate increases for 2024. No rates have been increased since 2018. Leigh was concerned that people wouldn't be able to afford rate increases. Jordan made a motion to increase rates by \$10/division with the exception of BB and Challenger staying the same and TB with a \$5 increase. Joy second the motion. All in favor. Carried.
- **Baseball Alberta: Corey**
  - Tryout dates have been booked and will be posted to website and fb page.
  - Corey attended a BA meeting and no lateral transfers are going to be signed this year. Players will have to play in their home associations. Letters will be sent to clubs and associations after BA AGM.
  - Michelle will be attending the BA AGM in Edmonton to work on new updates and administrative plans for the 2024 season.
  - Registration will open with a ZERO \$ fee to help determine numbers in 13U, 15U and 18U.

### **Round Table**

- Steven is going to purchase the Game Changer for the association at \$100 for the option to have teams use the app. Steven will be continuing to look into this.
- Leigh asked why we are not using rainy day fund money to subsidize the budget instead of doing rate increases. Discussion was held around keeping the rainy day fund for diamonds, as that has always been the plan. Steven, Tyler and Mike said we need to leave the money in that fund for when it is needed.

### **Important Dates**

- Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – AGM @ Hillside Room SLS 730pm
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – early registration for BA teams only
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ HH 730pm

### **Meeting Adjourned 9:24pm**