

Meetings Minutes – Nov 16, 2021 Cochrane Minor Baseball AGM

Attendees: Corey O’How, Jodie Eckert, Joy Eaton, Warren Boychuk, Michelle O’How, Mike Maguire, Jason Qually, Jordan Nielsen

Virtual Attendees: Melissa Engdahl, Sasha & Blaine Pike, Robin Bieraugle

Absent: David Optland, Kayley MacLennan, Tyler Code, Reid Bilben

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

- Corey introduced the board members and thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and went over the CMB mission statement.
- Corey went over the meeting minutes from 2020 AGM.
- Jason Qually made a motion to accept the minutes as presented.
- Jodie Eckert 2nd the motion. All in favor.

President’s Report

- Corey gave the report and talked about the steady growth of enrollment for all age groups. We had 554 players registered in both baseball and softball this past season after a delay in getting started due to covid.
- We are going to continue to work on our board governance and structure in the coming years with the new bylaws that were accepted in 2020.
- We will continue to work on our fundraising efforts over the next few months to come up with a plan for the 2022 season. Our fundraising efforts will help to minimize costs to CMB for facility and equipment upgrades.
- Corey talked about the continued work being done on the facilities within the Town of Cochrane. We will continue to upgrade and help develop all diamonds with the TOC. The TOC has approved the development of the Horse Creek Sports park with a plan that includes a quad of diamonds for slo pitch and a baseball only diamond as well.
- Joy Eaton asked about the plans for the Rodeo/Mitford diamonds and how long we will be able to use those diamonds.
- Corey will continue to work the TOC on diamonds to ensure we will be able to optimize use of all diamonds by all user groups in town.

Treasurer’s Report

- Mike gave the report that showed updated information to Sept 30, 2021.
- Revenue \$175,352.71
- Expenses \$123,374.22
- Profit/(Loss) \$51,978.49
- Appendix 1 - \$12,540.00 was added as a line to show fundraising revenue.
- Note 1 - \$10,000 revenue and \$8,841 expense was added as a line to show grant money received from BREC to purchase AED units that were installed at the diamonds.
- Tyler Code and Joy Eaton will review the final year end statement and sign off on them and have them filed.
- Joy Eaton made a motion to accept the financial statement for year end Sept 30, 2021.
- Mike Maguire 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Softball Report

- Softball had the following teams:
 - 2 – U10, 2 – U12 , 1 – U14, 1 – U16, 1 – U19
- Lynne Nadeau has stepped down as the VP of softball. We are currently still looking to fill this role. In the meantime, Jodie and Michelle will prepare the system to take registrations in the new year.
- We will continue to work towards a regular season for 2021. The schedule was extended into July to accommodate almost the same number of games as a normal season and

weekend play was also incorporated. However, many families had summer plans and couldn't play in July so teams were amalgamated with players able to stay. We finished the season at the end of July with a U10, U12 and U16 team.

- Again – unprecedented weather made July a lovely month to play ball. The U10 team even got to participate in a slip n slide at Bow Ridge after a game on a hot evening. I'm sure they will remember that for a long time! All 3 teams participated in city playoffs and earned a berth into their respective division gold medal games. Congratulations to the U12 on their gold medal and the U10 and U16 on their silver finish.
- All things considered; it was a really good season. Special thanks to Michelle and Warren for their assistance all season long and thanks again to the parents for their support. See you in 2022.

Baseball Report

- Little League Spring Season had the following teams:
 - * 6 – Minor
 - * 6 – Major
 - * 2 – Intermediate
 - * 2 – Junior
 - * 1 – Senior
- The season was focused on development and growth for both coaches and players.
- Little League had 3 summer teams (no provincial championship due to covid):
 - * 1 – Minor A (played 14 games)
 - * 1 – Major AA (played 18 games)
 - * 1 – Teenager (played 12 games)
- Baseball Alberta had 2 summer teams – included a provincial championship
 - * 1 – 13UAAA Tier 1 Silver Medalists
 - * 1 – 15UAA Tier 5 Lost in semi-final
- Will be planning for a regular season in 2022.
- Will continue to grow the 13U and 15U programs to keep competitive players and coaches in the community. Costs will be determined based on coach selection with tryouts scheduled in February 2022.
- Will be offering coach clinics and work with interested coaches to adopt the CMB philosophies, to help develop and grow athletes.

Election of Officers

- Joy Eaton nominated Jordan Nielsen as Director at Large. Jason Qually 2nd the motion. All in favour.
- Jason Qually nominated Joy Eaton as a Director at Large. Mike Maguire 2nd the motion. All in favour.
- No nominations were received for the President. Corey O'How will be the president for another term by acclamation.
- Ried Bilben has stepped down from the minor/major coordinator role and we will be looking to fill this coordinator role in the coming weeks.
- Michelle will email the softball group and ask if there is any interest from the membership in filling the VP softball role.

Open Discussion

- Jodie Eckert asked about diamond optimization and what other diamonds we had to ensure the growth of the teams in both softball and baseball.
- Joy Eaton talked about using green space for the TB group to help take the stress of the diamonds.
- Registration for 2022 season open Jan 17/2022 at 8AM

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm