

Meetings Minutes – Nov 20, 2024 Cochrane Minor Baseball AGM

Attendees: Michelle O’How, Corey O’How, Mike Maguire, Jason Hardy, Kayley MacLennan, Jackie Nickel, Joy Eaton, Alison Clayton, Jason Qually, Steven Mirosh, Jim Cooper and see attachment for membership attendees.

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

- Corey introduced the current board members and thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and went over the CMB mission statement and the agenda for the evening.

President’s Report

- Corey gave the report and talked about the steady growth of enrollment for all age groups. We will be budgeting for 827 players in both softball and baseball for the 2025 season. The new Greystone diamonds have not been approved to use for 2025, so we will wait for the TOC to give us direction on that. We will further plan and develop once we know if we will have access to those diamonds.
- CMB will continue to apply for government and local grants with the help of the Town of Cochrane. CMB was not able to secure enough information to apply for grants in 2024 by the October deadline to help with the development of the Horse Creek Sports Park. CMB continued their work to apply for grants with help from the TOC in October and recently received the news that they will not be working with CMB to help with the grants.
- CMB board members and families worked the first ever casino in May 2024 – raising approx \$57K. Those funds will be used to help with equipment upgrades for softball and baseball.
- Michelle will have a meeting in December to help plan the existing diamonds and upgrades required by CMB for the 2025 season.

Treasurer’s Report

- Mike gave the report that showed updated information to Sept 30, 2024.
- Revenue \$284,146.23
- Expenses \$224,307.06
- Profit/(Loss) \$59,839.17 (\$57,746.44 is a non recurring transaction – casino revenue)
- Jared Bond asked about the diamond fees on the financial statement. A discussion was held around what the fees included.

Softball Report

2024 Season Highlights

- Cochrane Softball grew to 155 players (increase of 32 players)
- U11- 4 House Teams and 1 CMSA (travel) team
- U13- 4 House Teams and 1 CMSA team
- U15- 2 CMSA Teams
- U17- 2 West Valley/Cochrane combined Teams
- U19- 1 CMSA Team: **“D” Provincial Champs and CMSA City Champs**

Plans and Development

- Fall and Winter Indoor Training/pitching and catching clinics.
- Earlier March evaluations to get our teams formed earlier and playing.
- Pre-season Coach clinic.
- Player Development committee.
- Diamonds - fingers are crossed that we are able to increase our diamonds for 2025 in order accommodate the growth expected.
- Continue to partner with West Valley Softball to offer all levels of skill a place to play.
- Alison discussed the player development committee that softball will be putting in place for the 2025 season.

2025 Anticipated Teams

- * U11- 4 house and 1 CMSA
- * U13- 4 house and 1 CMSA
- * U15- 3-4 CMSA teams
- * U17- 1 CMSA team
- * U19- 1 CMSA team

Baseball Report

2024 Season Highlights

Little League Spring House Teams. The season was focused on development and growth for both the coaches and players.

- * 8 – Minor
- * 6 – Major and 1 Major Interlock
- * 2 – Intermediate
- * 2 – Junior
- * 1 – Senior
- * Little League Summer Teams
 - * 1 – Minor AA
 - * 1 – Major A
 - * 1 – Major AAA
- * Baseball Alberta Teams
 - * 1 – 13U AA
 - * 1 – 19U A

* Special accolades to Cochrane Crush Alumni (these players would still play in Cochrane, but do not have a diamond that allows them to play here).

- Maeve Maguire represented 16U Women's Team Alberta at Nationals and came home with a silver medal. She also played for Team Alberta Women's Open and came away with some great memories!
- Bo Anderson, Braeden Bohach-Murray and Landon O'How represented Team Alberta at the 16U Western Canadian Prospects Series and came away with a bronze medal!

Plans and Development

> Major House

- CMB still contemplating tiering for the Major House program pending new diamonds and registration numbers.
- Summer All Star Program for Minor, Major and potentially Intermediate pending registration number.

> Continuation of the Baseball Alberta Program for 13U, 15U and 18U

- CMB is committed to keeping players in Cochrane playing competitive baseball.
- Players who do not make these teams will return to the LL program in the respective divisions.
- Program runs from April to August long weekend depending on qualifications.
- Practices will be twice a week and games played on weekends throughout all of Alberta.
- Costs to be determined.
- Tryouts scheduled for January 2025.
- Information session to follow the AGM on the growth and development of this program for all divisions.

> Coach Clinics

- CMB is committed to providing formal NCCP coaching clinics for both baseball and softball to ensure our coaches continue to improve their skills.

> Development, Growth and Expansion of Facilities

- CMB will continue to try and work with the TOC on facilities to improve existing diamonds and the new Horse Creek Sports Park. While this continues to be a struggle, CMB will keep

conversations open and be willing to work together to create the best facilities for the growing community.

- Corey talked about the purchase of the inflatable batting cages that will be used indoors on the sport court and the changes it allows the program to make with live hitting for both softball and baseball.

Election of Officers

- Election of Mary Bren for VP Softball. No other nominations were given and Mary was elected by acclamation.
- Election of Jackie Nickel for President. No other nominations were given and Jackie was elected by acclamation.
- Call for Director at Large positions. Received a nomination for both Trena Jackson and Kelsey Bogensberger. By a vote of 31-2 Trena was name the Director at Large for Softball.
- Call for 2 Director at Large positions for baseball. Nominations for Jared Bond and Brenden Shea were received. No other nominations were received and they were appointed by acclamation.

Open Discussion

- Jason thanked the following board members for their time and Kayley MacLennan gave a presentation and gift to Corey for his time and efforts over the past 12 years with CMB.
- Alison Clayton – joined the board as the VP of Softball in January 2021! Alison helped develop the house program for U11 and U13 softball. As well Alison worked with the Dino’s softball team to help bring skills and development to Cochrane during the winter months! Thank you for all of your hard work and development of these programs bringing more options to our youth softball teams! Thank you!
- Tyler Code – started coaching in 2015 with the tball program and concluded his time with CMB as an AC with the Major AAA All Star team this past summer. Thank you for your 9 years with CMB coaching and as the Baseball Alberta coordinator! We appreciate you!
- Kayley MacLennan – attended the same AGM Corey did 10 years ago with the hopes that she would be able to give back to the community! Kayley started in the admin role and transitioned into the Fundraising Coordinator position. Kayley successfully coordinated the first ever casino fundraiser and has worked closely with Canadian Tire on the donations from them over the past several years! She has been present both on and off the field helping manage teams and coordinate spring season activities. Thank you!!
- Corey O’How – Thank you for an incredible 12 years with CMB! Going to be hard to put into words what you have accomplished in that time! Here are some highlights of his time with CMB. We will miss you!!
- * Started coaching tball in 2013 and became president in 2016 with a membership of 153.
- * Created the Crush program in 2017 for both Little League and Baseball Alberta.
- * Minor A sectional champs - 2017 - was the HC.
- * Minor AA division champs - 2018 - was the HC.
- * Major AA sectional champs - 2019 - was the HC.
- * 13UAAA Baseball Alberta Tier 1 silver medalist - 2021 - was the HC.
- * 15UAAA Baseball Alberta Tier 2 silver medalist - 2022 - was the HC.
- * 15UAAA Baseball Alberta Tier 2 silver medalist - 2023 - was the HC.
- * Selected as an AC to the Zone 2 Alberta Summer Games Team.
- * Resigned in November 2024 with a membership of 803.
- Registration for 2025 season will open December 1/ 2024 for BA players in the competitive program and all other registrations will open January 15th at 8AM. All information will be posted to social media and the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm