

Meetings Minutes – Nov 19, 2025 Cochrane Minor Baseball AGM

Attendees: Michelle O’How, Jackie Nickel, Jason Hardy, Joy Eaton, Mary Bren, Shona Brunton, Kris Austin, Chalsay Boire, Jared Bond, Jim Cooper and see attachment for membership attendees.

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

- Jackie 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

- Jackie gave the report and talked about the steady growth of enrollment for all age groups. We will be budgeting for 835 players in both softball and baseball for the 2026 season.
- CMB will continue to apply for government and local grants with the help of the Town of Cochrane. CMB is working with the TOC on the Jays Care Field of Dreams Community Grant. An initial grant has been submitted in October 2025. 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.
- CMB will continue to try and work with the TOC on new developments and existing upgrades to bring the best facilities to our membership.
- Thank you to the volunteers and families for their continued support on the diamond clean up prior to the season start. This includes many hours of hand labor at the Redwood Meadows and Silver Springs diamonds to make them playable, as we continue to use out of town diamonds for both baseball and softball.
- A shale rehabilitation program started in late August 2025 on the Matt Krol diamonds and still is not complete as of November 2025. Will provide an update on the completion once it is received from the TOC.
- The Greystone diamond project was scheduled with a temporary timeline of mid-late summer 2025. This project is still not complete. CMB has been informed that this project is meeting standard development and process timelines. Bookings for these diamonds may potentially begin mid-late June 2026.
- CMB has requested to meet with the TOC to discuss the season, the projects going on and updates for 2026 season. At this time, we have been informed that Parks is busy with CCC and FCC inspections as the season has ended and no year end meeting has been held.
- Work has been started on the Horse Creek Sports Park – Phase 1. Due to some changes on the layout of the park, the first phase no longer includes a “baseball” only diamond. See next page for plan presented to CMB.

Treasurer’s Report

- Shoan gave the report that showed updated information to Sept 30, 2025.
- Revenue \$238,515.91
- Expenses \$225,641.51
- Profit/(Loss) \$12,874.40
- Motion to approve financial report by Brendan Shea. Seconded by Kris Austin. Carried

Softball Report

2025 Season Highlights

- Cochrane Softball holding steady at 150 players registered
- 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

- Scheduling for games with umpires was a success taking the pressure off of parent umpires.
- Tournaments were attended by all teams outside of Cochrane.
- U15 Div 3 represented Cochrane in provincials.

Plans and Development

- Winter Indoor Training/pitching and catching clinics (in planning phase).
- Plan to offer an other pre-season Coach clinic.
- Diamonds - fingers are crossed that we are able to increase our diamonds for 2026 in order accommodate the growth expected.
- Continue to partner with West Valley Softball to offer all levels of skill a place to play.

2025 Anticipated Teams

- * U11- 4 house and 1 CMSA
- * U13- 4 house and 1 CMSA
- * U15- 2 CMSA teams
- * U17- 1 CMSA team

Baseball Report

2025 Season Highlights

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

- Little League Spring House Teams.
 - * 6 – Blastball
 - * 21 – Teeball (4 on waiting list)
 - * 16 – Coach Pitch (27 on waiting list)
 - * 8 – Minor (19 on waiting list)
 - * 7 – Major (3 on waiting list)
 - * 2 – Intermediate (4 on waiting list)
 - * 2 – Junior
 - * 2 – Senior
- Little League Summer Teams
 - * 1 – Minor AA
 - * 1 – Major AA
- Baseball Alberta Teams
 - * 1 – 15U AA
 - * 1 – 19U A

Plans and Development

- **Major House**
 - CMB will continue to monitor tiering for the Major House program pending new diamonds and registration numbers.
 - Summer All Star Program for Minor and Major.
- **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 2026.
 - 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.
- CMB will continue to offer coach clinics prior to start of season that include our core values, training materials and plans for on and off the field.

➤ **Development, Growth and Expansion of Facilities**

- CMB will continue to try and work with the TOC on facilities to improve existing diamonds, the new Greystone development, as well the new Horse Creek Sports Park.

Election of Officers

- Election of Brendan Shea for VP Baseball. No other nominations were given and Brendan was elected by acclamation.
- Election of David Webb for Umpire in Chief. No other nominations were given and David was elected by acclamation.
- Election of Jason Hardy as a Director at Large. No other nominations were given and Jason was elected by acclamation.
- Election of Shona Brunton as the Treasurer. No other nominations were given and Shona was elected by acclamation.

Open Discussion

- Jackie wanted to thank the following for their time with CMB:
- CMB would like to recognize and thank **Jason Qually** for his incredible contributions and dedication to our association. Jason officially joined the board as **VP of Baseball** in November 2017, but his work started prior to that and has been instrumental in the growth and development of both players and coaches throughout his time with us. From the early days on the field with Tee Ball and Coach Pitch players to finishing his tenure as an assistant coach with the Major AAA summer team, Jason has been a constant presence in our community. Whether he was building annual budgets, hitting ground balls during evaluations, or collaborating closely with Corey, Jason's commitment and leadership have helped strengthen our baseball program at every level. Thank you, Jason, for your years of hard work, your dedication to developing our youth and for helping expand opportunities for both our competitive and house programs. Your passion for the game and for our community will always be appreciated.
- CMB would also like to thank **Joy Eaton** for her contributions to the Tee Ball and Coach Pitch programs. Joy joined CMB in November 2019 and is currently still serving on the Board of Directors as a Director at Large and will be working closely with the BOD in the 2026. Your commitment to making these programs fun, organized and welcoming for our young players has made a lasting impact. We're so grateful for everything you've done to support the players, families and coaches year after year. Thank you for being such an important part of our baseball community.
- Open floor discussion by Jared Bond and Aaron Flynn about the fall ball program. Discussion was held around how teams are made, ages in the teenager division and making it a positive experience during the fall season. Jackie asked for the notes and specifics to be sent to her, so she can take them to the D3 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm