



MINUTES

CRANBROOK MINOR BALL

AGM

Date: November 6, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Mount Baker Secondary School, Room 107, Cranbrook, BC

Attendance

Present:

Dave Lacasse, Gordon Skulnec, Matt Draper, Leah Draper, Jenna Lacasse, Jason Templeton, Steve Pannell, Amanda Fanning, Aaron Shuttleworth, Seana Coolbaugh, Shaelyn Smith, Paul Mrazek, Jenna Howarth, Caitlyn Flint, Brandon Flint, Bruce Seitz, Hailey Poole, Jenny Stevely

Regrets:

Kristin Palou

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:03 PM** by **President Dave Lacasse**.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the **October 22, 2024** meeting:

- **Moved by:** Jenna Lacasse
 - **Seconded by:** Jason Templeton
 - **Motion carried unanimously.**
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3. Financial Report

The annual financial statements were presented and reviewed by **Seana Coolbaugh**.

Motion to accept the annual financial statements:

- **Moved by:** Jenna Lacasse
 - **Seconded by:** Amanda Fanning
 - **Motion carried unanimously.**
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4. President's Report – Dave Lacasse

- **Registration Numbers 2025:**

- Blastball – 37
- 7U BB – 39
- 9U BB – 51
- 11U BB – 49
- 13U BB – 23
- 15U BB – 20
- 18U BB – 11
- U9 SB – 6
- U11 SB – 23
- U13 SB – 23
- U15/17 SB – 25

Total: 307 players (slightly higher than last year; consistent participation overall).

- Continued strong house league participation.
 - Noted challenges with travel; efforts to organize **North/South divisions** to reduce travel time.
 - Hosted **Coaches Caravan** and an **Umpire Clinic** with support from **Paul Mrazek**.
 - Emphasized maintaining positive experiences and supporting volunteers.
 - **All-Star Successes:**
 - 11U won Kelowna Tournament
 - 13U advanced to Provincials
 - 15U reached playoffs
 - **Fall Ball** had strong participation with positive skill development.
 - The **dome facility** continues to provide valuable winter training opportunities.
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5. Board Member Reports

Vice President – Jason Templeton

- Serving second year as Vice President; increased involvement during spring.
- Led **Opening Day Ceremonies**.
- Oversaw **18U Division** successfully.
- Assisted with tournament scheduling.
- Addressed umpire shortages by stepping in when needed.

Softball Director – Jenna Lacasse

- Consistent registration and returning coaches.
- Introduced **umpire training for older girls** to officiate younger divisions.
- Focused on **pitching development** starting at U11.
- Fall Ball included games against Creston and Castlegar.
- U11 placed **2nd in home tournament**; all three divisions reached **Summer Slam finals**.
- **7 girls** attended BC Summer Games tryouts; **3 selected** to Zone 1 team.

Equipment & Facilities – Steve Pannell

- Installed **new pitching mounds** successfully.
- Organized **storage units** and prepped **gear bags** for 2026.
- Served as **division head** for 9U and 11U; both divisions strong.
- Hosted **11U Sandlot drop-in** over summer; well received.
- **Fall Ball** participation strong.

Rep Teams & Player Development – Paul Mrazek

- **Confederation Building Project:** Building permit secured; groundwork and slab planned.
 - Partnership with **New Dawn** and **City of Cranbrook** ongoing.
 - Two sheds and a covered structure planned.
 - **John Deere tractor** donated by **Brandon Flint** for field maintenance.
- Focused on growing **player development** and supporting coaches with resources.
- **Two CMBA players** made **Team Baseball BC**; **seven** now playing college baseball—record year.
- Local talent now recognized across BC and Alberta.
- Successful **Blastball coaches clinic** improved flow and satisfaction.
- Encouraged continued communication between coaches and board.

Baseball Director – Gord Skulnec

- Positive season overall with minimal disciplinary issues.
- One player suspension addressed appropriately.
- **15U All-Star team:** faced player attrition due to time and financial demands; discussed reducing barriers.
- Recommended ensuring **rep teams** are fully equipped (tees, nets, etc.).
- **Redshirt player system** proved effective in maintaining team depth.

6. Elections

All positions filled by **acclamation**. (Members not present had provided consent for nomination.)

Position	Name
President	Dave Lacasse
Vice President	<i>Vacant</i>
Director of Baseball	Gord Skulnec
Vice Director of Baseball	<i>Vacant</i>
Director of Softball	Jenna Lacasse
Vice Co-Directors of Softball	Kristin Palou & Amanda Fanning
Secretary/Treasurer	Jenna Lacasse
Umpire in Chief	<i>Vacant</i>
Director of Rep Teams	<i>Vacant</i>
Director of Player Development	Paul Mrazek
Director of Uniforms & Equipment	Steve Pannell
Director of Sponsorship	Hailey Poole
Director of Challenger Division	<i>Vacant</i>

7. Other Business

- Discussed need to **plan equipment purchases early**; each rep team to receive **2 nets and 2 tees**.
 - **Softball development**: continuing **winter clinics** and participation in **showcases** (e.g., Softball City).
 - Emphasis on building **community collaboration** and **shared development** among teams.
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8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:12 PM**.

We acknowledge the support of the Province of British Columbia