

DDMBA Annual General Meeting

Date: November 14, 2022

Time: 7pm

Location: CHP – Harbour Room

Annual General Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order: **7:01PM**
2. Approval of the AGM Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from the previous AGM of November 15, 2021
4. President's Report
6. Financial Report - Treasurer/Registrar
7. Competitive Coordinator Report
9. Recreation Coordinator Report
10. Association Club Reports: CH, DD, EP, PL, HP
11. DDMBA Constitution Amendments
12. New Business [open floor to membership]
13. Nominations for Executive Positions
14. Election of Executive Positions
15. Adjournment: **9:22pm**

DDMBA AGM 2021 Minutes

DDMBA	Carl Poirier, President
Representatives	Kevin Murphy, Vice President
	Tammy Mariner-Hartlin, Registrar
	Jim Scott, Treasurer
	James Alders, Cole Harbour President
	Jason Lombard, Eastern Passage President
	Chris Cluett, Diamond Dawgs President
	Lorri Arnold, Porters Lake President
	Brian Secord, BNS Representative

Calling the Meeting to Order: Carl Poirier called AGM to order at 6pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Approve Agenda: Tammy Mariner & Ken Zwicker

2. Approval of minutes from 2020 AGM

Motion to approve last year's AGM Minutes: Donnie MacDonald & James Alders

3. Review actions from last AGM

- a. A student was not hired this season due to COVID pandemic.
- b. Winter camps were held at the Dome for 6-8 weeks by the Dry

4. Presidents Report

- a. Competitive closed on time once restrictions were lifted.
- b. Recreational registration stayed open.
- c. Dry held winter camps at the dome for 6-8 weeks.
- d. All positions are available except the treasurer
- e. Recreational playoffs went with a few minor issues but were worked out.
- f. Hoping for a normal season in 2022

- g. Thank all the coaches, managers, volunteers & associations for making season as normal as possible.
- h. Thank the Board of Director for their dedications to DDMBA. Vice President Kevin Murphy for all his help in his years of being VP. Tammy Mariner Registrar for her tireless efforts and many years of hard work and service. Jim Scott our treasurer for the systems he came up with to make things easier.

5. Divisional Reports

a. Cole Harbour

- Good Season
- Good turn out for Coaches night
- Was able to have ceremony to Officially name the Astral Drive Ball Field to the Paul Mason Ball Field.

b. Diamond Dawgs

- Had a good season
- Registration up by 10% but still hasn't recovered to pre-pandemic numbers.
- DD feels that the playoffs were poorly organized and did not go smoothly.
- Too many rule changes.
- Granted the Field of Dreams grant from Jay's Care Foundation. This improved the Julianne E. O'Brien Memorial Field.
- Also received a grant to replace the Batting Cage at the Woodside Complex that will be completed in December.
- Thanks to everyone for there time and efforts within the association.

c. Porter's Lake

- Covid still played havoc with their registration numbers.
- Happy to be back to some sort of "normal" Season
- Able to have 6 teams. (5 recreational & 1 Competitive)
- U15 & U11 teams placed 1st in playoffs & U13A received silver in the Provincials in their division.
- A lot of new interest in the U5 & U7 levels.
- Overall a successful season

d. Humber Park

- Had a good year even though only field 2 teams.
- Thanks to Porters Lake & Diamond Dawgs for U18 players to have a team.

e. Eastern Passage

- had a good season after a break from 2019 not playing due to covid.
- 8 teams in the recreational league
- Each team had a year end parties on the field and had fun.
- U11 team placed 3rd in playoffs, U13 placed 2nd, U15 placed 1st and Midgets placed 1st.

f. Arrows/Competitive

- Competitive tryouts – 250 players attended tryouts.
- Busy 1-2 weeks however it went smoothly with players allocated to proper teams.
- This procedure wasn't perfect and requires refining but was improvement over previous seasons.
- Had 10 teams for the 2021 season.
- Replace jersey's for Arrows next year. Be just Arrows with no Dartmouth
- U11AAA, U13AAA & U15AAA all won their provincials and advanced to Atlantic's
- U11AAA team even made it to the finals of Atlantic's under new coach Liam Mason.

6. General Discussion

- Ken Zwicker asked for a breakdown on the cost of tryouts. Why where some elevators paid while others weren't. Paid U15 select guys to hit balls to younger divisions.

7. Treasurer Report

- Jim provided a detail breakdown of the 2021 season.

8. Registrar Report

- Registration opened February 28th, 2021 and left open the whole season for recreational. Competitive closed in June.
- Registration was up due to less restrictions.
- Registration was 975
- CH – 341 Rec
- DD – 176 Rec
- EP – 126 Rec
- HP – 33 Rec
- PL – 79 Rec
- Competitive Arrows/Association A's – 219 Comp

9. Baseball Nova Scotia Report (BNS)

- BNSUD – going to focus on new umpires this year.
- Volunteered Dartmouth as training for new umpires
- New platform for BNS website will be out for 2022 season
- BNS is doing policy update and looking for volunteers for committees.

10. DDMBA Nomination for Positions

- **Open Positions**
- President – vacant filled by Mark Raftus nominated by Brian Secord, 2nd Donnie MacDonald
- Vice President - vacant
- Secretary – vacant
- Competitive Coordinator – vacant filled by Brian Secord nominated by Will Secord, 2nd Sydney Brimcombe.
- Recreational Coordinator – vacant filled by Les Harnish nominated by Brian Secord, 2nd Jason Lombard
- Treasurer – Jim Scott
- Registrar – filled by Jim Scott
- Social Media – vacant
- Website/Communications – Donnie MacDonald
- Umpire Assignor – vacant

11. Open Floor decision

- Voted to have Porters Lake & Humber Park as members of DDMBA
- Update constitution
- Change Article 9 Secretary/Registrar is 2 separate people. Moved by Brian Secord to pass changes in constitution. Passed

Adjournment: Carl Poirier adjourned the AGM at 8:07pm

Report: DDMBA President (Mark Raftus)

DDMBA had a fantastic season overall! With Covid-19 finally abating **registration soared** from pandemic levels in 2020-2021 of 713 and 973 participants respectfully to a new DDMBA record of 1197 registered participants. A normal season of baseball was able to be played with a full, robust **Recreation side** with thirty-two Recreation teams playing between the U11, U13, U15 and U18 levels. On the **Competitive side** there were fifteen A, AA and AAA teams combined with the Arrows fielding AA and AAA teams at U11, U13, U15 and U18 levels and A teams at U15 and U18 levels. As well, Associations Clubs fielded A level teams at 11, 13 and 15 levels. Registration continued to be strong at the introductory ages of U5, U7 and U9 levels which is a great sign for years to come.

League winners were crowned at all Recreation levels behind the guidance of Recreation Co-ordinator Dominique Surette-Lombard. Diamond Dawgs also won the inaugural City championship at the U15 level. The Competitive level was under Brian Secord's purview. Several Arrows teams won provincial titles including at the U13AAA, U15AAA and U18AA levels. The U15AAA team also won the Atlantic Championships and were named Baseball NS team of the year. The U18AA team hosted a successful Atlantic Championship tournament at Beazley field.

DDMBA was blessed with an **excellent Executive and Board in 2022**. Each member performed their role at a very high level and were very responsive to issues and inquiries from membership. A new website called RAMP was installed to replace Goalline and it was integrated with Baseball NS. Special thanks to DDMBA VP Darren Hunter who was instrumental in overseeing the installation of it and troubleshooting issues which arose. Without his presence we would be at least a year behind where we are right now.

At the outset of 2022 season Executive meetings, a goal was stated to update the **Coaches Manual & Practice Plan and hold a pre-season coaches' meeting** to review them along with the Recreation and Competitive Rules to better prepare coaches for the season to come. Approximately 50 coaches attended the meeting which was chaired by the President and Recreation Co-ordinator Dominique Surette-Lombard. All questions were answered, and the playoff format revealed with a commitment to enforce the Recreation Rules as written for the full season to stay consistent and clear. That commitment was carried out and although the season was typically busy as is the norm for close to 800 Recreation members the season ran smoothly overall. Some playoff tweaks for the older age groups will take place in 2023 but not many are needed.

From a **Discipline standpoint**, the President chaired the Discipline Committee with Secretary Donnie MacDonald & Brian Moore of Diamond Dawgs. Only two incidents requiring suspension

arose all season which was a testament to the organization provided by Co-ordinators, Club Presidents, and coaches.

From a **Safety standpoint**, the Criminal Record Check policy and current system of compliance predominantly used myBackCheck. It was noted the compliance aspect was very labour intensive to administer by the President with assistance from the Clubs. A new system will be addressed for next season. As now it stands Baseball NS is surveying a request from the province to monitor compliance and establish a central repository of Record Checks for all HRM clubs to access.

From a **Public Relations standpoint** media inquiries were fielded by the President and various Arrows coaches resulting in online articles authored by local sports reporters and some TV media related to coaches giving back to their community. A successful Junior Nationals tournament was also held in August in which many DDMBA players/parents took part as ball boys, ball chasers and volunteers of varying types.

Field Conditions remain an issue. Although HRM poured resources into making Big Beazley ballfield a showcase field with new lights, stands and bullpens their satellite fields of Kinsman and Little Beazley require work. Further, overall day-to-day field conditions at other DDMBA fields remain an issue. A committee will be struck to address these issues. The Beazley bullpen was rejuvenated through DDMBA efforts. A small user fee will be instituted for next season to defray ongoing maintenance costs.

The **Executive/Board would like to thank** all the coaches, managers, treasurers and volunteers for their efforts throughout the season. I would also like to extend a personal thank you to the Club Presidents who are stepping back from their roles within their organizations including Jamie Aalders of Cole Harbour, Chris Cluett of Diamond Dawgs, Lorri Arnold of Porters Lake and Albert Sarracini of Humber Park. Your efforts have been greatly appreciated and have not gone unnoticed. You have left your organizations in a better position than they were in when you started. New leadership will be elected at each Club's AGM to come.

As per **Article 5.2 of the DDMBA Constitution** each Executive Member serves a one-year term. Each position is therefore up for election under the current Constitution, but the following positions have incumbents who have advised they wish to return for the 2023 season:

- President - Mark Raftus
- Secretary - Donnie MacDonald
- Treasurer/ Registrar - Jim Scott
- Competitive Co-ordinator - Brian Secord

I thank outgoing Executive Members Darren Hunter, Dominique Surette-Lombard, and Paul Thibideau for their numerous contributions in 2022. Their **Executive positions are vacant** and will be open for a vote:

- Vice President
- Recreation Co-ordinator [stipend eligible position]
- Umpire Assignor [non-voting position but stipend eligible position]

In closing, I thank you for your trust and look forward to further growth and fun times in 2023.

Mark Raftus
DDMBA President 2022

Report: DDMBA Registrar (Jim Scott)

Registered almost 1,200 kids this year!

Special thanks to Darren for his work on getting RAMP up and running. Realistically without his work we would be looking at rolling the system out going over this coming winter. RAMP was a major upgrade from Goalline, time to processing payments was much less and reporting from a registration perspective was much better. We have some items to revisit over the winter but overall, a successful launch.

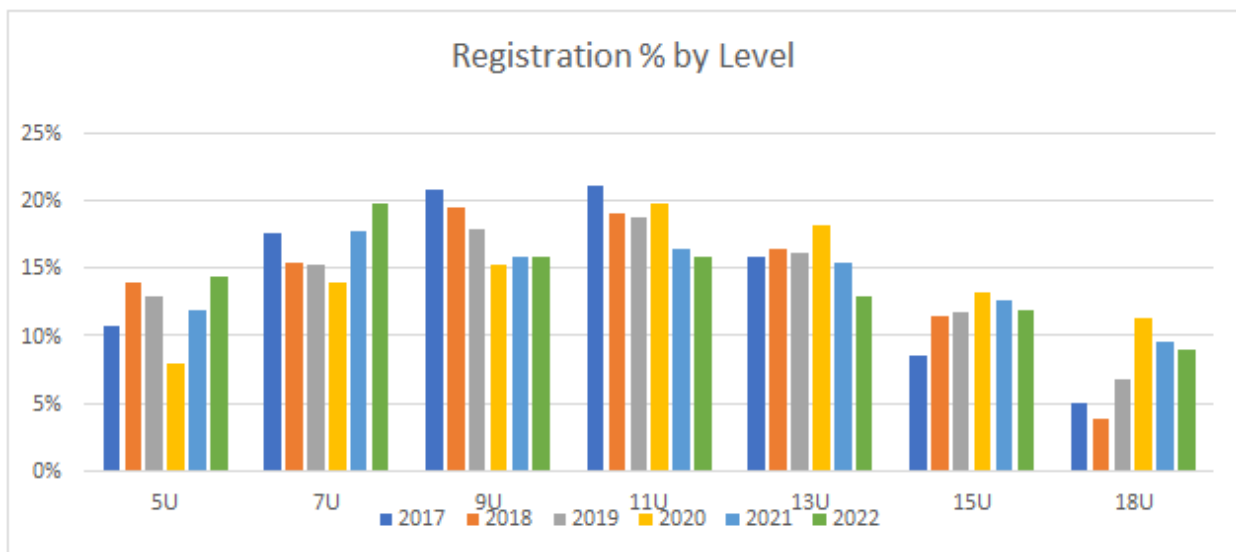
Below is a historical breakdown of DDMBA registration, this year numbers exceeds recent pre-covid numbers that peaks from 2018.

Registered Players by Level

Year	5U	7U	9U	11U	13U	15U	18U	Challenger	Totals
2017	117	193	228	230	174	94	55		1,091
2018	162	178	225	220	189	132	46		1,152
2019	138	163	191	200	172	125	72		1,061
2020	57	100	109	141	130	95	81		713
2021	117	173	155	160	150	124	94		973
2022	171	235	188	188	154	142	108	11	1,197

Registered Players% by Level

Year	5U	7U	9U	11U	13U	15U	18U	Challenger	Totals
2017	11%	18%	21%	21%	16%	9%	5%		100%
2018	14%	15%	20%	19%	16%	11%	4%		100%
2019	13%	15%	18%	19%	16%	12%	7%		100%
2020	8%	14%	15%	20%	18%	13%	11%		100%
2021	12%	18%	16%	16%	15%	13%	10%		100%
2022	14%	20%	16%	16%	13%	12%	9%	1%	100%

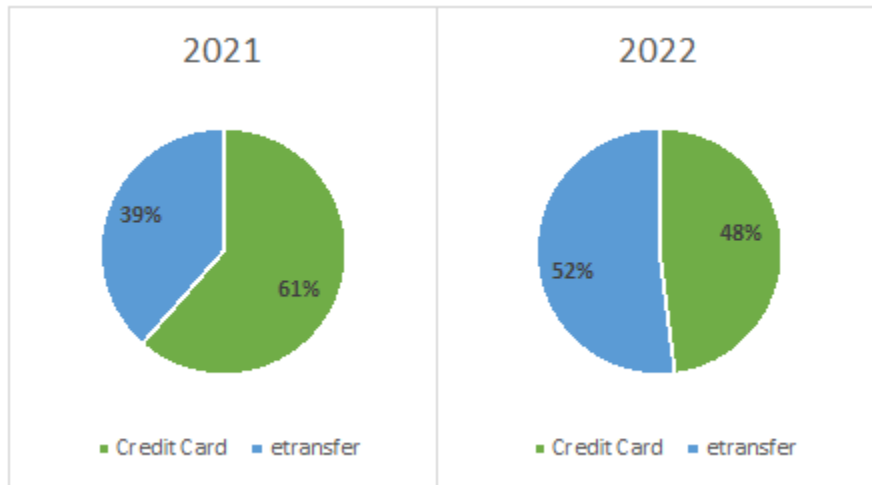


Total registration fees with Clinics and Tournaments exceeded quarter of a million dollars!

Major items of note:

Credit Card costs, ~\$4,600, large increase over prior years. Driving that change is 1) increased volume 2) greater shift towards credit card usage (assumably because of ease of processing in RAMP).

Rates in RAMP are lower than in Goalline, at old rates CC costs have been ~\$800 more.



Total IT systems costs this year were \$3,738, much of that was one time transition related. Go forward fixed cost with RAMP will be in the \$1k range, with optional Team app costs (about \$30 team).

Bank account have been changed to unlimited electronic transactions at marginal additional fixed cost, should save several hundred dollars annually.

Uncollected amounts, 3% of registration fees are uncollected. This is an area that should be looked at, RAMP tracks this and users will see the balance owing next year if/when they register.

Report: Financial Statement (Jim Scott)

	Humber Park	Porters Lake	Cole Harbour	Diamond Dawgs	Eastern Passage	Arrows	Tryouts	Clinics	Tournaments	Total
Registered Players	44	137	488	215	175	127	234	116		1,186
Teams	1	4	16	9	11	10			27	51
**Assume 2 coaches and 1 administrator per team										
	Humber Park	Porters Lake	Cole Harbour	Diamond Dawgs	Eastern Passage	Arrows	Tryouts	Clinics	Tournaments	Total
Income:										
Total Registration Fees	\$ 7,560	\$ 23,235	\$ 85,115	\$ 38,365	\$ 31,840	\$ 30,009	\$ 11,700	\$ 22,325	\$ 7,375	\$ 257,524
Less: Family Discount	(128)	(388)	(1,169)	(461)	(507)	(347)	(100)	-	-	(3,098)
Net Registration After Discounts	\$ 7,433	\$ 22,847	\$ 83,947	\$ 37,905	\$ 31,334	\$ 29,662	\$ 11,600	\$ 22,325	\$ 7,375	\$ 254,426
Less:										
Uncollected	(484)	(1,842)	(2,170)	(3,071)	(104)	-	-	-	-	(7,669)
Tryouts Fees Players not on Arrows	(50)	(935)	(3,475)	(450)	(150)	-	5,060	-	-	-
Member Credits	(42)	(115)	(360)	(155)	(160)	(28)	-	-	-	(859)
Credit Cards	(130)	(407)	(1,581)	(655)	(582)	(554)	(216)	(412)	(136)	(4,674)
Gross Funds for Distribution	6,728	19,548	76,360	33,574	30,338	29,079	16,444	21,913	7,239	241,224
Cost of Baseball:										
Game / Player Variable										
Umpire Cost	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,760	\$ 10,235	\$ 5,870	\$ 3,875	\$ 6,460	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,260	\$ 35,660
BNS Insurance/Admin	940	2,980	10,720	4,840	4,160	3,140	-	-	-	26,780
Arrows Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	17,114	-	-	-	17,114
Arrows Registration Costs	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Playoffs	255	795	2,831	1,247	1,015	-	-	-	-	6,143
Tryout / Camp Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,533	11,748	-	23,281
Tournaments Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,338	2,338
Marketing/Signage	17	53	189	83	68	49	-	-	-	459
Arrows Storage	-	-	-	-	-	1,802	-	-	-	1,802
Rec Coordinator	42	129	461	203	165	-	-	-	-	1,000
Umpire Assignor	100	270	1,125	615	500	595	-	-	-	3,205
Arrows Team Distributions	-	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	-	-
Total Variable Costs	\$ 2,554	\$ 5,987	\$ 25,561	\$ 12,858	\$ 9,783	\$ 32,760	\$ 11,533	\$ 11,748	\$ 8,598	\$ 120,782
Fixed Costs										
Allocatable Systems Cost Costs	\$ -	\$ 113	\$ 453	\$ 255	\$ -	\$ 283	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1,103
Unallocatable Systems Cost Costs	77	238	871	392	326	307	120	228	75	2,635
Accounting/System	67	205	752	339	281	265	103	197	65	2,276
Bank Fees	23	70	258	116	97	91	35	68	22	781
Office & Admin	53	162	592	267	221	209	81	155	51	1,790
Allocated Fixed Costs	\$ 220	\$ 788	\$ 2,925	\$ 1,369	\$ 925	\$ 1,155	\$ 340	\$ 649	\$ 214	\$ 8,585
Total Due	\$ 3,954	\$ 12,773	\$ 47,874	\$ 19,347	\$ 19,630	\$ (4,835)	\$ 4,571	\$ 9,516	\$ (1,573)	\$ 111,857
Less: Associations Paid Direct					\$ (380)		\$ (50)			
Payment #1	\$ 2,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 82,000
Payment #2	\$ 1,500		\$ 17,000		\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,500
Estimated Payment #3	\$ 454	\$ (1,227)	\$ 874	\$ (653)	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 4,521	\$ 9,516	\$ (1,573)	\$ 13,162

Report: Competitive Coordinator (Brian Secord)

- Competitive Tryouts:
 - 234 players attended tryouts.
 - One Last Rep was used to do the initial skills evaluation before getting on the field. It went very well, and the results helped with the selection of the teams.
 - After using OLR and seeing what the results were, there will be some changes in the on-field evaluation process next year.
 - As with any year there were lessons learned by all and some changes will be made again for next year.
 - There were 10 Arrow's teams again this year.

- All but one team received new jerseys this year. They didn't get them because we ran out of the sizes that they needed. More of these sizes will be ordered so everyone will be in the same jerseys next year.

- Some of the note worthy team results are:
 - 11U AA won their league.
 - 11U AAA second in Provincials.
 - 13U AAA won Provincials.
 - 15U AAA won Provincials and Atlantic's. Also named team of the year by BNS.
 - 18U AA won Provincials and finished 3rd in Atlantic's.

- We ran winter camps at OLR for all age groups that went for 8 weeks. We will be running the again this winter in the new year.

- Repairs were made to the Beazley Batting Cages. With the repairs and construction completed at Beazley, we should get more use out of next year.

Report: Recreation Coordinator (Dominique Surette-Lombard)

It was a busy season...

- Did an overhaul of the DDMBA “Rules of play” so that there were not multiple different rules to follow for each level.
- A Coaches meeting was held on June 5th, at Cole Harbour Place to go over the 2022 Coaches Manuel.
- There were 30 teams from U11-U18 each having approximately 20 regular season games.
- There were quite a few Forfeits. Rainouts, and canceled games that were not made up.
- For the most part, Playoffs went well except for U11 as many of the rules were not being properly followed.
- Overall, I thought it was a great season! Best of luck in 2023!

Report: Cole Harbour President (Jamie Alders)

- The Cardinals had another great season with a new high of over 500 kids registered. It was great to see so many kids on the field this year as things got back to normal after two long seasons of Covid.
- We had lots of team success and lots of happy kids. We were happy to put on our year end event again this year with hundreds of people attending.
- We would like to thank all the volunteers who made it happen. Every day we had multiple teams on the field and couldn't have run a successful program without all the coaches and their dedication to the kids.
- Cardinals baseball is thriving in the community and we're looking to build on it again next year.

Report: Diamond Dawgs President (Chris Cluett)

The Diamond Dawgs 2022 season was a success as registration was back to pre-covid numbers. Registration at U18 was not what we expected as many players left the sport after their final year of U15, however our U5 and U7 registration was the best it has been in years which is encouraging for the future. Early in the season we struggled to find enough volunteers for all teams in U11 and U13 however the volunteers that we had, once again did a great job and made us proud.

The Diamond Dawgs incorporated the Jays Rally Cap program into our U5 and U7 age groups this year. Even with the lack of support from BNS for this program, the inaugural year went well, and we have identified areas that we will continue to improve over the coming years.

This year the Diamond Dawgs added the Challenger program to our offering. This was the most successful and rewarding addition we have made to date. We had over 20 players registered in this our first season. We were honored to be asked to host a Jays Care Workshop on the recently renovated Woodlawn Fields. The players and volunteers were lucky to get to spend a couple of hours with the Jays Care Challenger team which included Matt Stairs that played with the Blue Jays in 2007-2008.

We once again added to our infrastructure and improved city facilities for our players. This year we added a batting cage, dual bullpen, and storage locker at the Woodside fields. We also finished the Woodlawn fields behind Giant Tiger, with building dugouts on Field #3 and adding protective roof to the Field #1 dugouts. This was a 2-year project that started with the renovations we did on Field #2 last year.

To close the season the Diamond Dawgs hosted our first annual party at the Woodside complex. We had two inflatable bouncy castles, an inflatable obstacle course, a BBQ by Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth and skills competition with prizes for our players. That day we hosted over 250 players, parents, and siblings for a great day to celebrate the successful season.

Report: Eastern Passage (Jason Lombard)

- The 2022 season proved to be a successful season for EP with a record high number of teams. In addition to having U5 & U7 we had 2 U9, 3 U11 & 2 U15 teams.
- We hosted a couple tournaments (U15 & U18), as well as U15 a Qualifications and U15 "A" Provincials.
- Each team ended the year off with their year end parties.
- A big shout out to Passage Pizza for always being such a huge supporter and sponsor for EPMBA and Dominos Pizza for sponsoring the Player of the game this season.
- Overall, it was a great season with a great group of kids, parents and coaches. We look forward to welcoming back our Pirates family to our 2023 Season

Report: Humber Park (Albert Sarracini)

- Humber Park had low numbers this year but on the plus side we had good numbers at the U5 and U7 age groups which are key to keep growing as an organization.
- We had a U18 team who lost to Eastern Passage in the finals. All said and done they had a great year.
- Our U5 and U7 were great this year had good numbers and awesome coaches and parents who help to make the ball season fun for the kids.
- One huge part of the great year is for all the help and hard work from Ashley Helmkey who recruited and ran the younger programs. We did do the rally cap program with the younger kids.
- We also did a try baseball day to get kids interested in baseball with the help of baseball Nova Scotia.
- I will be setting a time and date for an AGM meeting for Humber Park to discuss the next year and more so to involve new board members as I am stepping down as president of Humber Park baseball association.
- I will not abandon the association if no one steps up for the role. I want the Hawks to still be around and love to see the kids have fun playing baseball

Report: Porters Lake (Lorri Arnold)

- We were fortunate to be able to have another successful baseball season in 2022. I'd like to thank the parents and coaches for their efforts in keeping our players engaged, we certainly couldn't do any of this without supportive parents and amazing coaches.
- On the field, our registration increased at almost every level. We continue to focus on player development with dedicated coaches.
- We had one competitive team within our association, a U15A team. They had a successful season placing in the top 6 out of 15 teams.
- Our recreational baseball program had a great season fielding teams at almost all levels. Our U11 & U13 teams also finished 1st in their playoff divisions.
- We were able to field multiple Rally Cap teams, 2 U9 Teams, a large U11 Team, 2 U13 teams, a U15A team and worked with Humber Park to give our U18 players a place to play.
- We were also happy to report several our players making arrows competitive teams where they went on to compete and win Provincials and Atlantic's.
- The association will be looking for new executive members in the near future to keep up with the growth of the association. The past two years have been a huge undertaking and more help is needed to meet the growing demands.
- A big thanks to all our players, parents, coaches and other volunteers who helped with this season, everyone played a huge role in our success and helped us establish a great foundation to build on for next season.

DDMBA Constitution Amendments (Mark Raftus)

Article 5 – The Executive

Article 5.2

Current wording:

The executive shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Competitive Coordinator, Recreation Coordinator & 3 House Program coordinators. All to be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) & serve a 1-year term. Each member of the Executive shall have one (1) vote in all matters requiring voting.

Proposed new wording:

The Executive shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Competitive Coordinator and Recreation Coordinator. All to be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and serve a two [2] year term. To preserve stability on the Executive, the positions of President, Secretary & Competitive Co-ordinator should be voted on in even numbered years and the positions of Vice-President, Registrar, Treasurer and Recreation Coordinator should be voted on in odd numbered years. If this system is not possible due to circumstances of an Executive Member withdrawing from the role, the position[s] at issue may be elected in any year to ensure the Executive position is filled. Each member of the Executive shall have one (1) vote in all matters requiring voting.

Changes:

Remove the three house program co-ordinators, make the Executive terms two years, and propose an every-other-year vote for various positions to ensure stability of Executive personnel.

Article 10 – The Treasurer

Addition of new Article 10.5 stating:

The Treasurer position is a stipend **eligible** position with the stipend to be paid at the conclusion of the season with the sum to be set by the Executive and Board of Directors each season. **Sum to be set prior to season and paid at season end.**

Article 11 – Program Co-Ordinators

Article 11.1

Current wording:

Recreational Coordinators shall be responsible for organizing schedules and providing this information to the Secretary prior to the season starting.

Proposed new wording:

The Recreation Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing schedules and providing this information to the Secretary prior to the season and/or playoffs starting.

Changes:

Refining the existing language and specific stated inclusion of the playoff's schedules to the Recreation Coordinator role.

Addition of new Article 11.1A stating:

The Recreation Coordinator position is a stipend **eligible** position with the stipend to be paid at the conclusion of the season with the sum to be set by the Executive and Board of Directors each season. **Sum to be set prior to season and paid at season end.**

Article 13 – Umpires

Article 13.1

Current wording:

The Board of Directors shall annually endorse the Umpire-in-chief and the Umpires assigning Officer for the Dartmouth Region. The assignor is approved by DDMBA each year and works for DDMBA and its member associations.

Proposed new wording:

The Board of Directors shall annually endorse the Umpire-In-Chief and select the DDMBA Umpires Assigning Officer. The DDMBA Umpires Assigning Officer is approved by DDMBA each year and works for DDMBA and its member associations. The Umpires Assigning Officer position is a stipend eligible position with the stipend to be paid at the conclusion of the season with the sum to be set by the Executive and Board of Directors each season.

Changes:

Refine the wording of the existing paragraph and add the section on stipend eligibility.

Nominations and Elections for open Executive Positions

- President - Mark Raftus has reoffered - **Acclaimed**
- Secretary - Donnie MacDonald has reoffered - **Acclaimed**
- Treasurer/ Registrar - Jim Scott has reoffered - **Acclaimed**
- Competitive Co-ordinator - **Brian Secord has reoffered. Kim Pitre was nominated. A vote took place. Brian Secord was elected.**
- Vice President – **Dominique Surette-Lombard: Nominated and Elected**
- Recreation Co-ordinator – **Kim Pitre: Nominated and Elected**
- Umpire Assignor: **VACANT**

New Business

Open Floor Period to Membership

- Question raised on Arrows Coaching Selection.
 - Email in mid December to membership calling for coaches.
 - Information is compiled and DDMBA Board will vote on appointments.
 - Member survey feedback will be considered when appointing coaches.
 - Nonparent coaches or a returning parent coach may be appointed prior to the tryout process.
- Tryouts 2023
 - Will continue to partner with OLR to support the tryout process (Quantitative Data on players) in addition to traditional on field sessions.
 - Player evaluation technology tools will be investigated to assist the process.
 - Tryout enhancement costs will be built into the 2023 Tryout Fees.
- Chris Lowe (Eastern Passage Member and Coach) has come forward to assist the DDMBA Recreation Coordinator with the 18U Recreation League administration with a mandate to expand the league.
- Stephan Handerek will be coordinating a U12 Girls team under the Arrows Brand for the 2023 season. DDMBA and BNS to support.

- Association Boundaries: RAMP System to be investigated to support with “policing” player and association boundaries. Look to possibly filter by postal code and have the system place players in home association versus the current set up of self selection.

- Umpires
 - We have an immediate need for an umpire assignor for the 2023 season – all members in attendance asked to check with personal networks for possible solutions.
 - Looking to have an enhanced mentorship program for new umpires. Member – Ken Zwicker has offered to explore options to support this opportunity.
 - Kim Pitre (Recreation Coordinator) has experience with “In House” mentorship for officials from Dartmouth Volleyball. Kim to share some best practices from DVB with Mark Raftus.

2022 AGM Adjournment: 9:15pm