

2021 SEEBA Presidents Report

The SEEBA Baseball program got off to a quick start during the 2021 season.

As we move into the Winter of 2022, we have sold out all SEEBA Camps and have waiting lists available should anyone have to cancel. The SEEBA camps feature high performance development for all ages of players.

The SEEBA Edmonton Expos AAA program in cooperation with our partners SJP and SWEMBA, began our AAA tryouts in February in order to facilitate player movement from AAA to AA and then to community baseball. All three Edmonton Expos teams were selected prior to the end of March 2020 and followed all Government of Alberta protocols for Covid-19 in cooperation with our facility providers.

Our three teams continue to participate in the Baseball Alberta AAA league at the tier 1 level. This year Baseball Alberta allowed several associations to field additional AAA teams at the U18 level which had an impact on our partners AA programming at the AA level.

We were very pleased to return to a normal tiering and then regulars season play with provincials being pushed back to the middle of August due to the delayed start of the season.

Our U18 AAA team struggled this season with a number of season ending injuries affecting pitching which was difficult throughout the season. We will be looking to increasing our resources for the U18 AAA team for next season to ensure all areas of the game receive AAA level programming and attention during the season.

The U15 AAA team competed well throughout the season in the Baseball Alberta U15 AAA division. They finished the season with 10 wins against 15 losses during their 25-game league schedule. Although not as successful season as they may have hoped, the team developed throughout the season and the players are well positioned to continue their growth in the upcoming season.

The U13 AAA team had an outstanding year beginning with their season play where they competed to an above five hundred season finishing with 15 wins against 13 spots earning them a place in Baseball Alberta Tier 1 Provincial Championships. The U13 AAA team save their best for last capturing the Baseball Alberta U13 Tier 1 Provincial Championship with a win over

the Parkland Twins. This is the first SEEBA Provincial Championship since the memorandum of understanding between SJP, SWEMBA and SEEBA which has been in place for the last three years.

The SEEBA Board of Directors are incredibly proud of all our teams this year, their parents and coaches as they represented SEEBA well throughout the season.

We continued our strong partnerships with SJP and SWEMBA and through these partnerships were able to use the facilities at Callingwood Fields for most team practices for all three teams. This allowed us to store equipment and made things easier for our coaches and players to have all practices in the same location. We very much appreciate the support and partnership with SJP to provide us use of their facilities.

The SEEBA Board of Directors oversaw a successful season on the field and off the field with an increase in association funds to offset Casino funds that were obtained during the 2020 Casino. Since the association will not receive another Casino until sometime in 2023, we need to ensure we are taking care of our association finances in order to support the continued growth of our association and our partners.

We are currently in negotiation with SJP and SWEMBA to have an extension of our memorandum of understanding in place prior to January 1, 2022. Feedback from all three associations was positive and we are confident an agreement will be put in place to continue our partnership.

All coaching positions have been posted for next season and we will look at interested parties including the high-level coaches we had within the SEEBA organization last season.

In closing, we believe we have a successful program to build on for the future and we wish to thank all players, parents, coaches and administrators who have been integral over the history of SEEBA in building the organization we have today, and we look forward to the 2022 season.

Respectfully,

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