



Lacombe Minor Baseball Association (LMBA)
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 16th 7:00 pm- County Room LMC

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Shannon Bruns.

Welcome and Introductions by Shannon Bruns - LMBA President. (See Shannon's written excerpt on page 5). The 2022 LMBA executive members in attendance were introduced.

- 1) **Adoption of 2023 AGM Agenda:** Akemi Matthie adopted the agenda. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favor.
- 2) **Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes:** Tamara Noordhof adopted the 2022 AGM meeting minutes. Sasha Warawa seconded. All in favor.
- 3) **General Information About LMBA powerpoint presentation** by Melanie Callihoo - LMBA Secretary
- 4) **2022 Season Highlights and 2023 Season Initiatives** (see Shannon's written excerpt on page 5) Shannon also provided a thank you to parents for their involvement in filling miscellaneous volunteer roles last season.
- 5) **Registration Information**
 - AGM code: AGM2023.
 - Information on LMBA website including link to RAMP and age designations for each division.
 - The increase seen on registration fees is for the newly introduced photo package. This will include action shots (taken on the diamond) of every player (Rally-18U). See page 6 for further information.
 - Additional fees may be required for tournaments and umpire fees (for AA). See page 7 for further information.
 - Community A and Competitive AA teams (see pages 7 & 8)
 - Will also be running indoor skill sessions prior to the start of the season. Currently 47 kids registered for sessions at Upper Elementary.
- 6) **2022 Final Budget and 2023 Proposed Budget** presented by Jeff Kluthe - LMBA Treasurer.

It was difficult to build the 2022 budget from the previous 2021 budget as 2021 was still affected by COVID. Registration fee actuals in 2022 mirrored 2019 numbers.

Revenue:

- Umpire clinics in which other association umpires attended.
- 50/50's at the Riverhawks game and community tournament.

Expenses:

- Were higher than the budgeted amount. More players registered in 2022 equaled higher fees paid to Baseball Alberta.
- Increased coach training.
- Umpire fees were higher.

Surplus of \$16721.82

2023

- Registration fee revenue budget increased due to the photo package.
- Proposing to spend down surplus
 - \$3000 batting cage.
 - Jerseys and equipment upgrades.

Akemi Matthie made a motion to adopt the 2023 budget as presented. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favor.

7) Society Act Auditor Delegation

Shanon Hedgecock made a motion to nominate Sasha Warawa and Tania Dundas as auditors to review the 2022 financial documents and meeting minutes. Mike Berdan seconded. All in favor.

ADDENDUM-Following the meeting it was noted that Tania Dundas was the treasurer for LMBA in 2022 and therefore should not be conducting the audit. Likewise, Sasha Warawa was newly elected as a 2023 executive member and should not be acting as an auditor as well. A call out to the membership occurred in February seeking two new auditors. Wanda Loades and Michael Berdan were nominated.

8) 2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorships help cover costs for players, teams, facility and field maintenance, etc. This year we will be offering a vinyl banner that will have multiple sponsors displayed. There will be 3 levels of logo size (based on financial commitment). The teams will take these banners to every game and hang them on the fence near their dugout. This will offer high visibility of the company's logo/name. The banner will not block the visibility of the spectators. The banners will not cover the current signs that are visible from Highway 12. The current highway signs are on a 1 year contract.

Grand slam sponsors will help fund development clinics for athletes, coaches, volunteers and LMBA members.

9) Nomination and Election of 2023 LMBA Executive:

- a) President-Tamara Noordhof nominated Shannon Bruns. Mark Blatz seconded. All in favor.
- b) Vice President -Tamara Noordhof nominated Bill Lawrence. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.
- c) Registrar-Tania Dundas nominated Veronica Whitbread. Tamara Noordhof seconded. All in favor.
- d) Treasurer-Veronica Whitbread nominated Jeff Kluthe. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.
- e) Secretary-Nicole Fauria nominated Melanie Callihoo. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.
- f) Website and Social Media Director-Akemi Matthie nominated Lee Porath. Melanie Callihoo seconded. All in favor.
- g) Fundraising and Apparel Director-Lee Porath nominated Renee Spelt. Cheyne Law seconded. All in favor.
 - Assistant to the Director was presented as a new executive position

Mike Berdan made a motion to create an additional executive position named Fundraising and Apparel Director Assistant. Sasha Warawa seconded. All in favor.

This position was not filled by the conclusion of the meeting.

- h) Equipment and Uniform Director-Tania Dundas nominated Cheyne Law and Clayton Russell. Tamara Noordhof seconded. All in favor.
- i) Coach and Player Development Director-Akemi nominated Colin Tee. Trudy Khan seconded. All in favor.
- j) Umpire and Facility Director-Graeme Rice nominated Kim Willington. Colin Tee seconded. All in favor.
- k) Community A Tournament Director-Kim Willington nominated Sasha Warawa. Melanie Callihoo seconded. All in favor.
- l) Rally Cap Director-Initially Tania Dundas nominated Akemi Matthie. Jeff Kluthe seconded. All in favor.

Later in the election process another nomination was made to move Akemi Matthie to Rookie (9U) Director with Alyssa Dinter elected to Rally Cap Director.

Mike Berdan nominated Alyssa Dinter as Rally Cap Director. Melanie seconded. All in favor.

- m) Rookie (9U) Director-As line above Akemi Matthie nominated to this position.
- n) 11U Director-Tamara Noordhof nominated Tiffany Watson. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.
- o) 13U Director-Tyler Tichkowsky nominated Graeme Rice. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.

- p) 15U Director-Kim Willington nominated Mark Blatz. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.
- q) 18U Director-remained vacant. No election of director finalized.
- r) Female Athlete Director was presented as a new executive position.
 - Trudy Khan made a motion to create the new executive position named Female Athlete Director. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.

Kim Willington nominated Ami Rintoul as Female Athlete Director. Akemi Matthie seconded. All in favor.

10) Important LMBA Dates-see list on page 9

11) Questions

- New umpires (Level 1) are required to attend an all day clinic.
- Baseball AB Coaches clinics will be starting earlier this year.
- LMBA will be offering coach clinics. LMBA highly encourages individuals to coach. LMBA provides support.
- Apparel week upcoming.

12) Adjournment: Tyler Tichkowsky made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. Melanie Callihoo seconded.

See pages 5-9 for more information referenced in minutes.

The following pages were provided to each person in attendance at the AGM and referenced throughout the meeting.

Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 LMBA AGM. Thank you for taking the time this evening to come out to this event and for considering the LMBA for your child this year. The LMBA executive and myself are excited to build on the 2022 season and look forward to another successful year ahead. My name is Shannon Bruns and I have been a part of the LMBA executive since 2018. I was honored to hold the position of President for 2022 and had the privilege of working with some of the most amazing executive members, volunteers, families and players to make 2022 one of the most remarkable and eventful seasons of baseball in Lacombe.

Please ensure that you have signed the AGM Attendance forms at the hall entrance, as this entitles you to a \$25.00 registration fee discount per player if you register online by February 1st.

There are a few items that need to be done at these annual meetings and are outlined on the first page of the handout. We hope to be able to get through the agenda effectively and not keep anyone here too long this evening. We invite everyone to ask questions about LMBA and the upcoming season at the end, as we may provide the answers throughout the meeting. The LMBA website has been updated with the most relevant information and is found at www.lacombeminorbaseball.ca

2022 Season Highlights and 2023 Initiatives

In 2022, Lacombe had some of its highest registration numbers. That was very exciting after the difficult challenges associations faced during the pandemic. There was the reintroduction of AA baseball and one of the largest A tournaments in Central Alberta. The 11U AA Dodgers won the Tier IV Provincial Championships. There were 4 11U A teams who all represented well in the Central Alberta Baseball League finals but it was the Dodgers 1 team who came out on top! Lacombe hosted many weekends of baseball and was selected to host the 15U AA Tier VI Championships. The Community Tournament was a huge success. This season had the 9U Rookie Roundup take place at Michener Park as well. It was an incredible weekend of baseball with over 100 athletes on the fields at any given time on the first day. Other communities raved about our facilities and the amazing families who volunteered many hours to make all of these events possible. Lacombe was crucial to the success of baseball in Alberta with the dedication of the local umpires. Many were new to the role and did a fantastic job not only within Central Alberta but as far away as Grande Prairie. There were a lot of learning curves for anyone involved with the 2022 season and I can confidently say that the LMBA core values of community, sportsmanship and teamwork were evident in every situation. There are many things that went really well and there is a strong desire to build on the foundation built over the years. A few of the 2023 initiatives include hosting the AGM earlier in the year to allow the Executive and families more time to be organized and ready for the season start. LMBA has people in place to have the batting cage open for use at the beginning of the season. There are development/information sessions booked for players, umpires, coaches and managers to ensure everyone has the support and knowledge they need to be successful while trying to eliminate any unneeded pressures and stress on volunteers.

Registration Information

***Fees below are before \$25.00 AGM discount**

2023 Registration Prices	<i>AA Deadline: February 15, 2023</i>
	<i>A Deadline: March 15, 2023</i>
	<i>Rally Cap/9U (Rookie): April 1, 2023</i>
	Coach Registration 11U-18U AA deadline: February 8th, 2023 11U-18U A deadline: March 8th, 2023
	*Fees below are before \$25.00 AGM discount and **include an individual/team photo package for every player.
Rally Cap (2016, 2017, 2018)	\$140
9U/Rookie (2014, 2015)	\$200
11U AA (2012, 2013)	\$380 + \$15.00 tryout fee
11U A (2012, 2013)	\$295
13U AA (2010, 2011)	\$385 + \$25.00 tryout fee
13U A (2010, 2011)	\$305
15U AA (2008, 2009)	\$395+ \$35.00 tryout fee
15U A (2008, 2009)	\$315
18U AA (2005, 2006, 2007)	\$405+ \$45.00 tryout fee
18U A (2005, 2006, 2007)	\$325

****NEW Photo Packages**

Included in the 2023 registration prices is a photo package. Every player will receive this package. This service will be provided by Barrie Jane Photography.

Photo Package includes:

- Includes 1 Memory Mate Printed in 8x10 with player details and 1 5x7 of the player.
- Websize action shots of players during "1" of their games, in websize for sharing on social media platforms.
- Team, individual photos and lifestyle photos of the team
- Online viewing gallery for guardians to purchase prints, extra memory mates, baseball cards, water bottles, etc from the online store in the gallery. Every print ordered includes the websize digital for social media sharing.
- Gallery delivery is about 4 weeks after photos are taken.
- Facebook posts created for 'feature player(s) of the week'. Every player will be recognized/featured. These will be posted throughout the baseball season.
- Personalized mobile app for each player/guardian to share on their mobile device (valid for 45 days)

Additional Fees

There will be additional expenses with Competitive AA teams that are not included in the player's registration and tryout fees. These will be for umpires, tournament entry fees, exhibition games, game balls, etc. These fees can range from \$100.00-\$400.00 per player depending on the extent of such costs. To minimize these additional fees, most teams will organize a fundraiser(s) or obtain sponsors (all fundraising/sponsorships should be approved through the LMBA Fundraising and Apparel Director).

If a Community A team decides to enter a tournament, play exhibition games or enter A provincials, there will be additional costs. All A teams are required to attend the LMBA Community Tournament held in early June at Michener Park in Lacombe. To minimize these additional fees, most teams will organize a fundraiser(s) or obtain sponsors (all fundraising/sponsorships should be approved through the LMBA Fundraising and Apparel Director).

Community A Teams

The Community A Program in LMBA is a development program aimed to ensure players develop skills and learn the fundamentals of baseball at an age appropriate level.

- ★ The Rally Cap (7U) division plays in a house league and there is no travel outside of Lacombe. Season runs from May 1- June 25 on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ★ The Rookie (9U) division plays in a house league with no travel scheduled outside of Lacombe. Some teams may choose to play games with nearby communities (Bentley, Blackfalds, etc). Rookie (9U) does host a one day mini tournament early June. This tournament is now on the same weekend as the Community A Tournament and is held at Michener Park. Season runs from May 1- June 25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ★ 11U-18U teams are usually determined around the middle of April. Evaluations will take place if there are enough players to form more than 1 team to divide players up and create equal teams. Community teams play in the Central Alberta Baseball League (CABL). Teams can expect to play mostly on Monday and Wednesdays but there may be the occasional away game on different evenings (Baseball Alberta is in charge of the scheduling which is usually provided by end of April). At the community level, there are no league games on weekends (teams may choose to enter tournaments). Teams can expect 1-2 practices per week for the remainder of April depending on weather and indoor facility availability. The CABL season usually includes 2 games per week from May 1- June 25. Teams may choose to add practices depending on diamond availability and may choose to enter the Provincial Tournament (which will include games into July and possibly hosting games on a weekend). Home games and practices take place at Michener Park on the West end of Lacombe, just off of Highway 12.
- ★ CABL information can be found on the Baseball Alberta website:
<https://www.baseballalberta.com/cabl-home/>

Competitive AA Teams

Competitive teams are usually determined by the middle of March. If there are enough players registered, there will be a tryout process starting after the registration deadline. Players that do not make the AA team are encouraged to play for a Community A team. Once the team is determined, practices 2-3 times per week can be expected throughout the season depending on weather and indoor facility availability. The AA league is province wide

and utilizes a 3 round seeding/tiering format. Teams can expect to play in a regional format in May, North/South division in June and Provincial Tiering in July. Each round usually includes 2 weekends per month and 2-4 games per weekend. Practices and exhibition games would take place during the week (practices are usually Tuesdays and Thursdays). Home games and practices take place at Michener Park on the west end of Lacombe, just off Highway 12. Teams may choose to enter tournaments (outside of the tiering weekends).

More information can be found on the Baseball Alberta website:

<https://www.baseballalberta.com/>

The 2023 calendar can be found here:

<https://www.baseballalberta.com/2023-baseball-alberta-calendar/>

Upcoming Indoor Dates

(schedule to be adjusted based on coach availability and player interest)

Date	Time	Location	Tentative Age Group
<i>January 19th</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	11U
January 20th	6:30-8:30pm	Junior High	13U/15U
January 24th	7:30-9:00pm	The Dome	11U-18U
<i>January 25th</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	13U
January 27th	6:30-8:30pm	Junior High	15U
<i>February 1st</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	11U
<i>Februar 2nd</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	13U
<i>February 7th</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	11U
<i>February 9th</i>	<i>6:30-8:00pm</i>	<i>Upper EI</i>	13U
February 10th	6:30-8:30pm	Junior High	15U
February 17th	4:30-9:00pm	Junior High	AA skill/evaluations
February 24th	4:30-9:00pm	The Dome	AA final tryouts
March 3rd	6:30-8:30pm	Junior High	11U

2022 Budget and 2023 Proposed Budget

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ISFuwC3_fbAvXM-7lpjOCCWny1GoOYBkUP_Joc_u6Lk/edit#gid=0

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2023 Sponsorship Opportunities

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1B_M9x16hanqbtzQt23X-ilMBxOFMREoq_IWJhEBvKEg/edit

Executive Positions-Primary Responsibilities:

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/lacombemba/files/LMBA%20-%20Executive%20Positions%20-Primary%20Responsibilities.pdf>

Registration Link:

<http://www.lacombeminorbaseball.ca/content/registration-information>

Important Dates

January 16	AGM Meeting
January 16	Registration Opens
February 8	AA Coach Registration Deadline
February 15	AA Player Registration Deadline
February 17	AA Evaluations Begin
February 24	AA Evaluations at the Dome
March 8	A Coach Registration Deadline
March 11	Umpire Clinics
March 15	A Player Registration Deadline
	Rally Cap/9U Coach Registration Deadline
March 20	A Evaluations Begin
April 1	Rally Cap/9U Player Registration Deadline
April TBD	Coaches Clinics
	Coach/manager meetings
April 7	AA Roster Deadline
April 24	CABL League Schedule Released
May 1	Rally Cap/9U Season begins
May 8	11U-18U Community A Season begins
May 8	Coach Requirements deadline
June 2-4	Community A Tournament
June 24-25	CABL League Playoffs
July 21-23	Community A Provincials
July 28-30	AA Tier 4+ Provincials
August 4-6	AA Tier 1-3 Provincials

AA Weekend schedule found here:

<https://www.baseballalberta.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/3007/2022/12/2023-Baseball-Alberta-Calendar-V2.pdf>