



Lacombe Minor Baseball Association (LMBA)



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 7:00pm

Lacombe Memorial Centre-County Room

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm by Darcy Warawa.

- 1) Welcome, introductions and explanation of the meeting format for the evening by Darcy Warawa – LMBA President
- 2) Adoption of 2020 Agenda-Shawn Rice made a motion to adopt the February 12th, 2020 AGM Agenda as presented. Akemi Matthie seconded the motion. All in favour.
- 3) Adoption of February 13, 2019 AGM Minutes-Tania Dundas made a motion to accept the February 13th, 2019 AGM Meeting Minutes as presented. Don Derowin seconded. All in favour.
- 4) 2019 Season Highlights and 2020 Season Initiatives

2019

- 252 players registered. 2nd largest season registration to date.
- Rookie program developed 4 years ago. LMBA presented the program at the Baseball AB AGM. Baseball AB has now adopted this program as the recommended program for the province. Thanks to the LMBA volunteers/coaches that helped to develop this program and were willing to adopt the concept.
- Coach and Player Development funds allocated for 3rd party instructors.
- Policies and Guidelines Handbook revisions. Increased number of topics in handbook from 9 to 14.
- Facebook and LMBA website updates and increased usage.
- Executive Responsibilities document revision for the Umpire and Facility Director position. This position will now be split between 2 volunteers. An Upper Director (Midget and Bantam) and a Lower Director (Pee Wee and Mosquito).
- Tryout fees implemented for AA level.
- Dodgers apparel ordering streamlined. Working on creating a “culture” within LMBA. Reds Source for Sports organized an apparel day that provided a discount on apparel and equipment. Coaches were also provided with a Coaches Card that provided them with a discount throughout the baseball season.
- Developed a process for required coaching certifications and reimbursement policy for these courses.
- Hosted Initiation Coaches clinic/certification
- Hosted Rally Cap/Rookie Skills and Drills 2.5 hour clinic for LMBA coaches.
- Upgrades to batting cage projected initiated. Thank you to BAMSS and Inland for their support, as well as Kevin Bresee and Shawn Rice for their efforts.
- Sponsorship signs on the Pee Wee diamond fence full with waiting list for future sponsors.
- Score clock install/updates on the Midget and Mosquito diamonds. Thank you to the following sponsors-Richardson Foundation Inc., Atco, Fortis AB and TBR Contracting.
- Pee Wee dugouts painted.
- Work-bee in Spring 2019 to prepare diamonds and mounds for the season.

- 54 players attended the camp with Side Arm Nation in Lacombe.
- Community A Tournament was a success amidst issues with heavy smoke due to forest fires on the first day of the tournament.
- Annual BBQ and Midget game with participation from LMBA Rookie players.
- Improved communication with Blackfalds, Ponoka and Clive associations.
- Improved process for volunteers to obtain criminal record checks and vulnerable record checks. LMBA developed a letter for volunteers to present to The City of Lacombe Police Service that allows for a \$20 fee compared to a \$50 fee.
- Society Act and Certification of Incorporation completed with the help of Corey Gish from Gish Law Office.
- Introduction of Executive Members in attendance at tonight's meeting and acknowledgement of their assistance in 2019 successes.

2020

- Coach/Player Development funds built into 2020 budget
- Will be applying for a grant from Baseball AB to help offset costs of remaining Batting Cage upgrades.
- Batting Cage project to be completed.
- Secured sponsorship from BAMSS. \$2000 will be applied to the batting cage (original donation occurred in 2019 but was carried forward to 2020 as project did not get completed before winter season). BAMSS has also committed to providing \$500/year for the next 3 years for maintenance and upkeep of the batting cage.
- BAMSS will also be donating again for the Rookie and Rally Cap programs as well as for their sponsorship sign on the Pee Wee diamond.
- Reds Source for Sports will again be hosting an apparel day with a discount offered on this day for baseball equipment. .
- Coaches Card discount will again be provided for the 2020 baseball season.
- Clinics and camps for divisions.
- Community A Tournament
- Annual BBQ
- Declaration Letter has been developed and will be used for the interim years when a new CRC is not required. This will save money for the association.
- Requirements for coaches is available on the LMBA website.

5) Baseball AB-Umpire Fees Increase-An incidental finding was discovered on the Baseball AB website that there has been an increase of the umpire fees for the upcoming season. No communication was received from Baseball AB. LMBA had to adjust the proposed 2020 budget to reflect these increases.

6) 2019 Final Budget-Tania Dundas presented the 2019 final budget and provided explanation that the fees paid for camps were built into the registration fees category. High cost in equipment category a result of replacement of old equipment and a large number of new baseballs purchased. Adjustment was made to Equipment category for 2020 as these costs should decrease.

2020 Proposed Budget-Tania Dundas presented the 2020 proposed budget with an explanation that the batting cage project has been carried over, umpire costs have increased provincially and therefore adjustments were made to this category. Forecasting for improved coach retention and less costs for coaching clinics and CRC reimbursements.

Tyler Tichkowsky made a motion to approve the 2020 budget as presented. Shawn Rice seconded. All in favour.

7) Bylaw Revisions-None to report

8) Nominations and Election of the LMBA Executive:

Darcy Warawa explained election process and that a meeting will be scheduled prior to the next Executive Meeting for all new executive members which will provide an overview of roles and responsibilities. Election of new members ensued.

a) **President**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Chris Houston**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

b) **Vice President**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Allison Krahn**. Jason Bessette seconded. All in favour.

c) **Registrar**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Sarah Wilson**. Veronica Whitbread seconded. All in favour.

d) **Treasurer**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Tania Dundas**. Mark Blatz seconded. All in favour.

e) **Secretary**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Melanie Callihoo**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

f) **Website and Social Media Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Kelly Kristensen**. Shannon Bruns seconded. All in favour.

g) **Fundraising and Apparel Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Veronica Whitbread**. Jason Bessette seconded. All in favour.

h) **Equipment and Uniform Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Ben Lamoureux**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

i) **Coach and Player Development Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Matt Adair**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

j) **Umpire and Facility Director-Lower Division (11U & 13U)**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Phil Abma**. Don Derowin seconded. All in favour

k) **Umpire and Facility Director-Upper Division (15U & 18U)**- Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Jen Nesbitt**. Shannon Bruns seconded. All in favour

l) **Community A Tournament Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Suzanne Hanley-Hawkings**. Don Derowin seconded. All in favour.

m) **Rally Cap Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Akemi Matthie**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

n) **Rookie (9U) Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Shannon Bruns**. JMark Blatz seconded. All in favour.

o) **Mosquito (11U) Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Mark Blatz**. Melanie Callihoo seconded. All in favour.

p) **Pee Wee (13U) Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Alison Stangeland**. Jason Bessette seconded. All in favour.

q) **Bantam (15U) Director**-Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Don Derowin**. Tania Dundas seconded. All in favour.

r) **Midget (18U) Director**- Darcy Warawa made a motion to nominate **Tia Vandermeer**. Don Derowin seconded. All in favour.

9) Dodgers Apparel-On Sunday March 15 players/coaches/families for all divisions can present to Reds Source for Sports to order Dodgers apparel. As well on this date a 10% discount on all baseball equipment will be provided. This discount cannot be carried over-March 15 only. The “D” logo will once again be the designated logo for apparel/hats. More information will be sent by email prior to the event.

10) AGM Attendance Discount – Promo Code: 2020AGM

For those in attendance at the AGM a \$25 discount will be taken off of registration fee if registration completed by February 19, 2020.

Registration deadlines:

Competitive AA (Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget) will be open until Friday, Feb 28th.

Community A (Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget) will be open until Friday, March 27th.

Rally Cap and Rookie will be Monday, April 6th

10) Questions/Clarification

Thank you provided to Darcy Warawa for his efforts in President, Coach and Player Development and coaching roles over the years.

Darcy Warawa made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Jason seconded. All in favour.