



**Annual General Meeting Minutes  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm**

**LMC-County Room**

**Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Chris Huston-President**

**President Welcome Message:** Chris Huston welcomed attendees and thanked executive members for previous year of volunteering. Described a challenging previous 2 years working with COVID restrictions but noted that many successes still took place. 2021 operated with COVID restrictions having teams playing in Rally Cap up to 15U division. The 13UA-Team #1 won their pool of their year end tournament and 11UA hosted the year end tournament as well as Provincials. Baseball Alberta awarded Shannon Bruns with the Off Field Manager of the Year "A" award.

For 2022 LMBA is anticipating AA to return. Plans are in place for pre-season clinics for players and umpires. Chris has been discussing some clinic options with the DOME in Red Deer. There is a need to increase the pool of umpires in Lacombe. Overall, there is optimism for a fun season with possible lifting of COVID restrictions.

**Adoption of February 9, 2022 AGM Agenda:**

- First: Kim Willington
- All in Favour
- Second: Tamara Noordhof

**Adoption of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Zoom AGM Meeting Minutes:**

- First: Tamara Noordhof
- All in Favour
- Second: Alison Stangeland

**2022 Season Expectations:**

- Anticipating no COVID restrictions on sports. Normal season planning.
- Batting Cage – Plan to have the cage ready for the upcoming season.
- Apparel
  - No apparel day this year. Reds Source for Sports has some apparel in stock, and Dodgers hats will be available. There are issues with supplies on certain brands.
  - Jerseys are supplied for players
  - Pants will be available for purchase at Reds. Grey pants for Community A and white for AA. (Note-these can be purchased at any retailer)
  - Working on providing registrants with a discount voucher for Reds, or a discount day/week. This could be used on baseball related equipment. Communication will be provided.
- Umpires-waiting for direction from Baseball Alberta regarding upcoming umpire clinics.

## **2021 Registration Change:**

### **Registration is online at [lacombebminorbbaseball.ca](http://lacombebminorbbaseball.ca)**

- Payment by Credit Card, KidSport Canada and Jumpstart (these are funding options if required)
- Registration Fees return to 2019 amounts:
  - Rally Cap (5, 6 & 7 years old) - \$95.00-Registration deadline April 6, 2022
  - 9U - \$155.00-Registration deadline April 6, 2022
  - 11U – 'A' \$250.00. 'AA' \$335.00 + \$15.00 tryout-Registration deadline February 24,2022
  - 13U – 'A' \$260.00. 'AA' \$340.00 + \$25.00 tryout-Registration deadline February 24,2022
  - 15U – 'A' \$270.00. 'AA' \$350.00 + \$35.00 tryout-Registration deadline February 24,2022
  - 18U – 'A' \$280.00. 'AA' \$365.00 + \$45.00 tryout-Registration deadline February 24,2022
- When completing the registration process there is an option to register as a player, a coach or as an umpire. Those interested in coaching need to complete the coaching registration option.
- Brief explanation was provided of the season format, AA and Community A options, tournaments and number of days of the week for commitment. More information can be found on the LMBA website [lacombebminorbbaseball.ca](http://lacombebminorbbaseball.ca)

## **2022 Financial Report:**

A brief summary of the 2022 budget was provided. Note was made that the amount of the 2021 registration fees revenue was significantly reduced from previous seasons. This was due to a 50% reduction of fees in 2021 due to COVID restrictions being in place.

### **Adoption of 2022 Budget**

- First: Alison Stangeland
- All in Favour

Second: Tyler Tichkowsky

## **LMBA Executive Nominations and Elections:**

Nominations for executive positions took place. For those positions currently filled with a member willing to stay on for the upcoming season an opportunity was provided for a new nomination. First and second voting did not take place for each individual position so this is not recorded below. No objections occurred to any nominations and voting for a dual nomination was not necessary.

1. **Treasurer** – Tania Dundas
2. **Treasurer (Shadow Position for next season)**-Jeff Kluthe
3. **Secretary** – Melanie Callihoo
4. **Rally Cap Director** – Akemi Matthie
5. **Rookie (9U) Director** – Ami Rintoul
6. **Umpire and Facility Director (11U to 18U)** – Pam Nielsen
7. **Equipment and Uniform Director** – Cheyne Law, Don Derowin, Shawn Rice
8. **President**-Shannon Bruns
9. **Vice President**-Allison Krahm
10. **Registrar**-Leanne Shirreff
11. **Fundraising and Apparel Director**-Renée Spelt
12. **Coach and Player Development Director** -Colin Tee
13. **Website and Social Media Director**-Kim Willington
14. **Community A Tournament Director**-Trina Dubitz
15. **Mosquito (11U) Director** -Rory Kelliher
16. **Pee Wee (13U) Director** -Graeme Rice
17. **Bantam (15U) Director and Midget (18U) Director (combined position for 2022 season)**-Mark Blatz

### **AGM Attendance Discount:**

- All those in attendance will receive a \$25.00 discount per child applied to their registration, once full payment is made through the Ramp website. After selecting payment amount LMBA will deduct the \$25.00.

### **General:**

- Watch your email for updates on the upcoming season, registration payment deadlines, and communications relating to a Dodgers season.
- Umpires
  - Pam Nielsen provided more information regarding the urgent need to train more umpires. Typically, Lacombe hosts a Baseball Alberta Umpire training clinic every Spring but has been unable to for the past 2 years due to COVID.
  - Individual's age 12 years and older are eligible to umpire.
  - Baseball Alberta will be accepting clinic hosting applications soon. Lacombe will apply.
  - Clinic registrants must pay clinic fee (\$60-70 approx.) up front, when commitment to umpire a minimum of 2 games is fulfilled, this fee is reimbursed to the umpire.
  - A kit with some of the required supplies is provided by LMBA. Some equipment (shin guards, chest protector and face mask) is the responsibility of the umpire to purchase. LMBA has a limited supply of these items that can be loaned out.
  - Payment made to the umpires increases by each age division. Mileage is also paid if a request is made to umpire in a town/city other than Lacombe.
  - An attempt will be made to partner an experienced umpire with a new umpire when possible.
  - Baseball Alberta website has additional information regarding umpires.

### **Questions:**

- Player Releases-Information was provided in regards to a decision to grant an early release to a U13 AA player. This player played the previous season with another association because Lacombe was not able to offer AA baseball. The player plans to try out for AAA baseball as well. It was determined that this player's intent would be to no longer play baseball in Lacombe so there was no disadvantage to the association to release him. An executive vote occurred prior to registration deadlines in order for the player to meet the deadlines of the other associations in which he plans to tryout for.  
Further information in regards to Player Transfers can be found on the LMBA website. Applications will be reviewed by the Executive.
- There is a possibility of some U13 Blackfalds players looking to play AA in Lacombe if Blackfalds does not have enough registrants for AA. Mark Blatz will be communicating with the association.
- What will the format for Rally Cap and Rookie teams be this year? Number of players per team? It will depend on number of registrants. There were 6 teams for Rally Cap last year. Number of players per team was reduced due to COVID restrictions. Idea was brought forth to offer the coaches prep clinic again this year. This provides new coaches with the confidence to coach the Rally Cap and Rookie programs. Parents must remain at the Diamonds for these divisions so it is best to encourage them to coach as well.

**Adjournment:** First: Colin Tee

Second: Tyler Tichkowsky

All in Favour