



**2025 SPRING MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**  
**7:00 - 9:00pm at Virtual**

***Theme - 2025 Season Kickoff***

1. Call to Order – 7:07pm.
2. Introductions & Attendance – **CHAIR DID NOT RECORD ATTENDANCE.**

Name	Association	Online	Name	Association	Online
Chris Moser	President (Chair)		Justin Blackburn	Vice President	
D'Arcy Evans	Board Secretary		Kim Gauthier	Board Treasurer	
Real Bourbeau	Bonnyville District		Margaret Bayduza	Board Social Media	
Evan Aasen	Cold Lake District		Kara Johnston	Vermilion River District	
Cory Robinson	St. Paul District		Mike Walgren	LLB District	
Sharon Earl	Softball Alberta		Doug Basset	Baseball Alberta	
Dennell Anderson	Elk Point		Alain Mahe	St. Paul	
Lindsey Stanton	Boyle		Gwen Lepine	Elizabeth Settlement	
Jacinda Chartier	Boyle		Greg Laramee	St. Paul	
Andy Brodzaik	St. Paul		Ryan Potts	St. Paul	
Candace Walgren	LLB		Tyrel Turchyn	Pierceland	
Bestt Peterson	Buffalo Lake		Alanna Erasmus	Kikino	
			Melvina	Kikino	
Landon Cusack	Vermilion		Drake Centazzo	Marwayne	
Pam Cannon	Vermilion		Ryan Yopyk	Chief Umpire	

3. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a) January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – WINTER AGM Meeting
    - i. Drake – accept.  
Second – Alain Mahe.

4. Additions to the Agenda & Acceptance of Agenda
  - a) LMBL - Meeting Locations /Types.
  - b) Elk Point – Releases/ transfers.
  - c) Kikino – Overage rules. Baseball.
  - d) Motion to accept with additions: Drake. Second – Darren.
  
5. Delegations
  - a) Baseball Alberta – Zone 7 Representative
    - i. None. Everything is on the website.
    - ii. Margaret: AA Deadline is pasted. A teams are still able to register.
  - b) Softball Alberta – Zone 7 Representative
    - i. U13 & U15 Tiering weekend is in Lloyd. June 6-8<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Margaret: SB requires all coaches/assist/managers – respect in sport / safe sports. Need valid courses. Need by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
      1. Respect in Sport – Certificate number in Ramp. Activity leader in another sport.
      2. Need umpires – look at website for locations.
      3. Compliant forms – must be registered at the level it occurred.
      4. Rules - Overage players can now play any position. Face masks required to all defense players. Chin straps no longer required for batter helmets. Need to discuss these rules for Lakeland.
      5. Increase in affiliation fees for 2026.
  
6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - a) League Finals – 2024 Season Results Summary Page
    - i. List so far: <https://lmb1.ca/content/2024-league-champions>
    - ii. Send information to [Admin@lmb1.ca](mailto:Admin@lmb1.ca) email.
      1. 18U
      2. Gold: Lac La Biche Dodgers 18U
      3. Silver: Bonnyville Team.
    - iii. Margaret & Chris to take this away –
    - iv. Extra Medals were not returned.
      1. LLB there were no extra medals.
      2. St. Paul – some extra's. Can get them back to Margaret in Elk Point.
      3. Cold Lake – Darren will ask Evan if any left.
      4. Goodfish – All went out. No extras.
  - b) 2024 LMBL Questionnaire
    - i. Results from online survey: Review results.
    - ii. Full review – notes included.
  - c) 2024 Corrective Action Volunteers
    - i. Lead by LMBL Bylaw & Policy Subcommittee of Kim G (Chair), Chris M., Kara J, and Margaret B.
    - ii. Please see attached LMBL Board Corrective Action Tracker pdf.
    - iii. Please volunteer – if you're willing to assist between now and April to work through the LMBL Board Corrective Action Tracker items.

- d) Status of Late Entry & Withdrawal Fees for 2024
  - i. Treasurer - Summary Sheet of current state
    - 1. **Late Entry (After April 15th): \$250 fee per team**
      - a. April 18 – Pierceland Minor Ball for 13U Baseball
        - i. Cheque was sent.
    - 2. **Late withdrawals (After April 15<sup>th</sup>): \$500 fee per team**
      - a. May 16 – Cold Lake Minor Ball U9 softball T2
      - b. May 8 – Goodfish Minor Ball 15U BB, 11U BB, 9U BB
        - i. Cheque with Brad to Kim to Chris.
      - c. May 7 – St. Paul Minor Ball 15U BB
        - i. Will look into this.
  - ii. A number of teams dropped out of the crossover tournaments, many at the last minute causing a great deal of extra work and issues for hosts, the scheduling committee, and the other teams and families who attended their scheduled games. The crossover tournament weekends are part of league play and are not optional.
    - 1. Teams that failed to attend their crossover games will not be permitted to reschedule those games as league play, although they are welcome to schedule them as exhibition games.
    - 2. All teams must place at least 6 league games per season to be eligible to be scheduled into Finals.
    - 3. Associations will be closer to the team's actions. A manager / coach named & linked to the team and responsible right off the bat.
- e) Board Members – still all filled until 2026 AGM.
  - i. Potential replacements for
    - 1. VP & Umpire - Justin Blackburn & Ryan Yopyk.
    - 2. Bonnyville District – Real Bourbeau
    - 3. VP email – close down his email.
    - 4. Emails with @Ramp are not kept up anymore.
    - 5. Look towards to a @gmail emails.
- f) League Umpire Payment
  - i. How to handle the crossover and finals weekend.
  - ii. Two Options: Motion for April.
    - 1. League fees go up – Lakeland pay umpires.
    - 2. League fees go down – Team pay umpires.
    - 3. Teams pay our for Crossover & League Pays for Finals.
    - 4. OR Teams pay their own Umpires the entire time.
    - 5. Who covers the travel for the umpires?
    - 6. Bond implications.
    - 7. Lloyd – likes to split the payment between the teams.
- g) Website Contact Information
  - i. Missing contact information was an issue last year.
  - ii. Diamond locations & maps need to be updated.
  - iii. Margaret – Contact information for Association is mostly complete. Team logins yet, don't have contact information updated.
    - 1. Lloyd is now in the form.
    - 2. St Paul contacts haven't changed.
    - 3. Team Staff – which is missing bench staff will put President name in until coach is provided.

4. Phone numbers & emails for coach/manager contacts.

h) 2025 AGM Topics

- i. League Fee's & Penalties
  1. More formal method of invoice / receiving funds.
  2. Will start a more formal method with invoicing & tracking. All e-transfers.
- ii. Lakeland Umpires & Rules – Recruitment, Development, and Retention
  1. Lakeland rules review for 2025
    - a. Motion below.
    - b. Baseball – rule edits for 2025. YES.
      - i. 11U coach pitch - no walk rule.
    - c. Softball – rule edits for 2025. YES.
      - i. Overage players can now play any position.
      - ii. Face masks required to all defense players.
      - iii. Chin straps no longer required for batter helmets.
      - iv. U11 coach pitch only to cross over.
  2. Summary of current state of umpires per association.
    - a. Discuss list.
    - b. LLB & area – a good roster of umpires. Lot's of Jr. Umps.
      - i. Boyle – Athabasca umpire.
      - ii. Kikino – Not sure yet. Okay.
      - iii. Goodfish – Lost a couple. Will let everyone know if they are hosting a softball clinic.
    - c. St. Paul & area – sitting pretty good.
      - i. Baseball umpire clinic April 26<sup>th</sup>.
      - ii. Elk Point – doing alright. Activity trying to recruit, send a few to St. Paul Clinic.
    - d. Softball Clinic: Bonnyville April 26.
    - e. Lloydminster – will know later. Work in progress.
      - i. Kitscoty clinic on May 3
      - ii. Marwayne – still searching for ump coordinator.
      - iii. Vermilion – same as Marwayne. Some younger ones, but need to build capacity.
    - f. Cold Lake & Area – Baseball got a good group of baseball umps. A few softball umps. Attempting to grow our Softball umpire program.
      - i. Pierceland – Still okay for umps.
  3. Coordinate between larger associations to host umpire development clinics in 2025.
  4. 2025 Budget to purchase LMBL logo'ed equipment bags to provide to all umpires in the league and a few LMBL tournament 10'x10' tents.
    - a. Ideas:
      - i. Stipend for equipment – track how many games.
      - ii. Ump X games – get a stipend from the League.
      - iii. Reward the umpire for coming out!
        1. Like the idea – also helping our League & Community.

iii. Motions

1. Please see attached 2024 Motion Tracker pdf.
2. #12 – 2025 Team Fees & Dates Carried.

**Keep Team Entry Fees the same for 2025:**

U9 / 9U - \$50 per team, U11 / 11U & Up - \$150 per team, Late Withdrawal - \$500 per team.

All payments required by April 30th, 2025. Please send all payments to [etransfer@lmb.ca](mailto:etransfer@lmb.ca) LMBL will develop a more formal process for invoicing / receiving funds.

**All available diamonds & teams are required by April 18th, 2025 - End of Day. NO LATE ENTRIES. Via the formal process. No texts.**

Practice / Game Days remain the same of 2025:

Monday/Wednesday - All softball & 15U baseball, Tuesday/Thursday - All baseball except 15U.

**Opening week of May 5th, 2025 to begin scheduling games.**

**2025 Crossovers**

a. May 23 to 25th: 9U/U9, 11U/U11, 13U/U13.

b. May 30 to June 1: 15U/U15 & 18U/U18.

c. Same locations as last year. Teams are responsible of 1/2 of the umpire fee (excluding travel) for each of their crossover tournament games. Please contact the host association for amounts and payment arrangements.

d. Team 1 (if multiply teams) will be the host coordinator for the associations.

**2025 Final Tournament**

a. Baseball / Softball June 20th to 22nd (same as Baseball Alberta Community League Finals weekend). Note - June 27-29 is A Provincial

7. Board Officer Reports
  - a) President – None.
  - b) Vice-President – None.
  - c) Secretary – None.
  - d) Treasurer – None.
  
8. New Business:
  - a) Motions:
    - i. #13 – LMBL Logo Option Addition
      1. Submitted by –
      2. Moved by –
      3. Seconded by –
      4. Carried –
  
    - ii. #14 – LMBL Association Bond
      1. Submitted by –
      2. Moved by –
      3. Seconded by –
      4. Carried –
  
    - iii. #15 – LMBL Rules per Division
      1. Submitted by –
      2. Moved by –
      3. Seconded by –
      4. Carried –
  
9. Formal Correspondence Review & Round Table

- a) No formal correspondence.
  - b) Administration Update: Margaret
    - i. Get players on the website before play starts on the website.
    - ii. Schedules with no late entries. Will be full list before season starts.
    - iii. Only use locations in the RAMP.
    - iv. Home team manager – can put the rainout.
    - v. [Lakelandball@gmail.com](mailto:Lakelandball@gmail.com) email will be update.
10. New Additions:
- a) LMBL - Meeting Locations / Types.
    - i. Venue with an Audio / Video System – Reunion station is not the location.
    - ii. Virtual appears to be okay.
    - iii. 2026 AGM – Mixed (in person / virtual)
      - 1. Floating AGM in various locations.
  - b) Elk Point – Releases/ transfers.
    - i. At a league level – meeting to discuss transfers across the age.
      - 1. Where do the kids go?
      - 2. Don't get the feedback of why kids are moving.
      - 3. For a community league.
    - ii. Over 15 years age, they can go to another association.
    - iii. There appears to be more in the softball program.
  - c) Kikino – Overage rules. Baseball.
    - i. Let's discuss rules after.
  - d) Motion to accept with additions: Drake. Second – Darren.
11. Upcoming Meetings
- a) Scheduled Meeting(s)
    - i. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7pm (Virtual)
      - 1. Theme – Final Tournament Planning
  - b) Proposed Meeting(s)
    - i. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7pm (Virtual)
      - 1. Theme – 2025 Lessons Learnt
    - ii. Adhoc – Subcommittee meetings TBD by Chair.
12. Adjournment
- a) 9:15pm.