



**LAKELAND MINOR BALL LEAGUE –
2024 AGM MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2024
7:00 - 9:00pm at Reunion Station
4112 – 53 Avenue St. Paul AB**

1. Call to Order
 - a) Chris Moser called the meeting to order @ 7:03pm
2. Introductions & Attendance

Name	Minor Ball Association	In Person or Online	Name	Minor Ball Association	In Person or Online
Chris Moser	St. Paul	In Person	Dennell Anderson	Elk Point	In Person
Cory Robinson	St. Paul	In Person	Dru Franklin	Marwayne	In Person
Justin Blackburn	Baseball AB – Zone 7	In Person	Candace Walgren	Lac la Biche	In Person
Mike Walgren	Lac la Biche	In Person	Brad Sparkingeyes	Goodfish	In Person
Alanna Erasmus	Kikino	In Person	Ryan Yopyk	St. Paul	In Person
Kim Gauthier	Plamondon	In Person	Greg Laramée	St. Paul	In Person
Darby Shapka	Plamondon	In Person	Real Bourbeau	Bonnyville	In Person
D’Arcy Evans	Elk Point	In Person	Alain Mahe	St. Paul	In Person
Lindsey Stanton	Boyle	Online	Kara Johnston	Lloydminster	Online
Pam Cannan	Vermilion	Online	Evan Aasen	Cold Lake	Online
Gwen Lepine	Elizabeth	Online	Margaret Bayduza	Elk Point	Online

3. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - a) April 20th, 2023 - Spring Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion to Approve – D. Anderson. Seconded – R. Bourbeau
 - ii. Carried – Yes.
 - b) November 20th, 2023 - Fall Meeting Minutes
 - i. Correction - Spelling of D. Bassett name.
 - ii. Motion to Approve (subject to correction above) – D. Anderson. Seconded – D. Evans.
 - iii. Carried – Yes.
4. Additions to the Agenda & Acceptance of Agenda
 - a) A discussion regarding the motions and voting online vs. in person only.
 - i. All attendees were emailed the 2 x motions to vote on tonight the night before.
 - ii. Agreed to review the policy regarding voting online vs. in person.
 - iii. Upon review, no new items were added to the agenda.
 - b) Motion to Approve – J. Blackburn. Seconded – D. Anderson.
 - c) Carried – Yes.
5. Delegations

a) None scheduled or attended.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
 - a) Lakeland League Minor Ball Governance
 1. Separate Board Voting

BOARD POSITIONS

Roles		Term Length (Yrs)	Until AGM	Vote Results
Board Officers	President (Chair)	3	2027	Chris Moser
	Vice President	2	2026	Justin Blackburn
	Board Secretary	2	2026	D'Arcy Evans
	Board Treasurer	3	2027	Kim Gauthier
Board Members At-Large	Bonnyville District	3	2027	Real Bourbeau
	Cold Lake District	2	2026	Evan Aasen
	Lac-la-Biche District	3	2027	Mike Walgren
	St. Paul District	2	2026	Cory Robinson
	Vermilion River	3	2027	Kara Johnston
	Baseball Alberta	2	2026	Zone 7 Reps - Open Invite
	Softball Alberta	3	2027	Zone 7 Reps - Open Invite
	Chief Umpire	2	2026	Ryan Yopyk
	Social Media	3	2027	Margaret Bayduza

District Associations	Bonnyville District = Bonnyville & Elizabeth.	Cold Lake District = Cold Lake & Pierceland
	Lac la Biche District = Lac la Biche, Plamondon, Kikino, and Boyle.	St. Paul District = Saddle Lake, Goodfish, and Elk Point
	Vermillion River District = Lloydminster, Vermilion, Kitscoty, and Marwayne.	

7. Presidents Report – NEW
 - a) Registration - # of teams per Association anticipated.
 - i. Bonnyville, Lac la Biche, & St. Paul Districts – anticipate same approximate number this year.
 - ii. Cold Lake District – anticipates a few more younger softball teams.
 - iii. Vermilion River District – remain softball teams only.
 1. Will review internally (Lloyd, Kitscoty, Marwayne, & Vermilion) & decide if U9, U11, & U13 teams join LMBL or stay in Lloydminster community (house) league.
 - b) Communication Chain
 - i. Please continue to communicate with your coaches/managers.
 - ii. District representatives – please communication with the Presidents of the other Associations within your districts.
 - c) Umpires & Coaches
 - i. Please continue to focus on the technical skills of the umpires & coaches.
 - ii. There is a Motion below to develop a subcommittee focused on Umpire recruitment, training, and support.
 - d) New Associations
 - i. None anticipated.

- ii. For information - Athabasca U19 Softball team reached out to Boyle to ask which league they play in (Note - Both teams in Zone 5).
 - e) Diamond Location Update on Website
 - i. Each association is required to update their diamond locations on the website. Instructions are provided, LMBL is unable to do on your behalf.
8. Secretary / Treasurer / Website Report – NEW
- a) Financial report (2023 Report Attached)
 - i. 2023 Income = \$14,100.06
 - ii. 2023 Expenses = \$10,622.04
 - iii. Income Less Expenses = \$3,478.02
 - iv. Total Assets = \$17,880.99
 - v. Remain positive funds. Largest expenses are medals and umpire fees. Website also now have yearly fees associated with it.
 - b) League Fees & Fines
 - i. No concerns with fees and/or fine amount.
 - ii. Team withdrawal fines refer to inter association transfers.
 - 1. Will review the implementation of player transfers (similar to Baseball & Softball Alberta) rules to eliminate confusion or conflict.
 - c) Website Logins, Rosters, & Game scores
 - i. Please ensure all fields are updated when registering teams including contact information for coaches and managers.
 - ii. Game score updates went well last year, really fast to enter.
 - iii. Please ensure coaches & managers understand that U## = Softball and ##U = Baseball.
 - iv. When teams need to reschedule (due to weather, AQI, etc.) will not delete the game. Will and only update once it's completed.
9. New Business:
- a) Motions (Attached)
 - i. #1 – 2024 Team Fees & Dates
 - 1. Submitted by – C. Moser
 - 2. Moved by – D. Evans
 - 3. Seconded by – G. Laramee
 - 4. Carried – Yes.
 - ii. #2 – Creation of three (3) subcommittees
 - 1. Submitted by – C. Moser
 - 2. Moved by – D. Anderson
 - 3. Seconded by – R. Bourbeau
 - 4. Carried – Yes.
 - iii. #2 Result – Assignment of Board to Subcommittees

#	Name	Board Officers (Chair)	Board Members
1	Bylaws & Policies	Kim Gauthier (Chair) Chris Moser	Kara Johnston Margaret Bayduza
2	Rules & Tournaments	Justin Blackburn (Chair) Chris Moser	Real Bourbeau Dennell Anderson Alain Mahe (LMBL Volunteer)
3	Umpires	D'Arcy Evans (Chair) Chris Moser	Ryan Yopyk Brad Sparklingeyes (LMBL Volunteer)

- b) New motions for Next Meeting (April)
 - i. #3 – Bylaws with consideration for voting method policy
 - ii. #4 – Board Officers signing authority
- 10. Correspondence Review & Round Table
 - a) Next meeting will have individual Association updates
 - b) Please send in team rosters & diamonds ASAP.
 - i. *POST MEETING - NEW INFORMATION*
 - 1. *Baseball Alberta – AA/AAA Roster Deadline is April 8th, 2024.*
 - 2. *LMBL – Team Roster Deadline is April 9th, 2024.*
 - 3. *Baseball Alberta – Community League Registration Deadline is April 12th, 2024.*
- 11. Upcoming Meetings
 - a) Next Meeting – April 15th, 2024 at 7pm (Online via. Teams)
 - i. Association updates
 - ii. Subcommittee updates
 - iii. New Business - Motions
- 12. Adjournment
 - a) C. Moser adjourned the meeting at 8:44pm

Lakeland League Financial Statement 2023				
	2023	2023	2022	2022
Assets				
Cash - general account	19589.85		17161.89	
Common Shares	1.14		1.08	
Cheques not deposited at year end	350			
Total Assets		19940.99		17162.97
Liabilities				
Outstanding cheques	2060			
Outstanding bills at year end			2760	
Total Liabilities		2060		2760
TOTAL ASSETS - TOTAL LIABILITIES		17880.99		14402.97
Equity				
Equity beginning of year	14402.97		12945.38	
Income less expenses	3478.02		1457.59	
Equity end of year		17880.99		14402.97
Income and Expenses				
	2023		2022	
Income				
Registration	14100		10250	
Dividends	0.06		0.04	
Total Income		14100.06		10250.04
Expenses				
Medals	5160.79		6032.45	
Umpires	4700		2760	
Website	761.25			
Total Expenses		10622.04		8792.45
Income less Expenses		3478.02		1457.59



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Annual General Meeting to vote on the following Motions

MOTIONS					
Please use full sentences. Type the motion in its entirety even if you are proposing to change only one word.					
Motion #	1 - 2024 Team Entry Fees & Game Days	Moved by:		Seconded by:	
Submitted by:	Chris Moser				

Reference Docs:	Page No.	Article No.	Section No.	Number	Letter	Other
Lakeland League 2023 Info	1 (See attached)	2 & 3				League Information
https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/lakelandminorball/files/2023/Lakeland%20League%202023%20Info%20March%2022%2C%202023.pdf						

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MOTION:	Keep Team Entry Fees the same for 2024: U9 / 9U - \$50 per team, U11 / 11U & Up - \$150 per team, Late Entry - \$250 plus team entry fee, Late Withdrawal - \$500 per team. All available diamonds & teams are required by April 15th, 2024 - End of Day. Practice / Game Days remain the same of 2024: Schedule games beginning week of May 6th, 2024. Monday/Wednesday - All softball & 15U baseball. Tuesday/Thursday - All baseball except 15U.				
RATIONALE:	No need to change this year.				
DEFEATED		WITHDRAWN		CARRIED	



Lakeland League 2023 Info (updated March 22, 2023)

Spring Scheduling meeting

- team numbers & diamond allocations due
- decision re May 27 & 28 weekend tournament

Team entry fee:

- U9/9U - \$50
- U11/11U & up - \$150
- Late Entry - \$250 plus team entry fee
- Late Withdrawal - \$500

Practice/Game days

Monday/Wednesday - All softball and 15U baseball

Tuesday/Thursday - All baseball except 15U

WEBSITE - Rosters - associations/teams are responsible for entering team rosters on the LMBL.ca website. Team login info will be provided to associations when they submit their team numbers.



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Annual General Meeting to vote on the following Motions

MOTIONS					
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Motion #	2 - LMBL Subcommittee Creation	Moved by:		Seconded by:	
Submitted by:	Chris Moser				

Reference Docs:	Page No.	Article No.	Section No.	Number	Letter	Other
Nov 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes	1 & 2 (See attached)	6 & 7				Meeting Minutes

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MOTION:	Develop three (3) subcommittees: 1. Bylaws & polices (to set up LMBL as a separate board), 2. Rules & Tournaments (review of rules & tournament coordination), and 3. Umpire recruitment, training, and support. Will need to vote. & selection of members for each.				
RATIONALE:	Sustainability of the Lakeland Minor Ball League				
DEFEATED		WITHDRAWN		CARRIED	



6. Business Arising from Minutes

- a) The current state of LMBL is that Elk Point Association has been operating it for several years (since pre-COVID) and requests another Association takes over the league governance.
- b) MOTION: Dennell A. motioned that St. Paul Minor Ball to take over the Lakeland Minor Ball League governance from Elk Point.
 - i. Seconded – By Real Bourbeau. Carried.
- c) St. Paul Minor Ball Association accepts the nomination subject to proposed path forward as presented during the meeting.

7. New Business:

a) Proposed Path Forward

- i. Governance model (Please refer to attached pdf document)
 1. Dedicated LMBL board governance with 4 executive seats plus district and Zone 7 association directors. Max 13 seats.
 - a. Add social media Director (website & Facebook)
 - b. Add Chief Umpire Director
- ii. Rules
 1. 11U/U11 up: Continue to align with Baseball and Softball Alberta rules.
 2. 9U / U9 Modified: Continue with Lakeland modified rules.
 3. Umpire recruitment and retention remain a large issue for the league.
 4. Assignment of umpires remain at the local Association level.
 5. Suggestion to recruit outside of the 'ball world' and find others through the school system.
- iii. Tournaments
 1. Overall feedback was positive for the May and June tournaments both Baseball and Softball. Will continue this path into the 2024 season.
 2. Will review separate weekends for Baseball & Softball and not overall with Provincial qualifiers to assist with umpires / player scheduling.
- iv. Handover from Elk Point
 1. Each Minor Ball Association will continue to share and promote technical training sessions on Facebook.
 2. Look at creating a LMBL Facebook page to support information sharing.
 3. Margaret Bayduza offered to keep supporting the LMBL website.
 4. SPMB reps will contact EPMB Dennell Anderson for more information.