



## LAKELAND MINOR BALL LEAGUE – 2025 WINTER MEETING AGENDA

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:00 - 9:00pm at Reunion Station

4112 – 53 Avenue St. Paul AB

### ***2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM)***

1. Call to Order: **Meeting starts at 7:03pm.**
2. Introductions & Attendance

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

3. Approval of Previous Minutes
  - a) September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – FALL Meeting
    - Motion to accept minutes – Real. Second – Doug. Carried.
4. Additions to the Agenda & Acceptance of Agenda
  - Any additions – none.
  - Motion to accept minutes – Ryan. Second – Cory. Carried.
5. Delegations
  - a) Baseball Alberta – Zone 7 Representative
    - i. Board meeting – may look at decreasing # of board meetings.
    - ii. Website is really good – lot's of information. Please take a look. Dates online. Rulebooks are online.
    - iii. Single A – 2 round robins. Week off and then host site prepare.
    - iv. Lunch & learn podcasts are really good.
    - v. Umpire clinics:
      1. March 27 – Level 1 in Lloyd & LLB
      2. April 26 – Level 1 in St. Paul
      3. Level 2 the next days. Look online.
      4. Should try to get one in either Cold Lake or Bonnyville.
  - b) Softball Alberta – Zone 7 Representative
    - i. AGM was in October 2024.
    - ii. Provincial teams – read the 2025 changes (not posted yet). But they are in the AGM meeting minutes.
    - iii. All defensive infielders must wear approved masks on the field.
    - iv. U17 not leading to post provincials can have up to 2 overage players. Removing the rule of not playing pitcher or catcher.
    - v. Pickups must be within 2 business days.
    - vi. Provincial tiering system will come into play. Nothing has been finalized yet.
6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
  - a) League Finals – 2024 Season Results Summary Page
    - i. List so far: <https://lmbi.ca/content/2024-league-champions>
    - Send information to [Admin@lmbi.ca](mailto:Admin@lmbi.ca) email.
  - b) 2024 LMBL Questionnaire
    - i. Results from online survey: Very little participation.
    - Will keep open until next board meeting in April.
  - 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.
    - 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 22 – Vermilion Minor Ball for U18 Softball – T2
        - b. April 18 – Pierceland Minor Ball for 13U Baseball
      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

- c. May 7 – St. Paul Minor Ball 15U BB
- 3. Note - These funds will go towards the Item 8.b.4. LMBL Umpire Hats & Tournament Tent budget.
- Idea – Association Bond. Keep it upfront and do it, versus changing it later.
  - May leave and have a Motion for April meeting.
  - “We know our members – because we have this ‘bond’”.
  - Carries over between years. Keep at a certain amount.
- 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.
    - Associations will be closer to the team’s actions. A manager / coach named & linked to the team and responsible right off the bat.
    - Lloyd - Opening registration earlier and closing it earlier. Be very clear with our membership, that they are going to have teams in place earlier.
- 7. Board Officer Reports
  - a) President – Will be attached.
  - b) Vice-President – None.
  - c) Secretary – None.
  - d) Treasurer – Will be attached.
    - i. Discussion – League umpire payment. 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.
  - e) Website – Will be attached.
    - i. Missing contact information was an issue last year.
    - ii. Diamond locations & maps need to be updated.
- 8. New Business:
  - a) Board Members – still all filled until 2026 AGM.

## BOARD POSITIONS

Roles		Term Length (Yrs)	Until AGM	Vote Results
<b>Board Officers</b>	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
<b>Board Members At-Large</b>	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

<b>District Associations</b>	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
	Vermilion River District = Lloydminster, Vermilion, Kitscoty, and Marwayne.	

- Potential replacements for – Justin Blackburn & Ryan Yopyk.

### b) 2025 AGM Topics

#### i. League Fee's & Penalties

1. More formal method of invoice / receiving funds.

- 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. Will be reviewed this winter.
2. Summary of current state of umpires per association.
  - a. Send a list of umpires to have so we have some idea who's umpiring our games.
3. Coordinate between larger associations to host umpire development clinics in 2025.
  - a. Send in the umpire clinics and get on website/Facebook.
  - b. Softball Alberta (D'Arcy) offered to assist in setting up the dates and offer the host site.
    - i. Vermillion is going to host.
    - ii. Elk Point may host as well.
4. 2025 Budget to purchase LMBL logo'ed hats to provide to all umpires in the league and a few LMBL tournament 10'x10' tents.
  - a. Hats might not be the best idea. Perhaps an equipment bag instead.
  - b. Perhaps an umpire tent – shade / place to go.
  - c. More discussions required to finalize plan.

#### iii. Lakeland Logo Mockups – Discussion of revised logo

1. It appeared most people liked it. Some thought it was too 'baseball'. Need a softball addition.
2. Chris M. to organize another revision.
3. Any suggestions, please email Chris M. prior to the next April meeting.

c) Motions

- i. Please see attached 2024 Motion Tracker pdf.
- ii. #12 – 2025 Team Fees & Dates
  1. Submitted by – Chris Moser
  2. Moved by – Real
  3. Seconded by – Ryan
  4. Carried – Yes

**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

- iii. #13 – LMBL Logo Option Addition
  1. Submitted by – HOLD UNTIL NEXT MEETING
  2. Moved by –
  3. Seconded by –
  4. Carried –

9. Formal Correspondence Review & Round Table
  - a) No formal correspondence.

10. Upcoming Meetings
  - a) Scheduled Meeting(s)
    - i. April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 7pm
      1. Online – Virtual only / In Person (Location TBD).
      2. Theme – 2025 Season Kickoff.
  - b) Proposed Meeting(s)
    - i. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7pm
      1. Theme – Final Tournament Planning
    - ii. September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 7pm
      1. Theme – 2025 Lessons Learnt

iii. Adhoc – Subcommittee meetings TBD by Chair.

11. Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm