

Langford Fastball Executive Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 10, 2025

8:00 pm - 957 Langford Parkway

Attendance: Scott Rimek, Jodi Robertson, Brandi Patterson, Amy Blatchford, Kris Bligh, Lisa Parkes, Jeremy Wilson (google meet), Riki Jessup (google meet), Tabitha Fong (google meet)

1. Call to order - 8:09 pm
2. Approval of Agenda - Jodi, Amy
3. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024 - Kris B, Brandi
4. Status Updates
 - a. President's Report - (Riki, from Presidents meeting) we are looking for a new scheduler. Also Riki is doing a list of coaches, with contact info. SVI is putting together a little U9 schedule so teams can play each other - we have opted out. Board and Declare is March 13th. Scheduling is the 21st and 22nd. Ladysmith U17B is going to be part of our league for scheduling. For Provincials pick ups, you now use a google form, not a hard copy form. For U11 rep, there is now going to be 3 year-end showcases, one on the Island, whose registration will open one week early to Island teams only, but Island teams can play on the Mainland and vice versa. SVI registration fees are up to \$225 per team. There are 4 tourneys in our area with space
 - b. 1st Vice President Report - getting lots of kids out to the pitching clinics, need some more softies and some adult masks would be a good idea. Hometown Sports online store - has upgraded the hats again this year so they are better quality, added ladies tank top last year in white, tried to change to navy, but it's now been discontinued. Scott will also add the jerseys to the site so people can order extra ones if they get lost or misplaced, etc. Jodi asked if we can some kind of bucket hats for then it's really sunny out
 - c. Treasurer's Report - waiting on a couple payments for tournaments, registration is good, and Amy will send the info about the bank accounts to the end of January
 - d. Umpire in Chief Report
 - e. Division Updates
 - i. LTP - Zoe Kanakin is running these - they go for the next 5 of 6 weeks
 - ii. U11 - we have about 70 kids, so probably 6 teams, either 4 or 5 tier 2 and maybe 1 or 2 tier 1 teams. Waitlist now?
 - iii. U13 - going well, lots of indoor training, throwing clinics went great, B team has had their first game, which is great, and C and B players showing up for clinics
 - iv. U15 - everything is going fine. Bo has requested that he get all of the emails of the C players so he can communicate with them
 - v. U17/U19/U20 - 4 coaches in place, everyone ticking along, pitching clinics are really well attended. Jeremy is wondering about the unassigned players. The login he got from Brandi didn't work. Ian Bull, Jeff Brehaut's assistant coach, has signed up for the coaching course elsewhere and will be reimbursed. Jeremy and Brandi will connect and figure out assigning players

- f. Field Maintenance Committee Report - the three wheel machine has a broken wheel, and the other three wheel machine is being held out until nicer weather. Kris B will look into an alternative to Pete's Tent and Awning to fix the cage
- g. Tournament Committee Report - tourneys are good to go and all full except U15A and 19B, medals are in the works, as are t-shirts for player of the game prizes. Lisa to send Jeremy list of U17 and U19 teams, and we need to check on pins for people to take to CC etc.
- h. Coaching Committee Report - we are co-hosting a coaching clinic with Central Saanich. We were full, but have now opened up a few spaces to coaches outside our association. Coaches are registering consistently. Only have Taylor registered for U13C right now - people will follow up with the other ones who we expect will coach
- i. Concession Committee Report - need someone to run the concession. Emma, one of the people that ran it last year, is willing to help out, but not run it. May have Tanner and Myra do the opening and closing, but doesn't take care of the shopping. We will send out a note to members and post on FB the positions we need filling
- j. Registration Committee Report - going well, coordinating with those she needs to, 275 registered in total
- k. Calendar review - next meeting - March 10th at 8:30
- 5. For decision items
 - a. Women's teams use of park - approved for them to use the park Mondays as usual
 - b. Umpire clinic on JDF turf March 2nd - Riki will let Nick Allen know this is a go
- 6. For discussion items
 - a. Team numbers/makeup - U11 and U13, we will set up an auto-reply now to say you might be waitlisted. U7 - 29, U9 - 36, U11 - 65, U13 - 55, U15 - 41 (15 registered for B, 11 for A), U17 - 31, U19 - 19
 - b. C assessments - 13s will have 3 teams, 15s will have maybe 2 teams - we need to at least figure out who the pitchers are. Put out the 8-9:00 Monday time one of these weeks for assessments
 - c. Practice fields planning - we have a bunch of practice fields at the schools, as well as our own park. Tabitha and Jeremy (and Jodi) will check with the U15-19 teams for what practice nights they want
 - d. Parent coach expenses - need to make sure everyone has the coaches handbook, and there's a lot of info that people may not be aware of. We have a non-parent coaches policy that says what can be covered for them. Parent coaches typically don't get their expenses covered. Need to communicate this with parents through a parents meeting. We have an old policy that speaks to non-parent coaches' expenses, but it is silent on parent coaches, and we should update it so it covered this as well. Kris asked for a couple of volunteers to look into this, Tabitha and Amy volunteered.
 - e. Scheduling - Tabitha volunteers to do this again (March 21 and 22)
 - f. Umpire positions - need to find an umpire-in-chief, but looking like we may not do this, in which case we need an umpire liaison and an umpire scheduler. Riki - if someone is a level 2 baseball or slopitch umpire, they just need to do the refresher softball course, not the full course
 - g. Concession operations - see above
 - h. Pre-season work party - Saturday, March 15th at 9:00 am
- 7. Unfinished business

- a. Promotion of third party events and services - Kris asked for a committee, no one put their name forward
 - b. Provincials hosting update - waiting to hear from SBBC about the 19B provincials date change
 - c. Opening day - April 12th U13B teams are in Duncan
 - d. Association 50/50 -
 - e. Hometown store percentage - done
 - f. Criminal record checks - Erika will reach out to those that need to do these
 - 8. New business
 - a. Scott - for U11, if we have 4-5 C teams, what if we assign them to their teams for games but have them all as one big group for practices, working stations, with someone putting out practice plans, and coaches can learn from each other. Also maximizes field space - Mondays would be good since most other teams don't want them. Could also do this with the U13s
- Adjournment - 9:54 pm

Calendar for 2024/5 Season

February 3 Executive Meeting March April 25-27 U13B/C tournament May 2-4 U15A tournament 16-18 U19B tournament 23-25 U15B tournament 30-June 1 U17B tournament June July 11-13 U13B Provincials 18-20 U19B Provincials	
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