



Meeting Agenda

Regular board meeting of	Millet Minor Baseball
Date and time	April 4, 2023 @ 6:30PM
Location	Millet Agriplex

In Attendance: Justin Gessner, Thomas Dudley, Jeff Coates, Sara dela Cruz, Jose dela Cruz, Scarlett Carr-Henley, Tyson Carr, Allison Mc Nichol

1. **Call to Order: 6:35PM**

2. **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Tyson motions to approve previous minutes. Thomas seconds. All in favour.

3. **President's Report: No report**

4. **Vice President's Report:**

- Vote on rule changes for U-11 CUB league.
 - Brought forward to have coaches pitch after so many balls to prevent walks. Discussion is had about how this can hinder the development of players. All are in favour of voting no to this rule change suggestion.
- Discussion on cancelling double header.-Justin feels that this could impact our volunteer hours. Discussion is had about how if we can't make it work with volunteer hours we will just not open concession and run these games as any other home game. We will still move forward with this if BA awards the weekend to us.
- AB baseball would like to provide are Rallycap's with \$1 BlueJays ball caps-Justin to put the order through.
- Our association is now on AB baseball website
- Sheen from AB baseball would like to attend our rallycap tournament
- Attended ERRBL meeting held by Alberta baseball
- Association Registration form-Catherine has already completed
- Important dates: April 14th registration closes, May 8th first day of baseball, June 24th&25 Playoffs.
- 6 week and 10 game, more time for practice



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- 2 weeks notice of first game, to give families time to plan
- Tiering teams, when tiering is done, AB baseball will try to have teams close to one another play each other
- Umpires
 - They are going to come out with a better contact list for Umpires. To make sure there are enough shifts available to keep the umpires busy for the season. They have included 13UWA&15UWA
 - Umpires mileage rate fees have increased to 0.50cent from 0.40 cents
- Rule changes
 - 5 run mercy is maximum
 - Pitch count, pitchers can only pitch 4 innings
- Spordle- Teamsnap is still being used.
- Justin asks that Robin and himself are cc'd on all emails with BA so they can remain in the loop and be able to take over things if someone needs to step away from their position for any reason.
- Justin has asked Thomas to take the concussion protocol to make it pretty and put it on our website.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- \$20, 518.10.
- 25 players are paid for.

6. Registrar Report:

- Registration is still considered open, I know Tyson did say he would let me know so maybe he will have that available for the meeting.- We will close registration on April 14th.
- 3 of the Rally caps have agreed to move up, and 1 declined.
- Registration #'s:
- Rally cap- 18(this will be split into 2 teams)
- U9- 11



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- U11- 12
- U13- 9
- U15- 10
- 60 registrants so far.

7. Coach & Player Development's Report:

- Coaches meeting was held on April 3rd.
- Tyson makes a motion got a \$630 budget to allow teams from U11-U15 to be able to access the evolutions batting cage. This would cover 2 1.5 hour sessions that the coaches could line up when it works for their team. Evolution has also stated they will allow catchers in full gear to be behind the plate as well. Sara seconds this motion. All in favour.
- If we can't get into the gym soon I feel we should cancel indoor practices all together. Now that we know the process, I recommend we start sourcing our things required in February. It allows us to be more prepared.- We will be in the gym starting next week.
- I would like to motion that we get Rallycap on our diamonds for practices and games. I will be scheduling games with Wetaskiwin this year and it makes a lot more sense to me so coaches can utilize the training equipment.- Discussion is had and since we pay per team and our Rallycap registration is so cheap because we do not have to pay for diamond time for them we can not "schedule" them to a diamond.
- Attended the CUB meeting:
 - Season starts May 8th and runs till June 18th. Schedule of 10 games over a 6 week period. Play offs will start directly after running for the whole week from June 19th to June 25th.
 - Association deadline and diamond availability dates MUST BE IN by April 14th or we will pay a \$500 fine from BA and they are being very strict with that this year. If we are more than a week late we will be rejected from the league.
 - Only rule change is that U15 males will be allowed to swing a -5 bat. Last year was -3, heavier.
 - communication structure: we are asked to stick with the same methods as last year for sending info of scores and such to BA. Spordle is not up and running properly yet but we will be contacted when it is. We can stick with team snap for you teams communication.
 - Umpire mileage went up.
 - As of April 1st the 2023 Rule hand book can be found on the BA website.
 - Play offs will be built on 6 to 8 team brackets. Host application for this will be online once the seasons starts. There will be less chances of teams having to play up or down in playoffs if we have more hosting communities.



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- Provincial registration deadline is June 16th.
- I would like to get coach shirts for all coaches again.
- Discussion had to give a 50% volunteer discount to assistant coaches and managers as these positions take a lot of time and dedication as well. Everyone is in favour of this.

8. Equipment Coordinator's Report:

- The bulk of the equipment purchased for the 2023 season has been picked up and placed in the seacan. We are still awaiting a few pieces to arrive on back order,
- Preseason training bag has been created and Tyson is aware of it,
- Coaches bags should have been picked up as of April 4th,
- Uniforms have been inventoried and a copy put in the MMB drive for all to access,
- Date for uniform pick up still TBD,- April 20th & 21st
- Discussion on what to do about the pants that MMB has since it was decided that families would be responsible for their own pants.- Selling them at the first indoor practices and jersey pick up
- Mystery black jerseys that have been found in the seacan will be going to the U11 & U9 teams.

9. Concession Coordinator's Report:

- I have agreed to work with Cynthia with whatever I am capable of helping with and I will be a second contact within the association that has the Safe Food Handling Certificate and I will leave it posted in the concession.
- We need to test the appliances to confirm which ones work still and which ones do not. At least 1 crock pot will need to be replaced.
- The Health Inspector has recommended that we obtain an actual food permit rather than a special events permit. This certification is a little bit above and beyond the current certificate (\$70) that we hold but obtaining this food permit means that we are not limited to how many events we can hold and our facility will need to meet the same requirements.
- I took measurements and would like to install sink covers to allow for more counter space during food prep and serving
- A means of internet should be discussed for the first event. Last year we used a phone as a hotspot but every time the phone went on standby, we needed to log into the square again. The last event I utilized my Starlink at no cost to anyone, but my Starlink is now installed on my home where it's no longer possible to remove and install easily.- Jose will be looking into a pay as you go phone plan with Telus.



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- An accurate list of dates that we intend on serving prepared foods needs to be submitted ASAP to the health inspector (grandslamboree, showdown, windup, harvest fair, playoffs)
- Will we consider allowing teams to open the concession as we discussed last year (pop, chips, bars, coffee, hot chocolate) In closing, I have to mention that I feel that this year, is the year of the GRILLED CHEESE in our concession!!!
- Jeff makes a motion to allot \$800 to fix the 2 decks on the concession. Tyson seconds. All in favour.

10. Tournament Coordinator's Report:

- Rallycap tournament
 - I emailed: wetaskiwin, beaumont, leduc, devon, camrose and sheen from AB baseball
 - Heard back from devon that they were interested and will pass onto their rallycap people
 - Will look at extending the invitation to other teams in our league, now that we're confirmed with ab baseball
 - Emailed the face painting lady
 - Quote was \$1840 for 2 face painters and 2 balloon twisters for 4 hours. This was the discounted price. (\$100/h for face painting, \$150h for balloon, plus travel)
 - The lady we had last year is the same price of \$120/hour but she doesn't have balloon twisters. She was willing to waive the travel fee, but could not provide a discount.
- Would like to put the \$75 deposit down for the bouncy house place- Sara motions to put deposits on all 4 bouncy houses. (around \$300) Tyson seconds. All in favour.
- Am recommending we get some combo of:
 - The Great Corner 4h-\$350
 - Bungee Run Gladiator Combo 4h-\$300
 - The Colourful Corner 4h-\$325
 - The Big Jump 4h-\$325
- Helium tank
 - Edmonton party rentals \$349
- Identify what is needed for the tournament
 - Sound machine
 - Internet hub-looking into phone plan.
 - Speaker - melanies? Do we need more than 1?- Jeff and Tyson offer theirs.
 - Generator - how many? Between the board members we have enough generators available to us.
 - Bubble machine and liquid



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- Temp tattoos?

- Possible schedule (6 teams, 45 min games)

TIME	PLAYING	NOT PLAYING
10-1045	AB CD	EF
1045-11	BREAK	BREAK
11-145	EF AC	BD
1145-12	BREAK	BREAK
12-1245	BE FD	AC
1245-1	BREAK	BREAK
1-2	GROUP ACTIVITY	FREE TIME

- Advertising
- As soon as we confirm registration we can start advertising our tournament
- Volunteering
- Working on the schedule
- Do not think we can open our concession during the double header, if we get it
- Bottle drive
- Spoke with Gil (780-934-4459) at calmar bottle depot and they will help us with our bottle drive
- Double header
- Emailed alberta baseball re the double header
- They will keep us in mind and let us know
- They also asked if we wanted to offer up our diamonds for provincials.
- We said not at this time, but would be open to discussing further
- From kris at baseball ab re: double header
 - Okay, so once we kind of have the league structure made and teams registered. As I am building the schedule I will seek a couple of teams who would like to play a game on a Saturday in Millet and schedule the DH that way. I will just need to know who the teams are in the league to connect with them. But I will make note of it.
- Other tournaments
- Leduc community ball, jun 2-4, u13-18
- Lacombe community ball, jun 2-4, u11 - u18
- Hinton community ball, **jun 10-11**, u9 - u15,
 - u9 is \$300, everyone else \$400 plus a case of balls, camping on site, concession site, 3 games guaranteed- We will charge \$400 plus a case of balls for our Ball Showdown.

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11. Field & Maintenance Coordinator's Report:

- Spoke with Rob Pelletier at the Town of Millet about the sea can. He verified that the town would like to see us remove it and that they may be interested in the purchase of it once we establish another means of storage. He had mentioned that we would not be able to install anything permanent in the current sea can area or run utilities as it is zoned for future development (trails, pathways etc.)
- Rob has suggested that we look into a CFEP (Community Facility Enhancement Program) grant as he has had success in the past when applying for other recreation grants. So far the basic criteria that I've read about is that the next application deadline is May 15 and it can provide up to 125,000. The notification for being awarded this grant would be November and would need to be completed within 18 months. This would be a huge step towards a U-18 diamond, whether we move forward with the Premier Diamond idea or a basic diamond that will still help our association and have potential to be upgraded and transformed into a premier diamond. I can pursue this grant with some help providing resources that may not have already been sent out for the most recent grant.
- On the note of this grant and after speaking with Robin, we both think that I should move forward with pursuing the U18 diamond with the town or other local organizations (County, Lions Club, etc.)
- A meeting and walkaround with Rob Pelletier will be conducted once the snow is cleared and we can check the condition of the dugouts, fences, seating, shale and field conditions.
- After conducting a walkthrough with the health inspector it was determined that we may need some upgrades to our concession in her opinion. Upgrades such as replacing both decks, installing powered ventilation where the deep fryers are utilized. I have initiated contact with the Millet Fire Dept at the health inspector's suggestion to see if they advise us to install ventilation.
- Repairs outstanding for the concession are that the power conduit lines to be re routed for the deep fryers and the hot water tank needs to be tested and repaired. The weather needs to improve (above zero) before we can truly test the hot water tank so we don't freeze and damage our pumps. I have also put out requests for cost of materials to rebuild the decks at the concession. This will not require hours from registered volunteers.

12. Public Relations Coordinator:

- Applied for the Wetaskiwin Recreation Grant on March 31.
- On the social media side FB has 244 Followers and IG has 47 followers.
- Social media posts have been about getting people to sign up for umpiring and reminding parents to sign up their kid(s) for baseball.
- Thomas would like to look into sponsors for a "Player of the week" where coaches will select the player to be noticed and will receive a gift card to the sponsors



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business. This will go up on our social media to hopefully get people hyped with ball and give advertisement to the sponsoring business.

13. Umpire Coordinator:

- Millet Umpires for 2023
 - Jeff Stoyan - confirmed
 - Jayme McKinny- No
 - Kobie Sargent - confirmed
 - Syxton Lepage - confirmed
 - Jackson Gessner - confirmed
 - Renneck Hennes (Leduc) ? -Borrowed from Leduc
 - Quentin Lenyk (Leduc) ? - Borrowed from Leduc
 - Michael Tellier (Leduc Umpire, plays Beaumont) ? -Borrowed from Leduc
 - Tom Dawe (Leduc) ? -Borrowed from Leduc
 - Joshua Mills (Leduc) ?-Borrowed from Leduc
 - Darrian Link (Leduc) ? - Borrowed from Leduc
 - Kyle Goudreau (Beaumont) ? - Borrowed from Beaumont
 - Geoff Soneff (Beaumont) ? -Borrowed from Beaumont
 - Ty Goudreau (Beaumont) ? -Borrowed from Beaumont
 - Lorilyn House - have requested she sign up for Umping clinic.
 - Robin - will sign up for umping course
 - Tony (Robin Hubby) will sign up for umping course
 - Scarlett signed up to take course April 16 in Sylvan lake
 - Most Umpire courses are full - please keep sending interested people my way.

14. Other Items:

- Jeff would like to nominate Cynthia Sheppard for concession coordinator. Sara seconds. All in favour. Cynthia will step in to take over the Concession Coordinator position for the remainder of the year.

Next Meeting: April 18th @ 6:30PM
Meeting Adjourned: 9:30PM