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Regular board meeting of	Millet Minor Baseball
Date and time	July 17, 2023 @ 7:30PM
Location	Millet Agriplex

In Attendance: Scarlett, Tyson, Robin, Thomas, Jeff, Melanie, Justin, Catherine

1. **Call to Order:7:38PM**
2. **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not at quorum to vote.**
3. **President's Report:**
 - We are starting a u 18 team, tyson is coaching and we will be looking for another volunteer to help him with the team.
 - Throughout the winter we will have the team going to the batting cages but are still in discussion as to what days.
 - Tyson has confirmed that we are able to use the Devon ball field for games and come summer we can practice on our fields, if it works for Tyson and the team. -Looking into the Wetaskiwin diamonds as it would be a much more appealing option.
 - We can take this meeting to firm everything up and get plans concrete so tyson can go ahead and get started with creating a team and booking practices.
 - Tournament : would like to discuss the volunteer hours and find out how to better next years event.
 - Harvest fair : we are doing the pancake breakfast at the legion and will need volunteers for this. Who is going where and how is this managed? Robin will bring a flat deck for the parade and help organize that with Thomas at the head. \$250 budget for candy will be approved at a separate time.
 - Sponsorship for next year : are we open to reforming it? I want to hit the ground running and get as many sponsors as possible for next year. We should plan to have more events for the kids. What would everyone like to see?
 - Do we need anything for concession? - Everything looks good just need food for the harvest fair.
 - Does the association need to buy anything? - A few training tools will need to be acquired.
 - Any word on the grant? No word on this at all.
 - I want to thank everyone for their time and effort this season, without all of you we could never make this as successful as we have and I truly appreciate each and every one of you. So, thank you!



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4. Vice President's Report:

- Slamboree
 - Electric bases, the team that is up to bat loads all the bases. This keeps the batting team interested and active.
 - Designated fielding position with markers/cones. It gives the players in that position an opportunity to field the ball, instead of a big swathe of kids going for the ball.
 - The team in the field should throw to any base for an out. Instead of throwing to first base.
 - IMO Baselines should be chalked. Reasoning, the team are at the tournament to play baseball and then bouncy house second.
- ShowDown
 - Teams need to be Vetted next season and every season that the association holds the tournament. To ensure fair competition.
 - Ground maintenance, we need to have volunteers cleaning up garbage from and around the spectator areas.
- On Both Tournaments
 - I believe that both tournaments were hugely successful. Everyone should give each other a huge pat on the back
- On that note, I believe the association is try to make the tournament bigger and better. Of course this is a good plan , however, the stakeholders, the parents or volunteers, as the association makes the tournaments bigger do we have enough volunteers. Are we spreading ourselves to thin by doing to much.
- Melanie now has all the mailbox keys.
- Seacan was broken in to and a members speaker was stolen. We have replaced the speaker for the member. Should look into insurance for the seacan and concession for these types of situations.
- Justin is stepping down effective immediately. Thank you Justin for your dedication to the association.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- \$22,546.26
- List of things to do
 - Collect receipts



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- Emails for parents to send deposits back
- Finish balancing books
- Things that went well this year:
 - Cynthia's organization skills with the money with the concession was amazing!
 - Scarlets communication was phenomenal with the umping concerns and she has good ideas for next year.
 - Thank you Thomas and Catherine for getting cheques to the bank and depositing them for me when I wasn't available!
 - Payments were made in a timely manner and communication was better this year with parents and payments putting their children's name in the comments.
- Super positive feedback on my coaching this year and looking forward to doing rally cap again!
- Things that went wrong.
 - Parents complained about how the volunteer hours were handled. Many off my team said it was unprofessional how it was run and were disappointed at the lack of communication or how they were spoken to.
 - I had two parents come to me at our personal year end wind up and stated they were concerned of some parents getting intoxicated at the river hawks game and how it looked on our association.

6. Registrar Report:

- Now that we are expected to add all of our own info into baseball alberta, we will have to be on top of that sooner so it will not be so stressful for myself or player and coach development.

7. Coach & Player Development's Report: No report

8. Equipment Coordinator's Report:

- The 2023 season went well. Supply from our vendors had recovered, proving to good access to items with no protracted wait times. No equipment deficiencies were brought to my attention and a few instances where work schedule posed a challenge to securing equipment was mitigated by help from other board members. A close call with almost not having enough chalk on hand for the annual tournament, but as it turned out we had just enough. All in all, it was a smooth season. Some items remain at vendors for pick up but



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will be completed and inventoried for the year end equipment summary. No outstanding accounts with our vendors currently.

- Soon the year end summary will be done and completed with updated tallies entered into google docs for board members to review if desired. With the past season no significant purchases were made regarding new equipment. Mostly small ticket items which include two agility ladders, pylons, dome mats (used to develop hand eye coordination when fielding ground balls with unexpected bounces), new first aid kits, coaches boards, and two hitting and pitching practice nets. To these consumables, such as balls, and chalk were secured and invoiced last season in preparation for this season.

9. Concession Coordinator's Report: No report

10. Tournament Coordinator's Report:

- We ran two successful tournaments
- Rallycap was expanded to 6 teams, would love to make it even bigger next year and either incorporate the u9 into that tournament or increase capacity to have more than 6 rallycap teams.
- Our showdown was successful, no major issues or concerns.
- Volunteering was a disaster, this needs to either be a shared position or a position all on it's own. this is too much work for one person
- The volunteer spot should be done as a group. I tried to do it on my own and this was a huge fail
- I intend to step down at our AGM. I am open to working with and supporting a new recruit. Thank you Sara for your dedication to the association.

11. Field & Maintenance Coordinator's Report:

- Permanent base posts were installed for U-13 on diamonds 1 and 3. Which diamond is the alumni game being played on?- Diamond 2
- Backstop and fencing repairs behind 1 and 3 bases on the diamonds were being addressed by the town but not yet fully complete
- The town had requested that I give them some time to install an idea they had for hooks in the dugouts but that hasn't happened yet. I will install the hooks I intended on installing and the town can remove them
- Chalk supply is low for next year and it was discussed that inventory and supply of chalk, bases etc. is a more practical responsibility for the Diamond Maintenance Coordinator rather than the Equipment Coordinator
- Slow pitch has approached us to see if we are willing to work out an agreement that would see them utilize and share the future expenses of the permanent bases.
- The discussion of potential land for the construction of the U18 diamond is still ongoing. Still waiting on a meeting to be rescheduled with the town, as well as some discussion with the Lions Club's new president Mike Ainsworth.
- A new home plate for diamond 1 needs to be installed before ball season next year.



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- Concession upgrades included shelving, ventilation, and backsplash. The deck repair was not completed and can be revisited next season.
- Accumulated signs and weeping tile surrounding the sea can will be taken to the dump this summer.

12. Public Relations Coordinator:

- Facebook numbers are 268 for Instagram numbers are 82. The Instagram page started this past season.
- For Instagram I did 42 post for the season, with a reach of 481 people. For Facebook I did 78 posts. With the reach of 14,700 people. Our most popular posts reached between 2,800 to 2,200 people.
- From a sponsorship perspective we had a great turnout for the season. With our three top sponsors bringing in \$3,750. Our remaining sponsors brought in \$2100 if you include the alumni game that's an extra \$1,000 so in total from the sponsorship we brought in \$6,850.
- Our player of the week sponsorship initiative was a success from the sponsorship perspective from a team implementation perspective it wasn't as successful. I really only had two teams committed to the whole season of doing player of the week every week. a few other teams just did not commit to it as much and I wasn't in a position to track people down every week to implement it. Weather and missing games made it a challenge to implement it as well. I would recommend next year to make it part of the coaches notebook to have it implemented every week if that's something we want to pursue.
- From a communications perspective I set up a Google Chrome's page for the public relations position everything is all organized into one Microsoft Chrome account so whoever takes over the account next time we'll have everything integrated into one easy system so they don't have to figure out username passwords login Pages.

13. Umpire Coordinator:

- Some learnings:
- Possibility of a group umpire chat? Whatsapp or something similar. TO offer equal opportunity for open spots.
- I messed up on not putting makeup or added games on to mail schedule and forgetting to organize umps.
- I took on too much this past year and am reprioritizing commitments.
- I took the umpire course and really appreciated the support of the board borrowing umpire equipment. The course was really helpful to fully understand what is required of an umpire. Jeff was great with being a senior ump and supporting growth with the younger newer umpires. He has committed to umping next year as well.
- Many apologies to Mel who was patient with me and my screw ups with the many fixings and fixing those fixes! Mel and I talked about ump payments for next year. We talked about doing payments once a week on a day that works best for both of us. This is for a few reasons- less room for error when I am updating the sheets



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weekly and there was talk among the umps that if Millet paid weekly they would consider umping more with us.

- Another remarkable note- Shannon MacDougal, a Beaumont family, she knew that I was trying to fill the last 2 u11 games of the home tournament. She called me from Calgary where she was with her other son at a hockey tournament, raced home to Beaumont to pick up her baseball son Keegan and bring him to Millet. I have not experienced that kind of commitment before and was touched.

14. **Other Items:** Allison was called to bring us to quorum to be able to pass some votes that were necessary for harvest fair.

- Jeff motions \$1200 for food for the harvest fair, \$250for candy for the parade, \$100 for decorations. Tyson seconds. All in favour.
- Catherine motions to have Jeff step in as interim VP for the remainder of our fiscal year, Allison seconds. All in favour.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 9:52PM