



Meeting Agenda

Annual General Meeting of	Millet Minor Baseball
Date and time	March 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM
Location	Millet, AB via ZOOM due to COVID-19

In Attendance: Kim Grekul, Sara dela Cruz, Jose dela Cruz, Jeff Coates, Jason McConnell, Catherine Chalmers.

1. **Call to Order: 6:13**

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

- Kim motions for previous AGM minutes to be approved. Jose seconds. All in favour.

3. **President's Report:**

- Jeff read an email from James thanking everyone for his time on the board.
- Jeff announces approval is needed for the new bylaws. Catherine moves to adopt new bylaws. Kim seconds. All in favour. Bylaws will be filed and adopted moving forward.

As it would appear I wore multiple hats and tried to maintain multiple roles, I have combined the reports of Coach Coordinator, Player and Coach Development, Vice President and President. Good thing it was a "light" season.

- Had commitments from 4 parent volunteers for coaching positions for 2020
- The decision was made not to renew our membership with Baseball Alberta due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions and the guidelines required by Baseball Alberta.
- Initiated clinics and practices at the GSS until Covid measures prevented us from gathering in groups indoors
- Organized and participated in outdoor and outdoor practice/skills sessions as per Covid regulations
- Had a decent turnout for clinics with players ranging from U9 to U13
- An extremely high wind storm or "super cell" caused enough damage to our diamonds and dugouts to warrant the end of our outdoor sessions due to the unsafe condition of the facilities
- James Rennie stepped down as MMBA President due to He and his family moving away from Millet, resulting in myself stepping in to assume the role of President
- Ryan Hurlbut stepped down from all involvement with MMBA as a board member
- After restrictions were relaxed, we held 5 indoor practice sessions inside the Millet Agriplex at the expense of the Association, on their new indoor turf. Turnout was less than anticipated and once again, Covid measures put a stop to all indoor sports gatherings.



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- Attempted to build a relationship/cohort with Wetaskiwin with hopes that we could still have a baseball season outside of Baseball Alberta in the even that Covid restrictions would allow us to later in the season.
- Removed all equipment and property from the cage in the Agriplex and placed it in our sea can by diamond 1. Kitchenware and other equipment is currently being stored in one of the Agriplex hockey dressing room, away from the elements.
- Resumed working on the amendments to the bylaws which were last amended in 1993.
- Met with Town of Millet representatives to discuss the plans both organizations have for moving forward with baseball in 2021. It was disclosed that the town intends on having the diamonds ready for use by the beginning of May
- Held a Board Meeting with 6/7 of the current active members for review and approval

4. Vice President's Report: Vacant Position-see President report

5. Treasurer's Report:

As we all know, this year has been a challenge. From the cancelled season to the ball clinics cut short due to COVID. There were many obstacles that I faced such as bank statements not being mailed, post office box being cancelled, getting our books audited and dealing with the town of Millet for payment of the Agriplex.

The Millet minor ball association bank account is still healthy. Right now our bank account is at \$11,219.66. Our total expenses for the year is \$1137.78. The cost of the rental for the Agriplex was \$508.00. It was very good that we took the opportunity to run the baseball clinics for the kids. It was a very good time to watch the kids burn off some of that COVID isolation energy.

Looking towards the future, it would be beneficial moving forward, that we associate a minor fee for the start of the season or any clinics held by the association. This will help the association from hemorrhaging cash flow. The healthy balance between association and minor player fees will add to our continued support for providing recreational sports in the town of Millet for the youth.

Also, we need to form a committee to review all our assets tied to Millet minor ball for an up to date valuation. As the last figures were done in 2015 to 2016. Upon the evaluation of assets, recommendations could be made to increase revenue.

My one recommendation for the year is we utilize e-transfer getting away from paper currency, as the ease of use and the actual tracking of funds leaving and entering our account is very convenient and cost effective.

See financial reports attached.



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6. Registrar Report: Vacant Position

We had 43 players interested in the 2020 season. Only 11 of those players were fully registered due to the uncertainty of COVID-19. With shutting down our season in March we offered full refunds to those 11 players. We also started to host our winter indoor clinic. We had 11 kids registered. Unfortunately further restrictions shut that down early as well but we are hopeful for many more opportunities to play this spring!

7. Coach Coordinator's Report: Vacant Position-see president report

8. Equipment Coordinator's Report:

At the end of the 2019 season Millet Minor Baseball had made some significant upgrades to our overall equipment stock. The Association had acquired much needed catcher's equipment for the younger division which addressed proper fit and sizing. Portable pitchers mounds were also purchased that helped develop the pitchers acclimatize to the different bio mechanics that other associations had already become accustomed to. Our ability to boost the practice that our batters saw came in from two different pitching machines. These helped our batters develop their batting techniques by providing consistent and repeatable pitches for them to hit. In all the Associations ability to help develop our players was dramatically improved.

With the start of spring training in 2020 the excitement was definitely felt as the players picked up right from where they left in 2019. However the looming spread of COVID 19 placed our players and the Association in a holding pattern in the interest of safety for all participants.

The 2021 season is upon us and the threat of COVID 19 still poses a major challenge to the return to normal play. Through the thoughtful and strategic acquisition of key pieces of equipment we can once again continue to develop our players without further expense once we get the signal to "Let's play ball!!!!".

9. Concession Coordinator's Report:

- In March 2020, Jason McConnell arranged for Shannon at ACT Home to switch the direction of the doors in the concession. They now swing outwards. The expense was covered by McConnell Building Movers. Thank you!
- In August 2020, Jason Wilm of Wired by Wilm hooked the water pump up to a light switch near the door for easy turn on/off. He also corrected some other electrical issues near the pump all for no charge. Kim bought Jason a \$100 amazon gift card for everything he has done for us in the concession.



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- We will still need to replace the shelf by the door, the one that holds the coffee. Does anyone have anything kicking around that we could use? Could anyone make something? Or motion to buy something?
- Email was sent to Gord Watt (Health Inspector) to touch base about what running the concession may look like this year. Lisa Duong responded she will now be our contact. She responded with a link to the AHS guidelines for restaurants, cafes, pubs & bars (released Feb 2021) which will be what we need to follow if we are wanting to open the concession at any time. Here is the link: [GUIDANCE FOR RESTAURANTS, CAFES, PUBS & BARS](#)
- Do we know if James contacted the town to see how much it would cost for them to supply us with water? As stated in March 11, 2020 AGM meeting minutes. Jeff will follow up with this.

10. **Tournament Coordinator's Report:**

We had a lot of cool things in the works for last year that we weren't able to do. Here is a list of things we were looking at, and hope to try out this year:

- New tournament schedule which moved things to a points based system and provided a better layout (see attached report)
- Ensuring better vetting of visiting teams for the tournament
- Including a skills competition in the tournament, in addition to the home run derby which the kids loved
- Could include things like: fastest run around the base, farthest throw, pitching accuracy, fastest pitch, best home run celly (need to find out if we have a speed gun and if Bigstone may be interested in donating a corn hole style board for pitching accuracy)
- Look at reviewing the way volunteer hours are laid out.
- Will need to get a brush up on AGLC rules
- Will need to brush up on tournament rules

11. **Field & Maintenance Coordinator's Report: No report**



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12. Other Items: Elections of Executive

- President- To be signing authority on account [REDACTED]. To also have signing authority on the associations post office box. Jeff Coates steps up for 2 year position.
- Vice President- Remains vacant
- Secretary-To be signing authority on account [REDACTED]. To also have signing authority on the associations post office box. Catherine Chalmers steps up for 2 year position.
- Treasurer-To be signing authority on account [REDACTED]. To also be the key holder and have signing authority on the associations post office box. Justin Gessner steps up for 1 year term.
- Registrar- Remains vacant. Sara dela Cruz will fill in until someone can step in as interim.
- Coach Coordinator/Player Development- Remains vacant. Jose dela Cruz to help out where needed.
- Equipment Coordinator- Jose dela Cruz steps in for 1 year.
- Concession Coordinator- Kim Grekul steps in for 1 year.
- Tournament Coordinator- Sara dela Cruz steps in for 1 year.
- Umpire Coordinator- Remains vacant.
- Field & Maintenance Coordinator- Jason McConnell steps in for 1 year.
- Public Relations Coordinator- Remains vacant.
 - Elections concluded.
- Discussion about possible website options. Our current website is costing us around \$280 a year and requires a credit card on file to run. Since we can not get a company credit card this is a hassle with people coming and going. RAMP has offered to work with us on pricing being that we are a smaller association and will invoice us for the website so we can pay directly out of our account. Catherine motions to switch the website to RAMP. Kim seconds. All in favour. Catherine will start the process to get the website switched over.



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- Jeff mentions we need to get numbers into to Baseball Alberta being that covid is going to affect our season. To see the interest we may have from players and to at least try to cover some of the cost of registration a \$5 non refundable fee is discussed. Kim moves to charge the \$5 non refundable fee to show player interest. Jose seconds. All in favour.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM



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Possible Tournament Schedule

Friday

Time	Team
6 - 8 pm	A B

Saturday - 10 hours

Time	Teams
8 - 10 am	B D
10 am - 12 pm	A C
12 - 2 pm	Home run derby
2 - 4 pm	B C
4 - 6 pm	A D

Sunday

Time	Teams
8 - 10 am	C D
10 am - 12 pm	Skills Competition
12 - 2 pm	Bronze and consolation
2 - 4 pm	Silver and gold

Points:

Win 2

Tie 1

Loss 0 *** may need to look at tournament rules and find out if there can be ties