

**Red River Valley Baseball General Meeting  
Oxford Heights Community Club**

**Winnipeg, MB  
November 12, 2019  
6:35 pm – 9:15 pm**

<b>Action 1</b>	Coaches Evaluations
Lead	Gerry and Russ
Due Date	November 2019

<b>Action 2</b>	Player/Parent AA/AAA Handbook – Fair Play Policy
Lead	Connie (Andrew D. and Al M. to assist)
Due Date	January 2020

<b>Action 3</b>	Sponsorship for Code of Conduct signs for RRVB fields & Mybackcheck.com for coach background checks
Lead	C. Berthelette
Due Date	TBD (From March 2019 meeting)

<b>Action 4</b>	Nomination Committee
Lead	Gerry O. / Russ S.
Due Date	December 2019

<b>Action 5</b>	RRVB / Pioneers Online Store
Lead	Trevor M.
Due Date	February 2020

<b>Action 6</b>	2020 Tryouts Plan
Lead	Gerry O.
Due Date	February 2020

<b>Action 7</b>	
Lead	
Due Date	

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**Board Minutes:**

**RRVB Board and Community Club Representatives**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
D. Cox	X		M. Camire		X
R. Shine		X	A. Kinley		X
C. Vines		X	S. Fox	X	
C. Ouellette		X	T. Mineault	X	
A. Mozel	X		D. Woytowich		X
A. Dolhy	X		M. Peterson		X
G. Ouellette	X		T. Maines		X
S. Vines		X	N. Plustwa	X	
C. Mirwaldt		X	T. Gwynne		X
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C. Berthelette	X				
<b>Guests</b>	Ed Kulyk (Elmwood Giants)				

**Agenda**

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No additions

**Adoption of Minutes**

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No adoption of minutes from September 12, 2019 meeting due to lack of quorum in attendance

**Correspondence**

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None

**President's Report:**

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- Dan thanked the Board members for their attendance at the meeting
- The Board of RRVB, and its members, have created something special over the past 3 years. RRVB is respected both on and off the field, and the quality and retention of its players and coaches is improving. Keeping up the momentum that has been created is very important for the upcoming season to ensure what has been created will maintain for years to come.
- Dan strongly encouraged all members to continue invite new people to come to RRVB General Meetings and potentially join the RRVB Board.

**Member Reports:**

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**1) Chris B. (Rally Cap)**

- Chris updated the group on his action item regarding sponsorship for the field Code of Conduct signs. Red River Insurance is still interested in this sponsorship and Chris will continue to work on setting this up for the 2020 season.
- No update on a potential coach background check system (Mybackcheck.com)

**2) Trevor M. (Equipment Manager)**

- Trevor reported that he set up a test online store with Kahunaverse for Oxford Heights CC and was successful. Trevor will work towards having the RRVB / Pioneers online store ready for the 2020 season.

**3) Andrew D. (13U Convener)**

- Andrew offered to assist Connie in the preparation of the AA/AAA Handbook for player and parents, as well the development of RRVB's Fair Play guidelines for the 2020 season. Al M. also offered his assistance. Ed K. offered to provide the policies that were recently created for softball players and parents. Dan C. will also provide the documents he has gathered in the past.

**4) Gerry O. (Player and Coach Development)**

- Gerry updated the group on his activities, including development of player depth charts for the 2020 season.
- Gerry reported that high performance coaches for the 15U level are still needed and that RRVB should advertise.
- A long discussion around the topic of tryout format and strategy/objectives was had with great ideas shared by everyone in the group. Gerry to work on summarizing these ideas and having a clear plan for the 2020 tryouts.
- Commitment is still to have tryouts occur in early March 2020.
- Gerry committed to working with Russ S. to get 2019 coach evaluation surveys out as soon as possible.

**5) Shane F. (Registrar)**

- Shane updated the group on the plans of Valley Gardens CC for new indoor rinks and the effect this may have on the baseball facilities located there. Dan C. will prepare a letter on behalf of RRVB to VGCC to reiterate the importance of the baseball diamonds to the hundreds of kids that use them every spring/summer.

**6) Online Registration / Website:**

- Dan C. reported that a new website is being developed through RAMP Sports, being led by Russ S. The new website design and functionality is currently being reviewed and tested.
- Russ S. continues to look into migrating to RAMP Sports for online registration to be in line with the Baseball Manitoba system. Russ will bring Shane F. up to speed for the 2020 registration process.

## New Business

### **1. Baseball Manitoba Awards Ceremony and SAGM Meetings**

- The Baseball Manitoba Awards Ceremony and SAGM Meetings in Brandon from November 2-3, 2019.
- The Sport Development meeting was held November 2, 2019 @ 10am and was attended by Dan C. and the meeting minutes will be distributed by Dan once received. Main discussion in the meeting was around the reduction in Rally Cap participants across the Province. Rally Cap registration has declined from 2536 (2017) to 2275 (2019). Main reason for decline is a couple of large rural communities deciding to provide their own programming versus providing the Rally Cap program, and the coaching certification requirements that go along with it.
- The 2019 Baseball Manitoba Awards Ceremony during the evening of November 2, 2019 and was attended by Dan C. It was a great night for RRVB and the Elmwood Giants with the following awards being won by the RRVB region:
  - High Performance Team of the Year: Elmwood Giants Junior
  - High Performance Coach of the Year: Ed Kulyk (Elmwood Giants)
  - Junior Player of the Year: Tyler Wood (Elmwood Giants)
  - Senior Player of the Year: Colton Boudreau (Elmwood Giants)
- Region of the Year was won by Midwest
- The Baseball Manitoba Semi Annual General Meeting was held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 @ 10am and was attended by Dan C. The minutes from this meeting will be distributed by Dan when available. Key changes passed for the 2020 season:
  - 2020 Bat Change Rules: For the 2020 season BBCOR certified aluminum bats will be allowed at 15UAAA and all levels of 18UA
  - There will be a 2020 Tier 2 Provincial Championship for 15UAAA and 18UAAA divisions
  - The 2020 Tier 2 13UAAA, 15UAAA and 18UAAA champions will represent Manitoba at 2020 13UAA, 15UAA and 18UAA Western Canadian Championships.

### **2. 2020 Provincial Hosting Applications**

- An application to host the 2020 Baseball Manitoba 11UAA, 13UAA and 15UAA Provincial Championships at Buhler Park was submitted to Baseball Manitoba by Dan C.
- Unfortunately, the date for the 2020 AA Provincial Championship was changed to a weekend in which Buhler Park was not available and the application had to be rescinded.

### **3. Winnipeg Minor Baseball Update**

- Winnipeg Minor Baseball looking for a new scheduler for the 2020 season

### **4. 2020 Nomination Committee**

- Gerry O. and Russ S. have agreed to be the Nomination Committee for the upcoming 2020 RRVB AGM. An email will be sent to all current RRVB Board Members to confirm their intentions for the 2020 season, and the RRVB membership at large to encourage members to join the RRVB Board for 2020. When you receive this email from the Nomination Committee please take the time to respond in a timely manner.

### **5. RRVB AGM**

- The RRVB AGM will be held on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2pm (Location TBD)

**Next RRVB General Meeting will be held at Park City West CC on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 6:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

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Recording Secretary – C. Vines

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D. Cox, President