



SASKATOON ROYALS BASEBALL

Minutes for September 28th, 2023 meeting

Equipment and jersey return update

- 4 bags outstanding, otherwise all good

AP discussion

- You have to be a girl.
- We need to make a list of APs more readily available so coaches have access to them.
- Melissa makes a motion that AP (affiliate player) players must be a female baseball Saskatoon member and a document be created with guidelines for APing players and asking on our registration if players are interested in being an AP. Jacquie seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Making teams

- Grant wants all coordinators to come together in order to make the teams, instead of doing it separately which can create conflicts.

Overage rule when need to pull up players to make a team - discussion on pros and cons

- From a baseball standpoint it is a good rule because we stay competitive at a higher level.
- A headache from an executive perspective, evaluations.

- An exception would be U15 so girls can stay in the program one more year before they age out.
- This may mean we may have less AA teams.
- Melissa makes a motion to abolish the overage rule at the 11U and 13U age groups, but keep the overage rules for 15U as an option. Jaelynn seconds. Motion passes.

Guidelines for team managers and treasurers

- We had a lot of new coaches last year, especially in the 11U age group. We will have a package to hand out to coaches and managers. Please peruse the document that Jaelyn handed out and make any necessary changes.
- Melissa makes a motion to add to the constitution that all coaches must select a parent of one of the players as their manager/treasurer to act as joint signing officers. The manager and treasurer cannot be the spouse of the head coach. If there are questions raised about financials, the Royals treasurer can request that financial statements be submitted within four weeks of the last game. Latoya seconds. Motion passes.
- Corey makes a motion to amend Melissa's motion to read that all teams must submit their financial statements to the Royals treasurer at the end of the season and to parents. Erin seconds Corey's motion. Motion passes.

Becoming incorporated

- This would ensure that if something happens it wouldn't come back on the executive to deal with all issues, it would fall under the incorporation umbrella. You can do an unaudited statement at the end of the year and an audited one every four or five years.
- This would make it easier to get grants, etc.
- There is a \$250 fee and paperwork to become incorporated. We also need a lawyer who would be available in order to sit in if there were any issues.
- Kelly makes a motion that the Royals become incorporated. Trevor seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Coach committee

- Corey would like MALs to have a bigger role in the zone, including putting together a coaches committee to choose coaches, being available to ask questions from coaches throughout the season.

Review what positions are becoming available

- **ACTION ITEM** - A message will be sent out with what positions are available. Junior rally cap position will be available. Corey will send a date for the AGM and we will post which positions are available.

Good and bad from the season

- The baseball was good this year. It was the adults who caused a lot of the problems this season.
- Communication about processes and why we are making the decisions we are will help with how the executive is viewed.

Feedback on girls division survey and coach feedback

- Overall, people would not like to play the U11A female only. 22 responses.
- Some people responded to get rid of the overage rule, especially in U11. This is coming from parents of overage girls.
- Biggest complaint was they played the same teams the whole season, but then in tournaments were playing against the boys.
- **ACTION ITEM** - Jaelyn will email a summary of the questionnaire answers.
- We will ask at the next meeting that we be put into the regular schedule against the boys.
- Schedulers will not let the Royals teams play each other more because it messes with the standings.
- Coach feedback - 11U most replies, mostly positive. Senior rally cap didn't like the 20 minute practice before games, it wasn't enough. People wanted more camps. Jaelynn will again summarize this and send it out.

Try out baseline scores for AA teams

- We would like to be able to do a draft if we have coaches picked, for all age groups.
- Would also be nice to have coaches picked so that they can also watch the evaluations.
- 11U and up we would like to look at the baseline scores from last year in order to make AA teams.

Any other items

- Nationals - what is our role? Royals are hosting it, and we are partnering with Baseball Saskatoon. We will get money for a 50/50, for a concession, beer diamonds and maybe a gate.
- Baseball Canada has a guide for the committee, including transportation, scorekeeping, treasurer (filled), gate keeper, etc.
- Send Corey a text if you want to be involved, but he won't have room for everyone on the committee.
- Travelodge is donating rooms for all the athletes, banquet will be there and all meetings.
- First meeting will be in October for the committee.

Motion to adjourn Heather. Seconded by Leanne.