

To Whom it May Concern,

The Seine River Minor Ball Association is a volunteer organization that provides the sport of baseball/softball for the communities of Lorette, Grande Pointe, St. Adolphe, Ile des Chenes and surrounding areas. Our association has grown over the years and it is not uncommon for our registration numbers to be more than 200 players.

As a volunteer group we have operated a baseball and softball program and facility for nearly 30 years. The facility is located on land owned by TC Energy and the Municipality of Ritchot pays an annual lease fee in order for SRMB to operate on the land. The terms of the lease allow us to maintain and develop the property as needed. Over the years we have grown from 3 diamonds to 7 diamonds including a dedicated space for kids 7 and under to play as well as 3 batting cages. We have built a washroom facility, storage space and are regarded as one of the premier baseball facilities in the Province of Manitoba.

Last year baseball/softball were one of the only team sports to have some semblance of a season. It was imperative for the families involved to provide some form of sport for the kids to play in as safe a way as possible. While our registration was significantly lower, our park maintenance costs were not. As such we suffered about an \$8000 loss last year. Additionally, for safety purposes we were forced to move a diamond that had long been a source of injuries due to its proximity to a neighboring diamond. This resulted in over \$35,000 in project related costs. The uncertainty the pandemic brought made fundraising very difficult last year. Therefore, many of our associations ran a significant deficit.

After a winter where all indoor team sports, including hockey and ringette, were suspended it is evident that parents and kids are going to seek sport as an avenue for physical and mental health. With easing restrictions, we have seen an increase in registrations already. In preparation for this increase there is a need for fundraising as making Baseball as safe as possible during a pandemic has additional costs.

The importance of sport for everyone has never been as significant as it is now. We are reaching out to our business leaders in our region to provide sponsorship in any way possible using one of the sponsorship packages in the attached document. Please review and respond with what would work for your business.

Regards,



President

Seine River Minor Ball