



## Annual General Meeting November 24, 2021



15U A Team – City Champs!



## **AGENDA**

St. Albert Minor Baseball Association  
2021 Annual General Meeting  
Virtually on Google Meets  
November 24, 2021 – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order
  - Virtual Meeting Format and Voting Procedures
2. Welcome by President and Introduction of SAMBA Board Members
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of 2020 AGM minutes
5. Proposed Amendments to SAMBA By-Laws
6. Call for Open Executive Board Members
7. SAMBA Executives and Directors Reports
  - President's Report
  - Questions/Comments from any of the Directors reports
8. Financial Report
  - 2021 Financial Review and Approval
  - 2022 Budget Review and Approval
9. New Business
10. Adjournment



## Meeting Notes

St. Albert Minor Baseball Association

Annual General Meeting – 2020

Date: November 25, 2020

Place/Time: Virtually via Google Meetings at 7:00 pm (COVID-19 Restrictions in Place)

Attendees: Board Members /Appointed & Non-Board Members/Members at Large:  
Kurtus Millar (President), Darren Kirstiuk (Vice President), Brenda Bourassa (Secretary), Jackie Colville (Treasurer), Pat Sullivan (Registrar), Neil Neary (Jr. Rep Director), Danielle Moffat (Special Events Director), Cori White (Sr House League Director), Kathy Morin (Marketing Director), Nicole Langlois (Jr House League Director), Blair Troock (Facilities Director), John R (Website), John Bresler (Umpire Coordinator), Victoria Neary (Girls Baseball Co-ordinator), Brian Bourassa (Senior Advisor), Tara Feser (City of St Albert) plus 23 Members At Large

Absentees: Sheri Kowaluk (Bingo Coordinator), Colin Froment (Sr Rep Director), Doug Fystro (Technical Director)

Distribution: All Attendees

Due to COVID-19 restrictions this AGM was held virtually via Google Meets. Members were asked to register to attend the virtual AGM via the SAMBA website. All registrations were verified and on November 24, 2020 the 2020 AMG booklet was emailed out to the registrants so they had time to review prior to the meeting. Given the number of participants on the call, at vote time Members were asked to voice or raise their objection or if they wish to be recorded as abstaining, otherwise it would be recorded that they approve. As no regular season took place in 2020 there are no individual director reports only a summary by the President.

## Item

## Action

### 1. Call to Order

Kurtus Millar called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

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**2. Welcome by President and Introduction of SAMBA Board Members**

President Kurtus Millar welcomed all SAMBA Members and Guests to the 2020 Annual General Meeting, acknowledged and thanked everyone for attending. He further introduced each of the current Board of Directors, and acknowledged others that hold non-board positions, but are an integral part of the operations of the Association.

Kurtus also thanked Brenda Bourassa for the production of the AGM Booklet.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to Approve 2020 Agenda as presented.

Motioned by: Neil Neary

2nd: Darren Kirstiuk

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion  
Carried

**4. Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes**

Motion to Approve the 2019 Minutes of Meeting as presented.

Motioned by: Brian Hartman

2nd: Rob Hardy

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion  
Carried

**5. Call for Open Executive Board Members**

Kurtus spoke in regards to the Open Board Positions, stressing how crucial it is to fill these important roles. Effective leadership and participation will help to ensure SAMBA's success as one of the Great Baseball Associations in Alberta. Kurtus acknowledged and thanked the Out-Going Board Members and Non-Board Members alike for their efforts and contributions throughout the 2020 year.

Open Executive and Board Positions:

President – Kurtus Millar

Jr Rep Director – Neil Neary

Technical Director – Doug Fystro

Secretary – Brenda Bourassa

Registrar – Pat Sullivan

Facilities Director – Blair Troock

Junior House League Director – Nicole Langlois

Appointed Members:

SAMBA Equipment Manager

SAMBA Baseball Alberta Rep

SAMBA Bingo Co-ordinator

SAMBA Umpire Co-ordinator

SAMBA Senior Advisor

SAMBA Webmaster

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SAMBA Challenger Co-ordinator SAMBA Liaison SAMBA Girls Baseball Co-ordinator SAMBA Development Co-ordinator SAMBA Grants Co-ordinator SAMBA / Tigers Program Liaison - (Tigers Appointed) SAMBA / Sr. Cardinals Program Liaison - (Sr. Cardinals Appointed) SAMBA / MMBA Program Liaison - (MMBA Appointed) SAMBA / Legal Program Liaison - (Legal Baseball Appointed)	
<u>Elected In-Coming Board Members:</u> Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>President</b> as a 2 year term Brian Bourassa Nominates KURTUS MILLAR for Re-Election 2nd to the Nomination – Rob Hardy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None Final Call for Nominations: None Kurtus Millar agrees to nomination for another 2 year term. In Favor: All Opposed: None <b>Re-Elected: KURTUS MILLAR</b>	Motion Carried
Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Jr Rep Director</b> as a 2 year term Brenda Bourassa Nominates NEIL NEARY for Re-Election 2nd to the Nomination – Rob Hardy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None Final Call for Nominations: None Neil Neary agrees to nomination for another 2 year term In Favor: All Opposed: None <b>Re-Elected: NEIL NEARY</b>	Motion Carried
Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Technical Director</b> as a 2 year term as Doug Fystro has resigned. Brian Bourassa Nominates BRIAN HARTMAN 2nd to the Nomination – Darren Kirstiuk 2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None Final Call for Nominations: None Brian Hartman agrees to nomination for a 2 year term In Favor: All Opposed: None <b>Elected: BRIAN HARTMAN</b>	Motion Carried

Item	Action
<p>Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Secretary</b></p> <p>Neil Neary Nominates BRENDA BOURASSA for Re-Election as a 2 year term</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> to the Nomination - Not required</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Final Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Brenda Bourassa agrees to nomination for another 2 year term</p> <p>In Favor: All</p> <p>Opposed: None</p> <p><b>Re-Elected: BRENDA BOURASSA</b></p>	<p>Motion</p> <p>Carried</p>
<p>Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Registrar</b></p> <p>Darren Kirstiuk Nominates PAT SULLIVAN for Re-Election as a 2 year term</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> to the Nomination – Not required</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Final Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>In Favor: All Opposed: None</p> <p>Pat Sullivan agrees to nomination for another 2 year term</p> <p><b>Re-Elected: PAT SULLIVAN</b></p>	<p>Motion</p> <p>Carried</p>
<p>Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Facilities Director</b></p> <p>Jackie Colville Nominates BLAIR TROOCK for Re-Election as 2 year term</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> to the Nomination – Brian Bourassa</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Final Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>In Favor: All Opposed: None</p> <p>Blair Troock agrees to nomination for a 2 year term</p> <p><b>Re-Elected: BLAIR TROOCK</b></p>	<p>Motion</p> <p>Carried</p>
<p>Call for Nominations for the Position of <b>Jr House League Director</b> to be in alignment with the bylaws</p> <p>Jackie Colville Nominates NICOLE LANGLOIS</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> to the Nomination – Darren Kirstiuk</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Final Call for Nominations: None</p> <p>Nicole Langlois agrees to nomination.</p> <p>In Favor: All</p> <p>Opposed: None</p> <p><b>Elected: NICOLE LANGLOIS</b></p>	<p>Motion</p> <p>Carried</p>

**Elected In-Coming Non-Board Members:**

May be elected at the December 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

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**6. SAMBA Executive Repots**

**6A. SAMBA President's Report**

Kurtus' report was shared virtually and he summarized his report. Some key points:

- 2020 was unlike any year in the history of minor baseball in Alberta. COVID-19 saw all baseball shut down in the province. Slowly as the Medical community determined what was safe and how to proceed with activities safely, baseball returned to St. Albert but in the form of a Return to Train program, with participants completing a COVID assessment each time before participating. Players and coaches were masked and socially distanced. Fans/parents were asked to observe from a far. This is not how we wanted our season to go but everyone was happy to be outside and be able to play baseball even if in a modified format.
- The Development program is in limbo as the board awaits the latest guidelines with regards to the use of the Millar Fieldhouse.
- Victoria Neary joined the board in the role of Girls Baseball Co-ordinator.

Q: Phil Perron asked if the decrease in enrollment impacted the budget.

A: Yes budget was prepared based on decreased enrollment.

Darren Kirstiuk thanked Kurtus Millar for another outstanding year and for his leadership during these unprecedented times and doing right by the players in putting their safety first.

**7. Financial Report:**

**7A. 2020 Financial Review**

Treasurer Jackie Colville provided an overview of the Financial Statements for 2020, and answered a number of general questions from those members in attendance. Thank you to Byron Whittal and Nicole Johnson for their review of the financials. SAMBA reduced its costs were it could through the year to be fiscally responsible during the pandemic. Thank you to those members who made financial donations to SAMBA.

Q: Travis Parked asked if there were any costs associated with the Return to Train?

A: Yes. Additional sanitation measures were required, additional baseballs, insurance, some equipment, coaching honorariums and of course we still had to cover the utilities for the facilities.

Motion to Accept the 2020 Financial Statements as presented: Neil Neary

2nd: Rob Hardy

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion  
Carried

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
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**7B. 2021 Budget Review**

SAMBA has budgeted for some projects: new batting turtles for the 15U and 18U fields, new shingles for the roof. SAMBA will endeavor to keep the costs as low as possible and defer these capital expenditures as/if needed.

Motion to Accept the Budget for 2021 as presented: Kathy Morin  
2nd: Rob Hardy  
In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

Motion  
Carried

**8. New Business - From Membership**

Kurtus Millar thanked Travis Parker for his years of service with the Board.

Q: Rob Hardy asked if during the Return to Train there were any issues with COVID-19?

A: Of all the participants only 7 were sent for testing; parents were responsible for keeping their players at home if needed. SAMBA's health screening tool worked very well in ensuring players and coaches met the criteria to participate, hand sanitizer stations were at every field, and social distancing all helped to provide layers of protection.

**9. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 7:45 pm: Brian Bourassa  
2nd: Rob Hardy  
All were in favor.

Motion  
Carried

The foregoing is considered to be a true and accurate record of all items discussed. If any discrepancies or inconsistencies are noted, please contact the writer immediately.

St. Albert Minor Baseball Association

Brenda Bourassa  
Secretary  
November 25, 2020

Kurtus Millar  
President  
November 25, 2020





## 2021 Proposed Amendments to the SAMBA By-Laws

**Special Resolution #1:** to accept the following corrections throughout:

- change “chairman” to “chairperson”
- change any and all references to Rookie to read 9U, Mosquito to read 11U, Peewee to read 13U, Bantam to read 15U, and Midget to read 18U
- fix references to Association to read Society and vice versa where applicable
- minor grammar, formatting, and capitalization edits

**Special Resolution #2:** to amend 2.1 Definitions to add clause “d” and re-alphabetize

### 2.1 Definitions

- (d) “Electronic Means” means facsimile, email, and other electronic, optic, magnetic methods, and includes anything that complies with the Electronic Transactions Act of Alberta; re-alphabetize

**Special Resolution #3:** to amend 4.4 Meetings of the Members as noted below

### 4.4 Meetings of Members

To clause (a) the following changes were made “time and place” were removed the highlighted portion was added:

- (a) an Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held once a year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, approval of the year-end financial statement, and any resolutions so advertised. The AGM shall be held no later than November 30 at such date, ~~time and place~~, as the Board of Directors shall determine. The meeting shall take place in person at a place determined by the Board, unless circumstances determined by the Board require that the meeting be held electronically. For electronic meetings any person entitled to attend may participate in the meeting by means of the electronic tools through which the meeting is being administered. A person participating in the meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of this bylaw, any person participating in the electronic meeting may vote by the means that the Association has made available for that purpose.

Add clause (l), re-alphabetize remainder of 4.7

- (l) any Member may participate in a meeting of the Members by means of telephone or other communication facility that permits all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and any Members participating by such means are deemed to be present in person and entitled to vote, provided that the Society has made available a system of voting that allows the identity of the voter to be authenticated;

Update wording in clause (o, ii) to connect it to Article 9.3

**Special Resolution #4:** to amend 4.7 (d, e) Termination of Membership as noted below

Changes to clause (d) and (e) remove reference to written notice and substitute by electronic means in compliance with the Electronic Transactions Act of Alberta.

**Special Resolution #5:** to amend 4.8 (a) Appeal Procedure Applicable to Termination of Memberships as noted below

Changes to 4.8 (a) to reference to written notice and substitute by electronic means in compliance with the Electronic Transactions Act of Alberta.

**Special Resolution #6:** to amend 5.4 Election and Term of Directors and Officers to add clause (g)

- (g) if a Member wishes to be considered for nomination and is not on the list of eligible persons, such Member is required to notify the Secretary no later than five days before the date of the Annual General Meeting for inclusion on the list of eligible persons, in order to ensure they meet the required qualifications.

**Special Resolution #7:** to amend 5.7 (j) Meetings of Directors to update wording to include by electronic means in compliance with the Electronic Transmissions Act of Alberta.

**Special Resolution #8:** to amend 5.10 Remuneration of Directors and Officers to read the highlighted text:

All Directors and Officers shall serve SAMBA without remuneration **for performing their duties as Directors and Officers** provided that the Board of Directors shall be entitled to reimburse any Director or Officer for all reasonable, authorized and substantiated expenses incurred by such person with respect to the business and affairs of SAMBA.

**Special Resolution #9:** amend the text within 6.3 Duties and Responsibilities of Offices as highlighted in the attached bylaws.

**Special Resolution #10:** to make the following amendments to 7.1 (d) under Article 7 Committees, :

Rename 7.1 (d) committee to be Fundraising and Special Projects Committee and make subsequent name change in full Committee bullet points.

**Special Resolution #11:** amend 7.1 (a) Nominating Committee to change the number of Directors from 2 to 3 and (c) Finance Committee to change the number of Directors from 2 to 3

**Special Resolution #12:** amend Article 8 Appointment of Volunteers to include the Girls Baseball Coordinator and accounting coordinator

**Special Resolution #13:** to amend 10.6 under Article 10 Books and Records to read Capital Fund and amend the first sentence as highlighted in the attached bylaws.

**Special Resolution #14:** to amend Article 10 Books and Records, subsection 10.10 Distribution of Assets on Dissolution of a Team for readability and clarity.



ST. ALBERT MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

2021

## History of Revisions

DATE	REVISION
October 24, 2002	
February 12, 2010	
October 19, 2016	4.1 ( e ); 4.4 (a); 5.7 (j); 6.4
November 15, 2017	5.4 (b) (i) and (ii); 6.1 (k, l, m), 6.3, 8.1 (a)
November 20, 2019	5.4(a) and (f)
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## ARTICLE 1 - OBJECTS

### 1.1 General Objects

The objects of the Society are:

- to encourage and promote the development and growth of baseball in the territorial jurisdiction of the Society;
- to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect;
- to help the player members mature into responsible, respectable, healthy and trustworthy-citizens

### 1.2 Specific Objects

Without restricting the generality of section 1.1, the Society will provide a comprehensive program of recreational and competitive baseball consistent with rules and policies established from time to time by Baseball Alberta and St. Albert Minor Baseball Association's Handbook.

## ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

### 2.1 Definitions

Unless otherwise provided in these By-laws, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) "Annual General Meeting" means an annual general meeting of the Members duly called and constituted in accordance with these By-laws;
- (b) "By-laws" means these by-laws of SAMBA together with any amendments to or replacements of these By-laws;
- (c) "Directors" means the persons who are elected or appointed as Directors of SAMBA from time to time in accordance with these By-laws;
- (d) "Electronic Means" means facsimile, email, and other electronic, optic, magnetic methods, and includes anything that complies with the Electronic Transactions Act of Alberta;
- (e) "Majority" means a simple majority of the eligible voters who are present and voting at the time the vote is taken;
- (f) "Members" means the persons who are members of SAMBA from time to time in accordance with these By-laws;

- (g) "Officers" means the persons who are elected or appointed as officers of SAMBA from time to time in accordance with these By-laws;
- (h) "Societies Act" means the Societies Act (Alberta), as amended from time to time, and every statute that may be substituted there for and in the case of any such amendment or substitution, any reference in these By-laws to the Societies Act shall be read as referring to the amended or substituted provisions there for;
- (i) "SAMBA" or "Society" means St. Albert Minor Baseball Association.

## 2.2 Number and Gender

Words importing the singular number only in these By-laws shall include the plural number and vice versa and words importing one gender only in these By-laws shall include all genders.

## 2.3 Headings

The headings used in these By-laws are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the meaning or the interpretation of these By-laws.

# ARTICLE 3 - JURISDICTION

## 3.1 Territorial Jurisdiction

The territorial jurisdiction of SAMBA shall be as defined by Baseball Alberta.

# ARTICLE 4 - MEMBERS

## 4.1 Categories of Members

SAMBA shall have the following categories of Members:

### (a) Player / Coach Member

Any eligible person, who meets the requirements of Baseball Alberta and SAMBA, upon registration and/or selection and payment of fees, will become a player and/or coach Member. Payment of said registration and/or selection fee shall constitute membership until May 1 of the following year.

### (b) Family Members

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a player Member.

(c) Members at Large

Any person who wishes to support the objects of SAMBA may become a Member at large of SAMBA upon application for membership, payment of the membership fee prescribed by the Board of Directors and receipt of approval from the Board of Directors in their absolute and unfettered discretion.

(d) Import Player

Players residing outside SAMBA's territorial jurisdiction, as defined by Baseball Alberta transfer policy, may be admitted as non-voting Members to play within the program on a year to year basis with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Members admitted under Section 4.1(d) will not have voting privileges within the Society and will be subject to the annual surcharge as determined by the Board of Directors.

(e) Director/Officer

A duly elected or appointed director or officer will be a Member of the Society for the duration of their appointment or term.

4.2 Membership Register

- (a) SAMBA shall maintain a register of all Members.
- (b) Any Member shall be entitled to inspect the register of Members at SAMBA's registered office on any regular business day and during such hours and on such conditions as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

4.3 Fees

- (a) Registration fees and membership fees shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors and shall be due and payable at the time prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The Board of Directors, in their absolute and unfettered discretion, may waive the payment of registration fees or membership fees in circumstances of demonstrated financial hardship.



#### 4.4 Meetings of Members

The terms and conditions governing meetings of the Members are as follows:

- (a) an Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held once a year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, approval of the year-end financial statement, and any resolutions so advertised. The AGM shall be held no later than November 30 at such date, ~~time and place~~, as the Board of Directors shall determine. The meeting shall take place in person at a place determined by the Board, unless circumstances determined by the Board require that the meeting be held electronically. For electronic meetings any person entitled to attend may participate in the meeting by means of the electronic tools through which the meeting is being administered. A person participating in the meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Notwithstanding any provision of this bylaw, any person participating in the electronic meeting may vote by the means that the Association has made available for that purpose.
- (b) notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be given, not less than 21 days before such meeting, by written notice published in a newspaper circulating in the St. Albert area.
- (c) a special meeting of the Members shall be called by the President of SAMBA upon receipt of a written request from at least a majority of the Board of Directors or upon receipt of a written request for such meeting signed by at least 10% of all voting Members. Such special meeting shall be held within 45 days following receipt of such written request at such time and place as the Board of Directors may determine.
- (d) notice of a special general meeting shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting via publication in a newspaper circulated in St. Albert at least three days prior to said meeting. Such notice must specify the general nature of the business to be transacted there at and no other business, than that specified, shall be transacted without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.
- (e) no error or omission in giving notice of any meeting of the Members shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings - taken at such meeting and any Member at any time may waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify and approve any and all proceedings taken at such meeting;
- (f) the president of SAMBA shall preside over any meeting of the Members and, at his discretion; he may appoint a chairperson to chair any meeting of the Members;
- (g) a quorum at any meeting of the Members shall be 10 voting Members in good standing provided that if a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time at which such meeting is to commence, then the following terms and conditions shall be applicable:
  - (i) such meeting shall be postponed for a period of not more than 28 days and such meeting shall be held on such date, such time and at such place as the President of SAMBA may designate;
  - (ii) at such postponed meeting, those Members present shall constitute a quorum provided that at least 2-days' prior written notice of such postponed meeting has been given in the manner described in Section 4.4(c) hereof;

- (h) every question at a meeting of the Members shall be decided by a Majority of the votes of the Members present at such meeting unless otherwise required by these By-laws or by the Societies Act provided that if there is an equality of votes, then the chairperson of such meeting shall have a casting vote in order to eliminate such equality;
- (i) every question at a meeting of the Members shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands (unless a poll is demanded by a Majority of the Members) and, upon such show of hands, a declaration by the chairperson of such meeting that a resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of that fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in-favour of or against such resolution. In case of equality of votes at any meeting, whether upon a show of hands or at a poll, the chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote.
- (j) if a poll is demanded, then the question shall be decided by a Majority of the votes given by the Members present in person and the poll shall be taken in such manner as the chairperson of the meeting shall direct and the results of such poll shall be deemed to be the decision of the Members with respect to such question;
- (k) voting at a meeting of the Members shall not be by secret ballot unless the Majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at such meeting request that a secret ballot be held or unless otherwise specified in these By-laws;
- (l) any Member may participate in a meeting of the Members by means of telephone or other communication facility that permits all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and any Members participating by such means are deemed to be present in person and entitled to vote, provided that the Society has made available a system of voting that allows the identity of the voter to be authenticated;
- (m) a resolution in writing signed by all of the Members shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Members duly held and constituted;
- (n) all meetings of the Members shall be conducted in accordance with these By-laws and where these Bylaws are silent, such meeting shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised" or any summary thereof;
- (o) the business at an Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - (i) to receive and consider the report of the Board of Directors;
  - (ii) to receive and consider the audited financial statements, completed in accordance with Article 9.3, for the most recent fiscal year;
  - (iii) to elect Officers and Directors; and
  - (iv) to consider any resolution or resolutions as may be properly brought before the meeting.

#### 4.5 Voting Rights of Members

All Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting or at a special meeting of the Members, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) Members who are under 18 years of age shall not be entitled to vote;
- (b) Members who have not been Members for at least 30 days prior to the meeting in question shall not be entitled to vote at such meeting;
- (c) Members shall vote in person only and not by proxy, mail or other method;
- (d) the President shall vote only where necessary to break a tie vote.

#### 4.6 Liability of Members

A Member, when duly authorized to act for SAMBA, shall not be personally liable for any loss or damage or depreciation to the property of SAMBA except if such Member acted fraudulently, dishonestly or committed acts of gross misconduct or negligence.

#### 4.7 Termination of Memberships

A Member's membership in SAMBA shall terminate upon the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- (a) the Board of Directors receives written notice from such Member stating that such Member wishes to terminate his membership in SAMBA and such request is not requesting a release;
- (b) such Member fails to pay his registration or membership fees as prescribed by the Board of Directors;
- (c) such Member dies;
- (d) a committee of the Board of Directors composed of at least 3 Directors, upon review of the conduct of such Member, decides to expel such Member on the basis that such Member has conducted himself in an improper or unbecoming manner which is likely to endanger the interest or reputation of SAMBA or on the basis that such Member has willfully breached these By-laws and policies set out in the SAMBA Handbook. Such expulsion shall be effective if executed and transmitted in writing by Electronic Means. Such expulsion shall be subject to the appeal procedure described in Section 4.8 hereof;
- (e) a majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Members vote in favour of the expulsion of such Member provided that such expulsion shall be effective if executed and transmitted in writing by Electronic Means. Such expulsion shall be subject to the appeal procedure described in Section 4.8 hereof.
- (f) Any Member who does not conduct himself in accordance with the policies, rules and regulations of the Society or Baseball Alberta may have his membership suspended upon a majority decision of the Board of Directors.

Upon the termination of any Member's membership in SAMBA, all rights, claims and interests of such Member in SAMBA, including but not restricted to any refund of registration or membership fees, shall be forfeited by such Member.

#### 4.8 Appeal Procedure Applicable to Termination of Memberships

Any Member who is expelled from SAMBA pursuant to Section 4.7(d), 4.7(e) or 4.7(f) hereof shall be entitled to appeal such expulsion in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) such Member shall forward to the Board of Directors, within 30 days following receipt or deemed receipt of written notice of such-expulsion, written notice of such Member's decision to appeal such expulsion with the decision considered effective if executed and transmitted in writing by Electronic Means;
- (b) such Member's appeal shall be heard by a committee of the Board of Directors composed of at least 3 Directors (excluding those Directors who sat on the committee described in Section 4.7(d) hereof) within 30 days of receipt of such Member's notice of appeal;
- (c) the procedure governing the hearing of such Member's appeal shall be determined by such committee of the Board of Directors;
- (d) the decision of such committee of the Board of Directors shall be final and such Member shall have no further right of appeal.

#### 4.9 Member Releases

No Member eligible to play within the Society's jurisdiction shall be released without the approval of the Board of Directors and in accordance with Baseball Alberta's transfer policy. Prior to approval, a written request stating the reasons for the release and indicating where the player intends to play is required.

### ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### 5.1 Powers of Directors

Subject to the provisions of these By-Laws and the Societies Act, the Board of Directors shall manage the business and affairs of SAMBA and exercise all such powers of SAMBA as are not required to be exercised by the Members. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to:

- (a) receive donations, bequests, funds, trusts, grants, benefits and property for the purpose of furthering the objects of SAMBA provided that the Board of Directors in its absolute and unfettered discretion may refuse to accept any donations, bequests, funds, trusts, benefits and property;
- (b) borrow money on the credit of SAMBA;
- (c) mortgage, charge, hypothecate or pledge any real or personal property of SAMBA in order to secure any obligations or liabilities of SAMBA;

- (d) establish and maintain a banking relationship with one or more chartered banks, trust companies, credit unions or treasury branches and, in that regard:
  - (i) open one or more bank accounts;
  - (ii) designate signing officers for the signing of cheques, bills of exchange, promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness or orders for the payment of money;
- (e) appoint agents and employees of SAMBA to perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or these By-laws;
- (f) institute and amend policies, procedures and standards of conduct of SAMBA's business and affairs;
- (g) establish committees of the Board of Directors, standing or otherwise, as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable in order to carry on the business and affairs of SAMBA and, for such purpose, the Board of Directors may delegate any of its power to such committees provided that at least one Member of each such committee shall be a Director;
- (h) exercise any powers which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, pertain to or promote the carrying out of the objects of SAMBA.

## 5.2 Number of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than 13 Directors at any given time.

## 5.3 Qualifications of Directors

Each Director shall meet all of the following qualifications at all times that he is a Director:

- a Member in good standing;
- 18 years of age or older; and
- shall not be an employee of SAMBA.

## 5.4 Election and Term of Directors and Officers

The terms and conditions governing the election or appointment of Directors and Officers are as follows:

- (a) subject to Sections 5.4(c), 5.4(d) and 5.4(e) and 5.4(f) hereof, all Directors and Officers shall be elected by the Members at an Annual General Meeting from the list of eligible persons presented at the Annual General Meeting duly nominated from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) at each Annual General Meeting the Members shall elect:
  - (i) the President, Secretary, Registrar, Junior Rep Director, Facilities Director, Technical Director, Junior (Jr) House League Director; every even numbered year, for a two year term,
  - (ii) the Vice-President, Treasurer, Senior (Sr) House League Director, Senior Rep Director, Marketing/Fundraiser Director, Special Events Director every odd numbered year, for a two year term

- (c) the immediate past President of SAMBA shall serve as a Director for a one year term following his term as President;
- (d) in the event any vacancies exist on the Board of Directors following the election of Directors and Officers described in section 5.4(b) hereof, such vacancies shall be filled by persons appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors provided;
- (e) any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors between Annual General Meetings shall be promptly filled by persons appointed by the Board of Directors provided that such newly appointed Director or Director and Officer shall hold office only for the unexpired portion of the vacating Director's term;
- (f) in order to be eligible for the role of President, a nominee must be a current voting board member with minimum (2) years of experience on the SAMBA Board of Directors; and
- (g) if a Member wishes to be considered for nomination and is not on the list of eligible persons, such Member is required to notify the Secretary no later than five days before the date of the Annual General Meeting for inclusion on the list of eligible persons, in order to ensure they meet the required qualifications.

#### 5.5 Removal of Directors

The terms and conditions governing the removal of a Director are as follows:

- (a) a Director shall be deemed to have resigned immediately upon such Director ceasing to meet all of the qualifications set out in Section 5.3 hereof;
- (b) any Director, who without prior notice to the Board of Directors is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors, may be removed by the Board of Directors by a resolution passed by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held and constituted;
- (c) if any Director demonstrates a lack of interest in SAMBA by inactivity or if any Director is incompetent or unable to handle his elected or appointed tasks or if any Director conducts himself in an improper or unbecoming manner which is likely to endanger the interest or reputation of SAMBA, then such Director may be removed from the Board of Directors by a resolution passed by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held and constituted;
- (d) any Director who is removed from the Board of Directors in accordance with this Section 5.5 shall have the right to receive notice of and reasons for such removal but such removed Director shall have no right to appeal such removal.

#### 5.6 Resignation of a Director

A Director may resign by notice in writing to the board, which shall be effective upon the acceptance of the Board of Directors by a majority vote.

## 5.7 Meetings of Directors

The terms and conditions governing meetings of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- (a) meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times and dates as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine provided that at least 8 meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in each fiscal year of SAMBA;
- (b) a meeting of the Board of Directors may be convened at any date, time or place upon proper notice by the President of SAMBA;
- (c) notice of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each Director not less than 2 days before the meeting is to take place and such notice may be telephoned, e-mailed or included as part of the minutes of a previous meeting of the Directors provided that any meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at any time without formal notice if all of the Members of the Board of Directors are present or those present have waived notice and those absent have signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence or without notice;
- (d) notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors or any irregularity in any meeting or notice thereof may be waived by any Director and no error or omission in giving such notice for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings taken at such meeting and any Director may at any time waive notice of any such meetings and may ratify and approve any and all proceedings taken at such meetings;
- (e) a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be 7 of the Members of the Board of Directors;
- (f) each Director shall have one vote and all matters shall be decided by a majority of votes. If there is an equality of votes, then the chairperson of that meeting of the Board of Directors shall have a casting vote in order to eliminate such equality;
- (g) resolutions in writing signed by all of the Directors shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held and constituted;
- (h) any Director may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of telephone or other communication facility that permits all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other and any Directors participating in a meeting by such means are deemed to be present in person at the meeting;
- (i) the Board of Directors may invite any interested persons to attend any meeting of the Board of Directors provided that such invitees shall not be entitled to vote at such meeting.
- (j) resolutions made in writing or by Electronic Means and passed by a majority of the Directors, shall be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held and constituted.

## 5.8 Limitation of Liability

Every Director and Officer in exercising his powers and discharging his duties shall act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of SAMBA and exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. No Director or Officer shall be liable for the acts, omissions or defaults of any other Director or Officer or an employee, or for any loss, damage or expense happening to SAMBA through the insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired for or on behalf of SAMBA, or for the insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the moneys of SAMBA shall be invested, or for any loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency or tortuous or criminal acts of any person with whom any of the moneys, securities or effects of SAMBA shall be deposited, or for any loss occasioned by any error of judgment, or oversight on his part, or for any other loss, damage or misfortune whatever which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation to it.

## 5.9 Indemnity

Subject to the Societies Act, SAMBA shall indemnify Directors, Officers, former Directors or former Officers, and their heirs and legal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including any amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by such Directors or Officers in respect of any civil, criminal or administrative action or proceeding to which he is made a party by reason of being or having been a Director or Officer if:

- (a) he acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of SAMBA; and
- (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful.

SAMBA shall also indemnify such persons in other circumstances as the Societies Act permits or requires. Nothing in these By-laws shall limit the right of any person entitled to indemnity to claim indemnity apart from the provisions of these By-laws.

## 5.10 Remuneration of Directors and Officers

All Directors and Officers shall serve SAMBA without remuneration **for performing their duties as Directors and Officers** provided that the Board of Directors shall be entitled to reimburse any Director or Officer for all reasonable, authorized and substantiated expenses incurred by such person with respect to the business and affairs of SAMBA.



## ARTICLE 6 - OFFICERS

### 6.1 Designation of Officers

The Officers shall be as follows:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer;
- (e) Junior Rep Director;
- (f) Senior Rep Director;
- (g) Facilities Director;
- (h) Marketing/Fundraising Director;
- (i) Registrar;
- (j) Technical Director;
- (k) Jr House League Director (Rally Cap, 9U , and 11U)
- (l) Sr House League Director (13U, 15U and 18U);
- (m) Special Events Director.

### 6.2 Election or Appointment of Officers

Subject to section 5.4 of these By-laws, the terms and conditions governing the election or appointment of Officers are described in sections 5.4(b), 5.4(d) and 5.4(e) of these By-laws.

### 6.3 Duties and Responsibilities of Officers

#### (a) President

The President shall:

- be the chief executive officer of SAMBA;
- preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and at all meetings of the Members;
- present the report of the Board of Directors to the Annual General Meeting;
- be an ex-officio Member of all committees of the Board of Directors;
- oversee formulation of policies governing the management of SAMBA's business and affairs, and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

#### (b) Vice President

The Vice-President shall:

- perform such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President;
- be an ex-officio Member of all committees of the Board of Directors;
- perform the duties and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President; and

- perform such duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(c) Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- be responsible for the keeping of accurate minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the meetings of the Members;
- prepare and send notices of meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the Members;
- assist with any correspondence sent out to the membership at large; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(d) Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- be responsible for the financial affairs of SAMBA, including but not limited to the preparation of budget, the dispensing of funds, and the maintenance of proper records and accounts;
- arrange for the annual audit of SAMBA in accordance with Article 9.3 following the close of each fiscal year for submission to the Board of Directors and Members at the Annual General Meeting;
- monitor expenditures as compared to budgeted expenditures and recommend corrective action when required;
- file the financial statements, annual returns and other necessary documents with the Registrar of Corporations as required by the Societies Act;
- report on the financial affairs of SAMBA periodically to the Board of Directors and annually to Members at the Annual General Meeting;
- file annual returns and other necessary documents with the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission as required;
- coordinate with Registrar in overseeing registrations, camps and clinics; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(e) Junior Rep Director

The Junior Rep Director shall:

- be responsible for heading up the operation of the Rep teams in the 11U and 13U divisions;
- prepare a brief summary of the Junior Rep Division for the AGM;
- work with the Senior Rep Director, House League Directors, and the Facilities Director in preparing the field schedule;
- work with the Senior Rep Director in preparing and executing player evaluations; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(f) Senior Rep Director

The Senior Rep Director shall:

- be responsible for heading up the operation the Rep teams in the 15U and 18U divisions;
- prepare a brief summary of the Senior Rep Division for the AGM;
- work with the Junior Rep Director, House League Directors, and the Facilities Director in preparing the field schedule;
- work with the Junior Rep Director in preparing and executing player evaluations; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(g) Junior (Jr) House League Director

The Junior House League Director shall:

- be responsible for heading up the operation the House League teams in the Rally Cap, 9U , and 11U divisions;
- prepare a brief summary of the Junior House League Division for the AGM;
- work with the Sr House League Director, Rep Directors, and the Facilities Director in preparing the field schedule;
- work as a liaison between the respective House League, coaches, players and parents, and
- Perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(h) Senior (Sr) House League Director

The Senior House League Director shall:

- be responsible for heading up the operation the House League teams in the 13U, 15U, and 18U divisions;
- prepare a brief summary of the Senior House League Division for the AGM;
- work with the Jr House League Director, Rep Directors, and the Facilities Director in preparing the field schedule;
- work as a liaison between the respective House League coaches, players and parents, and
- Perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(i) Facilities Director

The Facilities Director shall:

- be responsible for contacting the City of St. Albert to book fields for House League games;
- work with the Junior Rep Director, Senior Rep Director and House League Directors in preparing the field schedule;
- oversee the Legion fields and clubhouse;
- oversee the Equipment Coordinator, and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(j) Marketing/Fundraising Director

The Marketing/Fundraising Director shall:

- be responsible for developing and implementing a marketing and fundraising strategy;
- work with other board Members to look for and pursue grants; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(k) Registrar

The Registrar shall:

- be responsible for registration of all SAMBA Members;
- maintain the Members' register;
- file the appropriate forms to support expected fees to Baseball Alberta on such date(s) as defined by Baseball Alberta;
- coordinates with the Treasurer in overseeing registrations, camps and clinics, and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

(l) Technical Director

The Technical Director shall:

- be responsible for developing a technical program for coaches and players;
- oversee player evaluation process;
- oversee camps and clinics;
- work with the volunteer position of umpire coordinator;
- develop a program for the House League and Rep divisions;
- liaise with House League and Rep Directors to assist with programming as required;
- arrange and confirm N.C.C.P. coach certification; and

- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws

(m) Special Events Director

The Special Events Director shall:

- work with other board Members to coordinate/host any special events;
- work with other board Members to look for and pursue grants;
- develop and maintains a volunteer database; and
- perform such other duties as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors or these By-laws.

6.4 Terms of Office of Officers

The Directors and/or Officers shall be entitled to serve their term of two (2) consecutive years. The Treasurer will be entitled to serve a term of two (2) years with a maximum two (2) consecutive term limit in that position.

ARTICLE 7 - COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors shall establish any committee, name a chairperson and set forth the terms of reference and dissolve any special committee. The chairperson of each committee shall be a Member of the Board of Directors, and if so, empowered under the terms of reference given, select the Members of the said committee

7.1 List of Committees

The committees of the Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- (a) Nominating Committee;
- (b) Technical Development Committee;
- (c) Finance Committee;
- (d) Fundraising and Special Projects Committee;
- (e) any other committees as may be established from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(a) Nominating Committee

- The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three (3) Directors, and be appointed by the Board of Directors, on an annual basis, at least 3 months prior to each Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors shall also appoint the chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee shall be responsible to create the list of individuals for the nomination of eligible candidates for election as Directors. The list of eligible candidates for election as Directors shall be prepared for submission to the Board of Directors and subsequently to the Members at each Annual General Meeting.

- The notice requirements, procedure for voting, quorum and other rules regarding meetings of the Nominating Committee shall be determined by that committee from time to time.

(b) Technical Development Committee

- The Technical Development Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three Directors, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The Board of Directors shall also appoint the chairperson of the Technical Development Committee.
- The Technical Development Committee shall be responsible for implementing and modifying from time to time as necessary programs to advance the technical development of baseball within SAMBA focusing on athletes, coaches and officials. In addition, the Technical Development Committee shall perform other functions as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- The notice requirements, procedure for voting, quorum and other rules regarding meetings of the Technical Development Committee shall be determined by that Committee from time to time.

(c) Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) Directors including the Treasurer, who shall serve as chairperson of that committee, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.
- The Finance Committee shall be responsible for seeking and implementing ways to improve and stabilize the financial affairs of SAMBA. In addition, the Finance Committee shall perform other functions as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- The notice requirements, procedure for voting, quorum and other rules regarding meetings of the Finance Committee shall be determined by that Committee from time to time.

(d) Fundraising and Special Projects Committee

- The Fundraising and Special Projects Committee shall be composed of a minimum of three Members, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors on an annual basis. The Board of Directors shall also appoint the chairperson of the Fundraising and Special Projects Committee.
- The Fundraising and Special Projects Committee shall be responsible for establishing a program of public relations and membership information as well overseeing SAMBA's social and related special projects. In addition, the Fundraising and Special Projects Committee shall perform other functions as may be specified from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- The notice requirements, procedure for voting, quorum and other rules regarding meetings of the Fundraising and Special Projects Committee shall be determined by that Committee from time to time.

## ARTICLE 8 - VOLUNTEERS

### 8.1 Appointment of Volunteers

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint Members to perform such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors to further the objects of SAMBA. These appointments may include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) rally cap coordinator;
- (b) 9U coordinator;
- (c) 11U coordinator;
- (d) 13U coordinator;
- (e) 15U coordinator;
- (f) 18U coordinator;
- (g) equipment coordinator;
- (h) umpire coordinator;
- (i) bingo coordinator;
- (j) Girls Baseball Coordinator; and
- (k) accounting coordinator.

### 8.2 Appointment of Baseball Alberta representative

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint, on an annual basis, any Director to act as SAMBA's Baseball Alberta representative.

## ARTICLE 9 - ACCOUNTS

### 9.1 Accounts

The Board of Directors shall cause accounts to be kept of all assets and liabilities of SAMBA, all monies received and expended by SAMBA and all matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditures took place.

### 9.2 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of SAMBA shall end on the 30th day of September in each year or such other date as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

### 9.3 Annual Audit

An audited financial statement setting out SAMBA's assets, liabilities, income and expenses shall be prepared on an annual basis and presented at each Annual General Meeting.

The annual audit shall be completed by:

- 1) Two Members of the Society, duly appointed by the Board of Directors as set out in these By-Laws; or
- 2) an independent public accountant duly appointed by the Board of Directors as set out in these By-Laws.

## ARTICLE 10 - BOOKS AND RECORDS

### 10.1 Books and Records

The Board of Directors shall ensure that all necessary books and records of SAMBA required by the Societies Act or these By-laws or by any other applicable statute or law are regularly and properly kept by SAMBA.

### 10.2 Records Office

The books of account, minute book and other books and records of SAMBA shall be kept at such place in the Province of Alberta as the Board of Directors think fit and such books of account, minute book and other books and records shall be open for inspection by any Director at any reasonable time.

### 10.3 Inspection of Books and Records by Members

The minute book of SAMBA may be inspected by any Member in good standing at any Annual General Meeting. Any Member in good standing who wishes to inspect the books of account, minute book or other books and records of SAMBA shall forward a written request to the Board of Directors and, at their next meeting, the Board of Directors shall designate a time and place at which such-books of account, minute book and other books and records of SAMBA may be inspected by such Member. No Member shall be entitled to remove the books of account, minute book or other books and records of SAMBA from SAMBA's records office. Any Member in good standing wishing to copy any portion of the books of account, minute book or other books and records of SAMBA shall indicate that desire in such Member's written request to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall be entitled, in its absolute and unfettered discretion, to determine whether or not such request is granted. All inspections of the books of account, minute book or other books and records of SAMBA by a Member - in good standing shall be performed in the presence of a Director or Officer and if the duration of such inspection exceeds one hour, then such Director or Officer shall be entitled to receive payment from such-inspecting Member at such reasonable hourly rate as the board of -Directors may determine from time to time.

### 10.4 Annual Budget

The Board shall cause a budget to be prepared and it must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors in attendance at the meeting. The budget shall form the basis for the registration fee.

No budget which provides for a deficit shall be either submitted or approved by the Board of Directors. A contingency fund in an amount not to exceed 10% of the total budget shall be incorporated in the budget.



The proposed budget shall thereafter be approved at the Annual General Meeting.

#### 10.5 Non-Budget Expenditure

Any expenditures not included in the budget may be approved by the Board of Directors on a majority vote of those present, provided such expenditures do not exceed the amount of the contingency in any one year, or the amount approved replaces a budget amount no longer required.

#### 10.6 Capital Fund

A capital fund may be created if approved by the Board of Directors on a majority vote of those present. The capital fund of the Society shall not be used for any other purpose except to fund capital expenditures to the baseball facilities for the Society. Said funds may only be expended with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors present at the time of voting.

#### 10.7 Representative Team Surcharge

A representative player and or team surcharge may be established by the Board of Directors and approved by such Members present at the time of the vote.

#### 10.8 Travel Fund

The Society may give financially assistance to a representative team or player qualifying for Westerns or Nationals.

The amount will be established by SAMBA's Handbook and/or the Board of Directors and approved by the Members of the Board present at the time of the vote.

#### 10.9 Team Accounting

Each representative team must keep a set of financial records and provide a full accounting of funds raised and used to the Society by August 31 of the current year.

#### 10.10 Distribution of Assets on Dissolution of a Team

Any surplus funds that may have accrued to a team which are over and above the parents' contributions, must be donated to a baseball cause in the St Albert Minor Baseball Association upon the dissolution of the team.

#### 10.11 Distribution of Assets on Dissolution of the Society

Any surplus that may accrue to the Society during the time it is in operation shall be used for the purpose of the Society as the Board of Directors may see fit. In the event of the winding up of the affairs of the Society, all the assets of the Society, including cash on hand or in the bank, after the payment of all outstanding accounts and other liabilities, shall be donated to a charity in St. Albert or non-profit organization in St. Albert as determined by a resolution passed by the Members at an AGM.

## ARTICLE 11 - EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS AND SEAL

### 11.1 Signing Officers

Unless otherwise resolved by the Board of Directors with respect to any specific document, all contracts, documents or other instruments in writing (excluding cheques) requiring execution and delivery by SAMBA shall be signed and delivered by the President and any Director of SAMBA and all contracts, documents or other instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon SAMBA without any further authorization or formality.

## ARTICLE 12 - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

### 12.1 Special Resolution

These By-laws shall not be rescinded, altered or amended except by a special resolution of the Members as defined in Section 1(d) of the Societies Act.

### 12.2 Registration of Amendments

Each rescission, alteration or amendment to these By-laws shall be registered with the Registrar of Corporations (Alberta) in accordance with the Societies Act.

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## **2021 OPEN EXECUTIVE AND BOARD / NON-BOARD POSITIONS**

Volunteer appointments to the following open positions are CRUCIAL to ensure SAMBA continues to function as one of the greatest Baseball Associations in Alberta.

### **CONTINUED Executive and Board Positions:**

- President - Kurtus Millar
- Secretary - Brenda Bourassa
- Registrar - Pat Sullivan
- Jr. Rep Director - Neil Neary
- **Technical Director – Brian Hartman - Resigned Nov 2021**
- Jr. HL Director - Nicole Langlois
- Facilities Director - Blair Troock

### **OPEN / Re-Election Executive and Board Positions** (some are 1 year terms to align with the Bylaws):

Vice-President - Darren Kirstiuk

Treasurer - Jackie Colville

Sr. HL Director - Cori White

Sr. Rep Director - Tony Golab

Marketing Director - Vacant :

Special Events Director - Danielle Moffat

Technical Director - **Vacant (1 Year term)**

### **CONTINUED Non-Board Positions:**

- Umpire Coordinator - John Bresler
- Grant Proposal Coordinator - Danielle Moffat
- Equipment Coordinator – Blair Troock
- Webmaster - John Robinson
- Challenger Baseball Coordinator – Brenda Bourassa
- Bingo/Casino Coordinator - Sheri Kowaluk

### **OPEN Non-Board Positions:**

- Assistant Equipment Coordinator
- Girls Baseball Coordinator

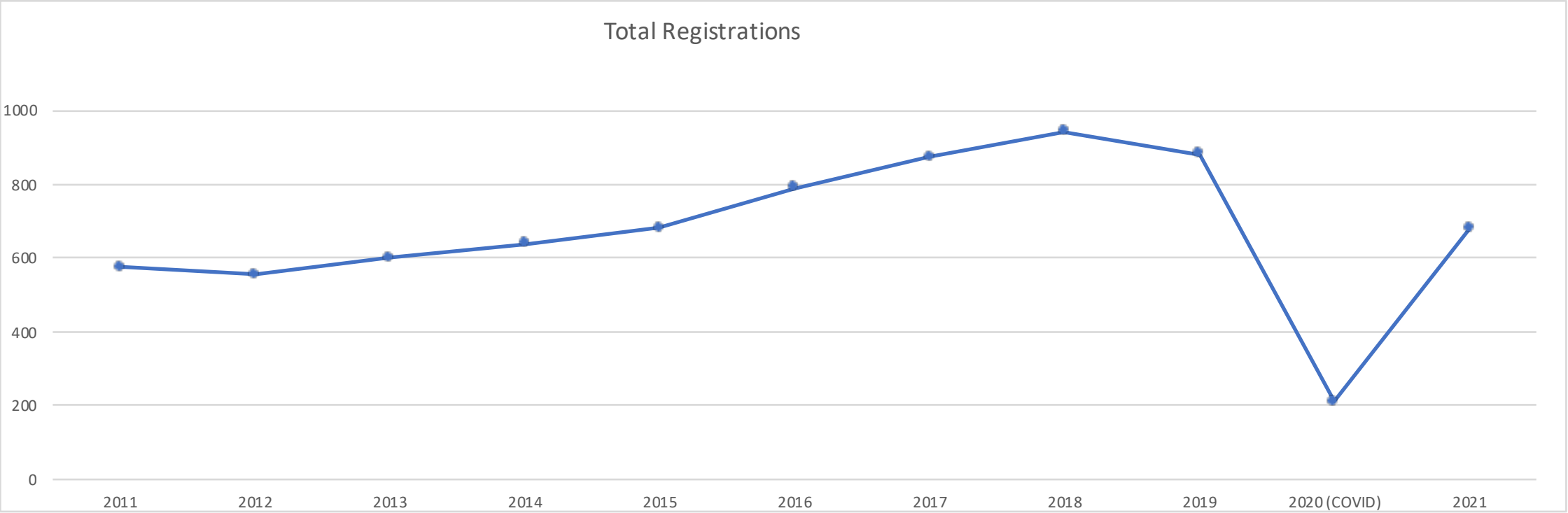
### **APPOINTED Members:**

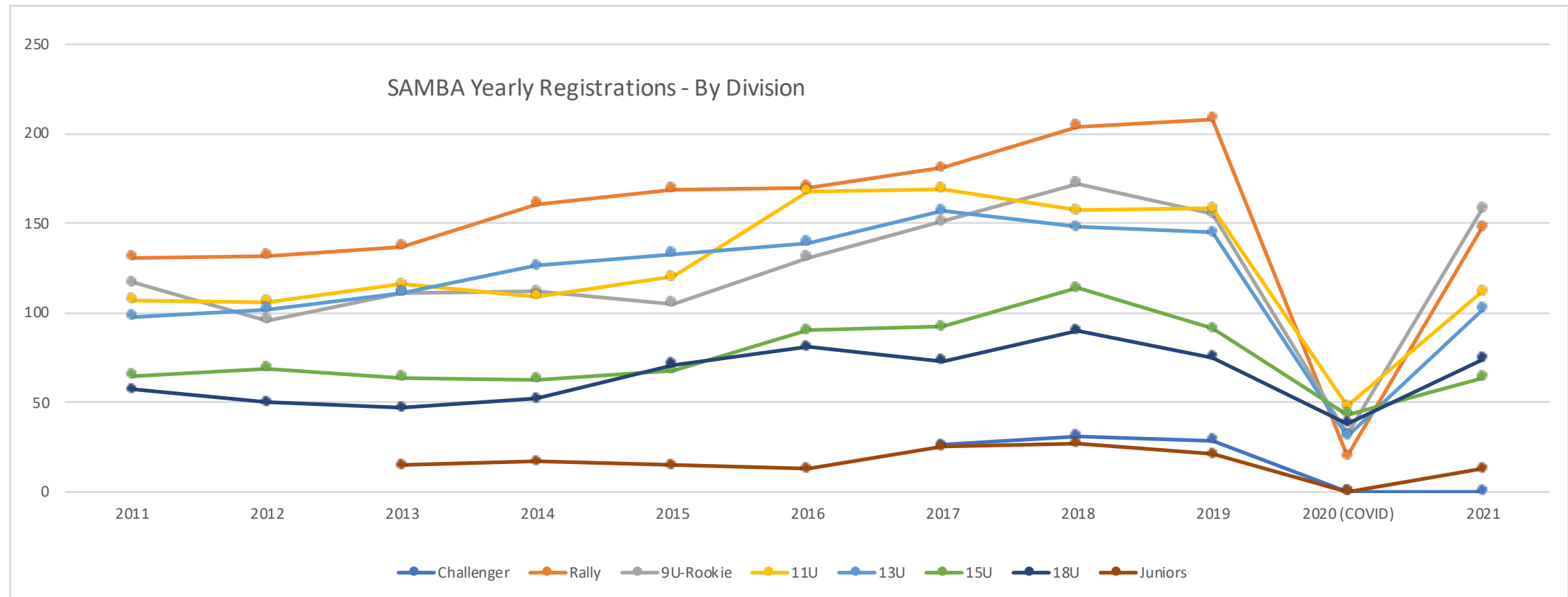
- SAMBA / Tigers Program Liaison - (Tigers Appointed)
- SAMBA / Sr. Cardinals Program Liaison - (Sr. Cardinals Appointed)
- SAMBA / MMBA Program Liaison - (MMBA Appointed)
- SAMBA / Legal Baseball Program Liaison - (Legal Baseball Appointed)



# SAMBA Yearly Registration Summary 2011 - 2021

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 (COVID)	2021
Challenger							26	31	29	0	8 (no season)
Rally	131	132	137	161	169	170	181	204	208	20	148
9U-Rookie	117	96	111	112	105	131	151	172	155	32	158
11U	107	106	116	109	120	168	169	157	158	48	112
13U	98	102	111	126	133	139	157	148	145	31	102
15U	65	69	64	63	68	90	92	114	91	43	64
18U	57	50	47	52	71	81	73	90	75	38	74
Juniors			15	17	15	13	25	27	21	0	13
TOTAL	575	555	601	640	681	792	874	943	882	212	679
Total Male	515	507	542	567	617	710	788	848	801	200	618
Total Female	60	48	59	67	64	82	86	95	81	12	61







## President's Report

The 2021 season was my 7th year as President and while Covid remains to be a major factor, we saw some normalcy. That being said, we still faced many new challenges and rolled with the punches to provide baseball at all levels, except Challenger Baseball, which we missed very much and hope to continue in 2022. Brenda Bourassa did stay in touch with all our Challenger families and Jays Care to provide virtual events and information. Fingers crossed we can resume the full program that we love next season.

The 2021 budget was tough to finalize and forced us to use more educated guess work than anything. With all the unknowns resulting from the pandemic, the SAMBA BOD did our best to offer the best possible experience for all our athletes in a shortened season. In my opinion, we did just that.

Rep evaluations were very time consuming due to group size restrictions and Provincial health guidelines. The athletes were broken into small groups and the technical committee was forced to reduce its presence during the eval process, again, due to restrictions. I do feel that we did a good job and the athletes were placed on teams where they would get the opportunities to play and develop. The 13U group was able to have 5 outdoor evaluations which proved to be much better for everyone.

House League was another challenge to get going, but again, our members pulled it together and we were able to offer programs at all levels. Our HL Directors spent many hours getting teams organized and ready to go in a very short time span. In roughly 10 days, teams for close to 400 athletes were created, given uniforms and equipment, scheduled, and operating. We were also forced to be creative with the schedule as we lost the use of our Rally Cap fields due to renovations. We're excited to get those fields back in 2022. All coaches meetings were held online. We hope to do those in person next season.

We'd like to thank all our coaches, OFM's, and Treasurer's from Rally Cap to 18U who gave us 1000's of hours to run these programs. We were extremely happy to see the fields full of kids and games being played. Much like any another season, we faced some challenges, old and new, but we were able to overcome those challenges and offer top notch programs and facilities for all our athletes, members, and guests.

As always, I'd like to thank Tara Feser from the City of St. Albert who helped guide us through these times. We are very fortunate to have her support and appreciate all her efforts.

Thank you to the SAMBA grounds crew. Kevin Millar, Brian Bourassa, Jackson Moffat, Evan Bourassa, Mike Brisson, Liam Froment, Zach Froment, and Logan Colville worked just as hard as always maintaining our facilities. Like always, facing new challenges and overcoming those challenges to keep our fields in beautiful condition. A big thanks to Martin Deerline again this season for their sponsorship and support, and giving us the Z mower to use over the summer and helping us finance the purchase of a new tractor.

On September 7th, we started the 3rd season of our Cardinals Dev. Program. We are excited to say that the program has grown even more to 74 athletes. We've also added some competition, playing games with all 4 of our age groups, 11U to 18U. The 11U and 13U groups were entered in Baseball Alberta's Fall Ball season as well as playing games with SAMBA's Fall Ball teams and Mike Johnson's Academy, NAX. The 15U Dev group played games against Vimy Ridge, NAX and SJP. The 18U group played inter squad games, including the 18U World Series, games against

NAX, and FX academies. Looking to offer a spring trip for that 18U group to give our graduating class and future graduates some college exposure. The Dev. Program website is up and running; Big thanks to Liam Froment.

MVP was used for all HL and Rep photos this season. We were pleased with the experience, delivery time, and final product and will use them again in 2022.

Looking to the 2022 season, there are still some unknowns that will challenge us but we are hopeful to see our registration numbers grow again and see a full season of baseball. The SAMBA finance committee planned for a regular season with a small decline in registration numbers from 2019. We have ramped up our marketing and social media efforts to surpass those budgeted numbers and keep SAMBA financially stable, and give our athletes a top notch facility to enjoy the game we all love. Thank you all again for your support, patience, and understanding while we get through these unprecedented times. A big thank you to all our members, especially those listed below. Your time and efforts continue to make SAMBA a first class association.

### **EXECUTIVE AND BOARD MEMBERS**

- Kurtus Millar - President
- Darren Kirstiuk - VP (Up for Election)
- Brenda Bourassa - Secretary
- Jackie Colville - Treasurer (Up for Election)
- Pat Sullivan - Registrar
- Blair Troock - Facilities Director
- Tony Golab - Sr Rep Director (Up for Election)
- Neil Neary - Jr Rep Director
- Brian Hartman - Technical Director (Up for Election)
- Cori White - Sr HL Director (Up for Election)
- Nicole Langlois - Jr HL Director
- Danielle Moffat - Special Events Director (Up for Election)
- Kathy Morin/Cori White - Marketing Director (Up for Election)

### **APPOINTED MEMBERS**

- Ryan Deren - MMBA Liaison
- Trevor Sheehan - LMB Liaison
- Zach Polard - Jr Cards Liaison
- Dave Edwards - Sr Cards Liaison
- Lorie Runnalls Bronson - Tigers Liaison

### **NON BOARD POSITIONS**

- Brian Bourassa - Sr Advisor
- Blair Troock - Equipment Manager
- Assistant Equipment Manager
- Victoria Neary - Girls Baseball Coordinator
- Danielle Moffat - Grants Coordinator / Bingo Coordinator
- Brenda Bourassa / Erin Fisher - Challenger Baseball Coordinators
- John Bresler - Umpire Coordinator
- Karen Millar - Clubhouse Services
- Kevin Millar - Head Groundskeeper
- Leeann and Tony Arlia - Clubhouse Concession
- John Robinson - Webmaster



## 2021 Vice President Report

First off, I wish to thank Kurtus Millar for the great leadership he has shown not only for 2021, but the previous years he has served as President for St. Albert Minor Baseball. Without his guidance, it would be hard to imagine where SAMBA would be today. Many tough decisions have to be made, but at the end of the day, SAMBA has always come out ahead. This is probably the reason that SAMBA has received multiple awards under Kurtus's guidance.

From this past season, there were many positives, having a somewhat normal baseball season was the first! Navigating through Covid-19 the last few years has been a challenge but I feel SAMBA has come out of this on the right track. Some tough decisions had to be made but in the end, I feel we are in a good place.

The teams that SAMBA put on the field were very competitive. Teams showed great determination not only from the coaching staff but also from the players who realized they had to compete at a higher level than previous years. Great job by all those involved.

There were some successful initiatives that were implemented in 2021:

- Set-up of the RAMP App to help with:
  - COVID-19 Health Screening
  - Team Communication
  - Schedules
  - Player Availability
- Facilitation of grounds crew time submission and approval process.
- Creation of coach certification tracking documents, coaches reference guides and how to documents.
- Coaches Checklists for registration and Coaching levels.

I would like to thank our current Executive & Board for their commitment and efforts to deliver a well-organized, enjoyable, and successful season of baseball. Very few realize the tremendous amount of volunteer hours some of these Executives & Board Members contribute, especially those who assume multiple roles or go beyond their current role to ensure SAMBA maintains its reputation as a first-class organization and our entire membership remain very satisfied with the results of the overall program that we deliver.

After being involved with SAMBA, I have to admit this is a first-rate organization, but it takes people to keep this status. Having met many people from other organizations throughout Alberta, they have always looked at St. Albert as the pinnacle of how baseball should be run, and they strive to meet the standards that have been set.

Darren Kirstiuk  
Vice President





## 2021 Grant Proposal Coordinator Report

Unfortunately, through the last 18 months with COVID-19, grant writing has been put on the back burner as many funders had halted some of their funds or the ones I had intended to write. Some were restructuring to cover impacts of COVID and most we did not qualify for or could not use.

I did spend time this year completing the reports from our previous grants. I do have some better options and will write as many as I can this year, depending on the board and their vision.

I am looking forward to a better year.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Danielle Moffat*

Danielle Moffat  
Grant Proposal Coordinator



## 2021 Facilities Report

The 2020 – 2021 season was not a typical season in any sense of the word. Covid resulted in a delay to the playing season until June. As a result, a skeleton grounds crew was kept in place for April and May until things got rolling. Drought and severe heat hit us for most of June and July. The rain returned in time for provincials, where the 18U Tier 1 and 11U Tier 4 provincials both saw weather delays. Enough cannot be said about the SAMBA grounds crew and their willingness and ability to keep things rolling. Once again Kevin Millar kept the grounds looking immaculate.

The summer started off with a water leak on the irrigation system behind the 13U Field. Thanks to Mike Fitka and Eng-Con Holdings Ltd. for completing the repair and getting the water flowing again. A new sponsorship agreement was reached with Eng-Con for the naming rights to the 18U Field in lieu of the repair costs. The field will now be known as Eng-Con Field for the next 10 years. New signage was installed in July.

The grounds crew this year consisted of Head Groundkeeper Kevin Millar, supported by the veterans, Jackson Moffat, Evan Bourassa, Mike Brisson, Liam Froment, and rookies Logan Colville, Marc Brisson, and Carter Moffat. Special thanks to Zack Froment and Eli Trenchard for filling in on short notice for a couple weekends in June.

Martin Deerline returned with their sponsorship of SAMBA, providing us with the use of a zero-turn mower for the summer. SAMBA appreciates this longstanding sponsorship and look forward to working together next year. Unfortunately, Greendrop was not able to maintain their sponsorship for 2021, they did continue to provide services to SAMBA. SAMBA entered into a new contract with GFL for handling of the garbage and recycling. The new contract provided SAMBA with considerable savings over the previous contract.

Clubhouse rentals were non-existent due to Covid. Covid also resulted in one of our long-term renters, TaeKwonDo, ceasing operations. St Albert Nature School returned with safety protocols in place. Thanks to Karen Millar for the endless cleaning and disinfecting of all the touch surfaces throughout the year.

New batting turtles were purchased for the 15U and 18U fields. Thanks to the St Albert Tigers for the \$2,000 donation to help with the purchase. Thanks to Evan Bourassa for donating a couple weekends to assist with putting them together.

The concession re-opened, with Tony and Leanne Arlia returning as operators. They installed a new soft ice cream machine that was well received in the heat. They survived the heat wave without melting away. Temperatures in the concession were near 40 deg. C some days. Special thanks to Jay and Jackie Colville for donating a portable air conditioner to help with the heat. Thanks again Tony and Leanne, SAMBA wouldn't be the same without you.

The return to having games and people in the park again was rejuvenating after months of lock downs, daily screenings, and endless speculation on re-starts. As evidenced by the crowds in the stands throughout the summer the return to some form of social gathering was desperately needed. Thanks to Tara Feser at the City for guiding us through all the restrictions and re-openings.

Thanks to all the SAMBA members for your continued support. The Facilities Group love Legion Park and making it the best ball facility in Baseball Alberta. See you all next year.



## 2021 Technical Director Report

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This season was a turbulent one for SAMBA members and Board Members due to the uncertainty brought on by COVID-19. The player evaluation process had to find a new way to evaluate the baseball players that still allowed for an effective process to place players on the proper teams, while considering daily changes in the health care advice and considering player safety. Another important note, on January 1, 2021, Baseball Canada transitioned to a new system for the NCCP accreditation, please refer to the NCCP certification section for more details.

### SAMBA Player Evaluations

The 2021 season was a challenging year for our Rep Evaluations, the season was delayed, and there was concern about how to conduct a safe evaluation process. Upon the approval that a season would occur, evaluations had to be accelerated. Groups were small and there were no parents in the stands. The efforts by our evaluation team were truly outstanding as we conducted a safe and respectful evaluation process in a compressed period of time.

Table.1.1: Number of players registered for Rep tryouts at each age division

	2021
11U	28
13U	41
15U	27
18U	49
Junior (NCABL)	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>

Table.1.2: Number of rep teams (AA & AAA) for spring/summer at each age division

	2021
11U	2-AA
13U	1-AAA & 2-AA
15U	1-AAA & 1-AA
18U	2-AAA & 1-AA
Junior	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

**SAMBA House Leagues & Development (Rally Cap Program)**

Another successful year with 35 teams competing from Rally Cap through to 18U. SAMBA had numerous parent volunteers to help coach at our House League Division and again we appreciate all the efforts and time commitment.

**SAMBA Representative Leagues (AA, AAA) & Development**

This year our Performance Teams had another outstanding year. We truly had an outstanding number of experienced coaches that led our teams to success. Success not only in results on the field but also in player and coach development.

**SAMBA's Off-season Programs****2020 Winter Camps**

- Postponed.

**2021 Spring Camp**

- Postponed.

**2021 St Albert Tigers' Summer Camp**

- Postponed.

**2021 Fall Baseball Season**

Table.2.1: Number of Fall Ball players and coaches at each age division

	2020	
	Players	Coaches
<b>11U</b>	28	4
<b>13U</b>	13	2
<b>15U</b>	14	2
<b>18U</b>	0	0
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>55</b>	<b>8</b>

Table.2.2: Number of Fall Ball teams at each age division

	2021
11U	2
13U	1
15U	1
18U	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

- 2021 was our 11th consecutive Fall Ball season. It was another great success

## **Coach Development**

### **NCCP Certification and Clinics**

On January 1, 2021, Baseball Canada made the transition of the NCCP certification. Along with the online courses being the only option for coaches training, it became apparent that there was a struggle with respect to the minimum training requirements for provincial playoffs and coaching certifications. Lessons learned: There appears to be a bit of disconnect with respect to the certification of each coach and their actual NCCP certification that they have completed. Thanks to all our coaches who took the time either to refresh and or to improve their skills this season.

Recommend for next year, that a complete audit at the start of the season with all coaches at the Rep Level to ensure NCCP requirements are up to date to ensure participation during provincial playoffs.

Regards,

Brian Hartman  
Technical Director



## 2021 Jr House League Director Report

**2021 Spring Baseball Season** – With COVID numbers quite high and provincial restrictions changing rapidly, we did not know whether or not we would be able to play this season. It was decided half way through May that we would be going ahead with a season. An email was sent to all registered players to see if they would like to play or withdraw. We also offered registrants a reduced registration fee for the 2021 season.

Team formation was hard this year with new players signing up and existing registrants dropping out at an alarming rate. Teams were not fully formed until 2 weeks into the season.

Because of the COVID restrictions we were dealing with, our program did not start until June and went until the end of July.

Weather was an issue this year and not because of rain. We experienced a stretch of extremely hot weather along with dangerously high air quality readings as a result of all the smoke from forest fires. We were able to reschedule some of these games but it was difficult because this happened in July and a lot of people were away on holidays.

We did run into some issues using the Grosvenor pumphouse at the beginning of the season to store the pitching machines for 9U due to COVID restrictions. For the month of June the machines were stored in the trailer in front of the SAMBA clubhouse and then the City allowed us to move them to the pumphouse mid-season.

**Partnerships** - Unfortunately with COVID we did not play with Morinville Minor Baseball nor Legal Minor Baseball this season. Hopefully we can continue with our partnership in the 2022 season.

**Diamonds** - House League diamonds continue to be an issue. The issues range from the condition of the diamonds to the lack of diamonds.

The Langley diamonds underwent construction this season starting the last week of June. Because of this we had to rearrange all Rally Cap, 9U, and 11U schedules in order to accommodate a further shortage of playable diamonds.

We look forward to continuing to work with Tara Feser and the City to find solutions to field conditions and our shortage of diamonds.

**Coaches** – We were unable to have an in person coaches meeting before the start of the season this year. We did have a virtual meeting but not all coaches were able to attend and we were still unsure if the season would go ahead at that time. Because of that we had a few issues with coaches not following the rules we had laid out for each division.

A huge thank you to all our coaches who put forth numerous hours of their time to help teach the kids this great game.

**Tournaments** – Unfortunately with COVID and all the restrictions we did not have any mid-season or year-end tournaments for Rally Cap, 9U, nor 11U. Hopefully we will be able to have these again in 2022.

Overall the season was a success and the kids had fun!

Historical participant data from the 2016 to 2021 baseball seasons:

2021 Season				
Players				
	Male	Female	Total	Teams
<b>Rally Cap</b>	129	19	148	14
<b>9U</b>	137	21	158	13
<b>11U</b>	79	7	86	8
<b>Total</b>	345	47	392	35
2020 Season				
NO SEASON				
2019 Season				
Players				
	Male	Female	Total	Teams
<b>Rally Cap</b>	156	36	192	16
<b>Rookie</b>	144	18	162	14
<b>11U</b>	117	7	124	11
<b>Total</b>	417	61	478	41

2018 Season				
Players				
	Male	Female	Total	Teams
<b>Rally Cap</b>	158	37	195	18
<b>Rookie</b>	144	23	167	14
<b>11U</b>	125	7	132	11
<b>Total</b>	427	67	494	43
2017 Season				
Players				
	Male	Female	Total	Teams
<b>Rally Cap</b>	145	36	181	17
<b>Rookie</b>	134	15	149	14
<b>11U</b>	119	13	132	11
<b>Total</b>	398	64	462	42
2016 Season				
Players				
	Male	Female	Total	Teams
<b>Rally Cap</b>	136	34	170	17
<b>Rookie</b>	121	9	130	12
<b>11U</b>	122	21	142	12
<b>Total</b>	379	64	443	41

## **Recommendations/Insights to Future Seasons**

- Find new, fun, and creative ways to continue to deliver our programs and develop skills in our youth.
- Designate funds to continue replacing existing SAMBA House League Equipment.
- Look at creating a House League survey to determine SAMBA member's value of our programs and to highlight the areas we do well and need to improve.
- Continuing to foster and develop relationships with the City to continue to help improve our programs and our access to facilities for our programs.
- Continue to improve our working relationship with Morinville Minor Baseball and Legal Minor Baseball to strengthen our programs.
- Continue to find ways to recruit, support, develop. and retain coaches.
- Finding volunteers to provide support for the tournaments at the Junior House League level.

Nicole Langlois  
Jr House League Director





## 2021 Sr House League Director Report

### 2021 Spring Baseball Season

As our 2021 season was starting to take shape, we were uncertain of what the restrictions would be with the COVID-19 pandemic still looming. Mid-May restrictions were lifted and we were able to pull a season together!

Due to an abbreviated season we did reduce our registration fees, in hopes that we could still encourage a lot of players out to the diamonds. After a barrage of sign ups and drop outs we were able to bring together enough players for a great season at each senior level.

Players by division:

Division	2021	2020 No Season	2021
13U	62		105
15U	38		50
18U	28		27

Our June start date came quickly, and unlike other seasons, we did play through July to give the kids 2 full months on the field. We did run in to some weather issues with forest fire smoke and unusually hot weather, and July was a challenge due to family holidays and player availability.

Due to fluctuating start dates this year, we were unable to play with Morinville Minor Baseball or Legal Minor Baseball at the 13U level. The 15U & 18U teams played within a modified ERRBL schedule taking them to Stony Plain, Fort Saskatchewan, and Legal this year.

We were able to schedule in practices, year-end tournaments, and final games utilizing the diamonds within St. Albert, and Legion Memorial Ball Park. House League players were also very excited to get some time in the Millar Fieldhouse to work on their skills; an initiative we will continue to make available to House League more in and more in the coming years.

As we were unable to have an in person coaches meeting before the start of the season this year we did have a virtual meeting but not all coaches were able to attend. We were still unsure if the season would go ahead at that time. This was not ideal as it was impossible for us to convey the importance of rules, maintenance of our diamonds, and overall SAMBA protocols. Hoping in 2022 we can be back in person to have these important conversations.

Overall the season was a success and the kids had fun!

For those coaches who did volunteer their time in this unprecedented, crazy year, we want to say Thank-you. It was not easy to keep up with changes as we went through the season.

## **Recommendations/Insights to Future Seasons**

- Find new, fun, and creative ways to continue to deliver our programs and develop skills in our youth.
- Designate funds to continue replacing existing SAMBA House League Equipment.
- Look at creating a House League survey to determine SAMBA member's value of our programs and to highlight the areas we do well and need to improve.
- Continuing to foster and develop relationships with the City to continue to help improve our programs and our access to facilities for our programs.
- Continue to improve our working relationship with Morinville Minor Baseball and Legal Minor Baseball to strengthen our programs.
- Continue to find ways to recruit, support, develop, and retain coaches.
- Including all House League teams in the schedule for Millar Fieldhouse training.

Cori White  
Sr House League Director



## 2021 Jr Rep Director Report

It was exciting to see teams back in competition this year, in spite of the late start to the season. At the junior levels we had a number of excellent volunteers step up to coach, manage, and assist in operating host weekends. After missing last season, we had more than our normal number of "rookie" rep volunteers, but everyone pulled together and supported our athletes to have a great summer playing baseball.

### **11U AA Red**

We had two travel weekends, one in Grande Prairie, and the other in Okotoks and finished the season in Tier II with an 8-9 record.

At the Tier II Provincial Tournament in Spruce Grove, we won all three round robin games but were defeated in the semifinals.

Every athlete improved throughout the season, and we can proudly say that 8 out of 13 teammates are in the SAMBA Development program! Every member of the coaching staff was outstanding, dedicated and passionate about the team.

### **11U AA Blue**

The 11U AA Cardinals Blue team was formed with a majority of first year Rep players. As the season went on, our players gained experience and skills with practice and team building. Our team thrived and was bumped up to Tier 4. With an abundance of parent involvement and help from SAMBA, we hosted the 11U AA Tier 4 Provincials. The grounds crew were incredible in a fight against the rain and we were able to finish in second place, receiving a silver medal. We wrapped up our season with a friendly parent vs. kids game resulting in some parents striking out - much to the delight of the kids.

### **13U AA Blue**

Team Blue had a great season, we really came together as a team and bonded early with a in town tournament. The coaches and players were dedicated and determined to have the best season. We had quite a few first year new players to rep ball, that really seemed to enjoy the challenge. We hosted twice which ended up both being successful weekends of ball. We had our fair share of wins and a few tough losses. Provincials didn't go the way they had hoped but all in all a great season with some great families.

### **13U AA Red**

Our season kicked off with everyone (parents included) so happy for some sort of normalcy and excited to get back to playing the game they love. The weather was amazing and allowed us to have very little disruption from playing. The players all walked onto the field the first day knowing very few faces on the team, that quickly changed. Friendships were formed quickly and we were outmatched. While the team saw the wrong side of the scoreboard for many games they continued to smile and enjoy playing the game. We were able to travel to Fort McMurray to play in round 3 and enjoy some team bonding time with a BBQ lunch at the hotel and get some time in the air conditioning away from the + 30 weather. We ended the season with provincials in Slave Lake where we made the semifinals but could not muster up the runs to match Slave Lake. On the weekends when our team was not practicing or playing they could

be found down at Legion cheering on other teams while having a pick-up game of baseball by the clubhouse.

The friendships formed on this team will last for several years as the players really bonded and truly understood the TEAM concept and supported one another on and off the field.

### **13U AAA**

We had a team of great athletes but only a handful that really had that foundation and understanding of the details of baseball. A demanding and compressed schedule with 4 game weekends was difficult for the team when really we needed time and energy to simply work on the fundamentals. The lack of pitchers and catchers was the most obvious issue we faced.

Despite a challenging year with a steep learning curve for most of the 13U AAA players, they all progressed, worked hard, and battled right to the end.

Neil Neary  
Jr Rep Director



## 2021 Sr Rep Director Report

### Introduction

2021 was a good year for the Sr. Rep program. SAMBA fielded 3 teams in the 18U Division and 2 teams in the 15U Division. We did not place in provincials this year. After having a year of league play shutdown in 2020 due to Covid it was a rebuilding year. We had several new coaches join the program or move into new positions within the program. The Sr. Rep Director position was vacant for the first few months of league play. The Jr. Rep Director was handling all the teams prior to that. A big thanks to Neil Neary for taking that on.

Due to Covid restrictions, evaluations were carried out a little differently this year. The groups were smaller and primarily rotating through the Field House. This was not ideal as we did not have a lot of time in Servus Place to evaluate some of the positional play. It is recommended that we look at renting out a facility such as the Turf Training Centre or the Scottish Soccer Dome for next season to provide the space for defensive evaluations.

### 15U DIVISION

The 15U Division fielded 2 teams this year. One AAA team and one AA team. There were no cuts made at the AA team as we only had 12 players left in the evaluation process after the AAA team was named. Due to Covid restrictions all out of province tournaments were cancelled.

#### 15U AAA

Head Coach: Brad Wolansky

Asst. Coaches: Tom Leatham, Brian Hartman, Paul Yusypchuk

Team size: 14 players, 2 imports, 12 players will be graduating to 18U

League play: 31-11 overall. 24-5 in league play, 1st in the north division

Tournaments: Okotoks Wood Bat Classic over the July long weekend. The team lost to the Okotoks Dawgs in the semi-finals.

Provincial Results: They lost in the provincial semifinals to the Okotoks Dawgs in a 10-inning game.

The team did have a player(s) conduct issue while in Okotoks resulting in a weeklong suspension of 4 players by the SAMBA Board (Tech Committee).

#### 15 AA RED

Head Coach: Jason Harley

Asst. Coaches: Murray Bokenfohr, Cam Fischer

Team size: 12 players, 5 graduating up to 18U next year

League results: Placed 3rd in Tier 1 with a record of 10-8

Tournaments: Silver in the Doc Plotsky Tournament

Provincials results: the team did make it to the semis.

Due to the fact there were only 12 players remaining in evaluations after the AAA team was named this team had a wide range of players and skill level. There were several players that were first time players to Rep Ball. This did create some issues when it came to positional play and competing in Tier 1. The coaches worked hard with the team that they had but found it challenging when it came to the level of commitment/expectations for players that were at a Tier 4 level vs those that were at the Tier 1 level.

## **18U DIVISION**

This year we had large numbers tryout for 18U. We were able to field 2 AAA teams and one AA team. One of the bigger challenges at the start was getting coaches. The AAA Blue team moved forward with 2 coaches and Kurtus was able to get 4 SAMBA Alumni players who returned from college to step up to coach the AA team. When it came to paid coaches we need to look at performance contracts with them to ensure they meet the requirements and expectations. This year, 4 coaches did not complete their courses and were unable to be on the bench for provincials. This caused SAMBA to have two more coaches' step in (at a cost to SAMBA) so the team could compete at provincials.

### 18U AAA Red

Head coach: Kurtus Millar

Asst Coach: Mark Brisson, Evan Bourassa

Team size: 16 players, 6 imports

Team results: The cardinals had a great year going 24-13 overall and 21-12 in the Norwest league.

Provincial results: SAMBA co-hosted Tier 1 Provincials with Sherwood Park this year. The work carried out by the team, parents, volunteers, and SAMBA staff to host was great. It was well run at Legion Memorial Ball Park. The team went 3-1 in provincials losing to the Okotoks Dawgs. During league play they had outscored the Dawgs 76-17. Unfortunately, due to the season running 2 weeks later because of the Covid restrictions in May, the team lost 4 key players that had to report to their colleges.

Graduating players: The team graduated 10 of its players. 5 of these players signed with colleges in the states: Marc Brisson, Ashton Finkbeiner, Josh Gerhardt, Tyler Herron, and Jackson Moffat.

### 18U AAA Blue

Head Coach: Ben Grabia

Asst. Coach: Jackson Wark

Team size: 15 players, 7 of which were first year players at the 18U level.

Team results: Team played in Tier 2 with a 13-15 record in league play.

Tournaments: Sherwood Park marked down a St. Albert team for the Doc Plotsky without notifying SAMBA. The AAA Blue Team with the help of 3 players from the AAA Red Team attended and went 1-3.

Provincial Results: The team stepped up and hosted Provincials for Tier 2 and put on a great weekend for all teams involved. A big thanks to the team, parents, volunteers, SAMBA Staff, and the Board for their support. Unfortunately, they went 0-3 in provincials.

Overall it was a good development year for both coaches and players on this team. They can definitely benefit from having a third coach for the bench for next season. This would have made a big difference for the team and sharing the workload amongst the coaches.

Graduating Players: The team graduated 2 of its players with one heading off to play for a college in the states, Ethan Weir.

### 18U AA

Head Coach: Blake Morris

Asst. Coach: Will Gardner, Josh Ironside, Brady Kobitowich

Team size: 15 players, 3 imports

Team results: The team struggled this season with pitching ending with a 3-17 record in league play. Although they struggled with wins the head coach did see an improvement in the players as the season progressed.

Tournaments: none

Provincial Results: The team went 1-3 for provincials.

This team did not have coaches at the start of the season. Thanks to Kurtus as he was able to recruit 4 SAMBA Alumni players that were back for the summer from college to coach this team. This was their first-time coaching and an eye-opening experience. I feel the coaches could have used an experienced coach on the bench to help with mentoring them and getting them through the season. They did work well with the players as they figured out their place/role. However, the 4 failed to get their certifications done and 3 weren't able to be on the bench for provincials. Ben Grabia and Jackson Wark stepped up to take the team to Lethbridge for Provincials along with Coach Blake Morris.

### **Closing Remarks**

Overall the Sr. Rep program had a good season. We fielded 3 teams in the 18U division and 2 in 15U. We have pretty good numbers remaining and coming up from the Jr Program for next season.

This was a learning experience for me coming into the role of Sr. Rep Director midway through the season and without the support of the board and coaches it would have been a struggle. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers that helped make the year successful. Both 18U AAA teams' parents stepped up for hosting provincials and put on a top-notch program. Thank you to our Coaches for dedicating your time, energy, and patience. Your efforts are what makes SAMBA the best association in the province.

Without the work of Kevin Millar, Brain Bourassa, and the grounds crew we could not have had the best facility in Alberta to play ball at. Thank you for the dedication you put in for these kids to play ball.

On a final note, I'd like to thank our Board of Directors. Without the countless volunteer hours, working hard to improve every aspect of our association, we could not provide the programming we do for these kids to come out and enjoy the game.

Thank you all.

Tony Golab  
Sr Rep Director





## 2021 Special Events Director Report

Unfortunately, I don't have much to report on, most of the special events that I help organize were not able to run this year because of the uncertainty with COVID.

I do want to take the opportunity to Thank all of the amazing volunteers that stepped up to host Provincials this year. We may have been a year out of practice but as always you stepped up and did a fantastic job and pulled off some successful tournaments.

I look forward to next year when we can hopefully get back to a season with all of our events running!

Respectfully submitted by,

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## 2021 Marketing/Fundraising Report

In 2021 the Board rebranded the Publicity and Special Events Committee to the Fundraising and Special Projects Committee to be in line with the Director's role.

Cori White was instrumental in the creation of our Fanwear site featuring everything from beverage cups to hoodies and golf apparel for purchase by anyone, not just our members. Payment was linked to PayPal which was very much appreciated by our Treasurer.

The Fanware site has significantly improved our ability to manage any direct-to-SAMBA fundraising, and other promotions.

Initiatives for this past year included

- Flower Fundraiser - members could pre-order flowers via our Fanwear website and then pick them up on a set date. This was the second year we ran this and it was a resounding success, so much so that next year we will most likely order more for people who drop in. In 2022 a goal is to promote this to more than just our membership.
- Skip The Depot - we partnered with this vendor whereby members request a pick up for beverage recyclables and Skip the Depot donates their refund after fees to SAMBA.
- Tupperware - Jodie McFadzen offered an optional Tupperware Fundraiser for the Rep Teams. Each team had their own log in site and benefited directly from sales.
- Current fundraising initiatives include:
  - Christmas Trees and Greenery - we were excited to be able to offer Christmas trees again this year and to change things up we added greenery from Greenland Garden Centre in Sherwood Park.
  - Oilers Tickets - we partnered with the Oilers Entertainment Group (OEG) to offer tickets to the members at a reduced price. OEG does all the work and all we had to do was advertise and put up a link on our website. From the sale of each ticket SAMBA receives \$5.

And now we'll turn the floor over to  
Jackie Colville, SAMBA Treasurer,  
to will address the financials