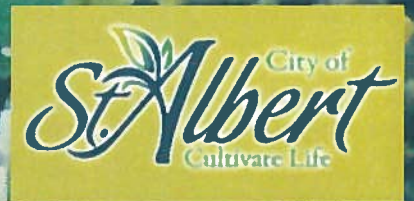


SAMBA AGM 2016





AGENDA

St. Albert Minor Baseball Association - Annual General Meeting 2016 SAMBA Clubhouse October 19th, 2016 - 6:30pm

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome by President and Introduction of SAMBA Board Members
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of 2015 AGM minutes
5. Proposed Amendments to SAMBA By-Laws and Handbook
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
 - 2016 Financial Review
 - 2017 Budget Review
9. New Business - From Membership
10. Adjournment



Meeting Notes

St. Albert Minor Baseball Association

Annual General Meeting – 2015

Date: October 22, 2015
Place/Time: SAMBA Clubhouse 6:30pm
Attendees: Board Members /Non-Board Members/Members at Large:
Kurtus Millar (President), Colin Leathem (Vice President), Sherry Kahler (Secretary), Lorie Runnalls (Treasurer), Pat Sullivan (Registrar), Travis Parker (Technical Director), Brenda Bourassa (Jr. Rep Director), Neil Neary (Sr. Rep Director), Cori White (Marketing Director), Kelly Phelan (SAMBA/Tigers Liaison), Barb Kitzen (SAMBA/MMBA Liaison), Bob Fisher (Bingo Coordinator), plus 12 Members At Large.
Absentees: Michelle Whyte (House League Director), Colleen Allison (SAMBA/Legal Liaison)
Distribution: All Attendees

Item:

Action:

1. Welcome by President and Introduction of Board Members

President Kurtus Millar welcomed all SAMBA Members and Guests to the 2015 Annual General Meeting, (24 individuals were in attendance), and thanked everyone for attending. He further introduced each of the current Board of Directors, and acknowledged a number of others that hold non-board positions but are an integral part of the operations of the Association. Special recognition was afforded to Bingo Coordinator Bob Fisher for the terrific job he has done coordinating our Bingo program, and for the Monetary Grant that he secured for SAMBA from CN Rail.

Dave Maguire, long time Bantam AAA Coach, was also recognized for his tremendous commitment to SAMBA over the years. He has been involved with the Association for more than 20 years, and his accomplished record includes coaching some 763 games. Dave also secured a Monetary Donation for SAMBA from Shell Canada this year, and the Association extends their best wishes to Dave and his wife in their upcoming move to BC.

2. Call to Order

Motion: Kurtus Millar called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

2nd: Sherry Kahler

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Travis Parker

2nd: Brenda Bourassa

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

4. Approval of 2014 AGM Minutes

Motion: Brenda Bourassa

2nd: Cori White

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

5. SAMBA Executive and Director's Reports

5A. President's Report

The 2015 season was a year of learning and growth, with SAMBA focusing on improving programs dedicated to player development and skill enhancement, while maintaining a fun and positive environment. In his President's Report, Kurtus Millar details the Achievements and Challenges in 2015, as well as some of the Key Objectives for the upcoming year, highlights of which are as follows:

Achievements

- SAMBA continued to see steady growth with 680 players registered in all divisions in 2015, surpassing initial estimates. In the Rally Cap division numbers quite literally exploded, with more players registered, more teams created, and an additional field designated for play at this level.

- SAMBA renewed its agreement for House League apparel with Amyotte's, as well as with Source for Sports for its Rep apparel needs, and entered the 3rd year of its agreement with Athletes Nation.
- SAMBA's Fall Ball Program and Winter Baseball Camps continued into their 5th Season and enjoyed good participation numbers. Additional successful events this year included the Coach Certification Program, the Spring and Summer Camps, Tigers Camp, and Girls Baseball Camp. All programs had very good registration numbers and produced very positive feedback.
- SAMBA again hosted Provincial Championships, this time at the Mosquito AA and Midget AAA levels, and in August hosted the Western Championships for the Peewee, Bantam, and Midget AA levels with tremendous success. Outstanding reviews were received from Baseball Alberta, the Western Canada Baseball Association and from all those attending this event.
- The House League division had another very successful year, cooperation from the weather saw most of the regular season games played, as well as the mid-season and year-end tournaments completed successfully.
- SAMBA hosted a number of other very successful events this year including the Early Bird Tournament, the NCABL Tournament hosted by the Jr. Cardinals, and the Tigers Tournament.
- SAMBA's Jr. Cardinals enjoyed success in their 3rd year and special congratulations goes out to St. Albert's Hayden Chies, who was the NCABL All-Star Game MVP.
- The Grounds Crew fought an uphill battle this year due to the lack of rain throughout the summer. Many long hours and very hot days were spent maintaining the fields to a competitive level.
- The Mosquito Diamond Scoreboard installation was completed this summer, and a new Scoreboard Control box was installed at the Peewee field. Bleacher repairs and replacement began this summer thanks to a materials sponsorship from LBH Building Supplies. Sponsorship from Frontier Plumbing enabled the installation of 2 Commercial Toilets in the Clubhouse, and the ongoing Furnace Flue problem should be remedied within the next few weeks.
- SAMBA continued to heighten its profile through Social Media, specifically Facebook and Twitter, and the Marketing Director secured a number of valuable Sponsorships this year, including Field Sponsor Naming Rights on 3 of the 4 Diamonds.

Challenges

- At the House League Level, ongoing issues with monitoring and supporting the program continued. The Coordinator does an outstanding job handling the largest portion of our membership, a difficult challenge for one person. Options to allocate resources in order to minimize conflicts and issues will need to be reviewed and established moving forward.
- Grants and Special Fundraising is an area that SAMBA continues to struggle with, and the sourcing of Volunteer Participation continues to be a problem. Further efforts to appeal to, and encourage more of, the Membership to get involved will be pursued in 2016. This also applies to positions on the Board of Directors as well, and efforts to promote participation and mentoring of individuals for these roles will be necessary to ensure the Association's future success.
- The need to re-establish 'A' level baseball for Provincials in various divisions is crucial, and a concerted effort will be needed to locate players to participate in this program.

2016 Objectives

- SAMBA anticipates a significant increase in registration due to the recent success of the Toronto Blue Jays. While registration numbers have stayed in the 600+ range for a number of years, it should be noted that the last time the Jays went to the World Series, registration numbers the following year soared to over 1,000 registrants.
- The Membership may incur a slight Fee increase in 2016, to sustain the facilities, cover utility cost increases, as well as salaried grounds crews and coach honorariums.
- SAMBA's current Bylaws, Policies, Procedures, and League Rules are in desperate need of review and revision. Comprehensive published documentation will ensure continuity and conformity to regulations, and decrease the volume of issues that continually arise.
- Early Coach Selections will be made to encourage better mentorship and participation in the Winter Camp program, and throughout the season. As well, a focus on Umpire mentorship will be encouraged as the disparity in the numbers of Players vs. Umpires has increased significantly.
- Individual meetings will be scheduled with the Tigers, Sr. Cardinals and Prospects Academy programs to ensure all costs are covered and needs are met, and to guarantee a better, more clear understanding of terms moving forward.

- SAMBA will continue its focus on a regular and efficient maintenance program for the baseball fields, and for many of its aging pieces of equipment in an effort to avert untimely failures and breakdowns. Discussions with the City will continue in the hopes of obtaining a Full Capital Grant for our Tree Pruning & Replacement program.
- A continued focus on Sponsorship and Grant opportunities, which are integral to the running of programs, the maintenance of the facilities, and the overall success of the organization, will be maintained.

Acknowledgements

- Kurtus acknowledged that it takes many individuals to ensure an Associations success, and thanked all Board Members, Volunteers, Coaches, and Umpires for their tremendous effort this year. Special Recognition and an Award was presented to SAMBA's 2015 Volunteer of the Year, Jason Enright, for his commitment and dedication to coaching and volunteering.

5B. Questions/Comments from the Director's Reports

Kurtus gave those in attendance a few minutes to review the various Directors Reports and asked for any questions or comments.

- No Questions or Comments

6. Financial Report:

6A. 2015 Financial Review

- Treasurer Lorie Runnalls was pleased to report that No loss was recorded for this year, significant when compared to the \$24,000 loss reported in 2014, and overall the projected Budget numbers remained close to the actuals in most cases. SAMBA made a change to the accounting systems this year, switching from from Quicken to QuickBooks, with Lorie garnering assistance from former SAMBA Treasurer Aileen Hartman to facilitate this change over.

Motion to Accept the Financial Statements as presented: Travis Parker

2nd: Colin Leathem

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

6B. 2016 Budget Review

- Indications are that the 2016 Budget components for the most part will remain the same as 2015, though less revenue is expected no scheduled Casino date in 2016.

Lorie gave the attendees a few minutes to review the Financial Statements and asked for any questions or comments.

- No Questions or Comments

Motion to Amend the Budget to include Photography Expenses: Travis Parker

2nd: Brenda Bourassa

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

Motion to Accept the Amended Budget for 2016 as presented: Neil Neary

2nd: Cori White

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

7. Call for Open Executive and Board/Non-Board Positions

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. He further acknowledged and thanked the following Out-Going Board Members and Non-Board Members alike for their efforts and contributions throughout the 2015 year,

Out-Going Board Members:

Ed Ewasiuk - (Outgoing Past President)

Open Executive and Board Positions:

Registrar- (Currently Pat Sullivan)

Technical Director- (Currently Travis Parker)

Jr. Rep Director- (Currently Brenda Bourassa)

Marketing Director- (Currently Cori White)

Facilities Director- (Currently Vacant)

Special Events Director- (Currently Vacant)

Continuing Board Members:

Kurtus Millar- (President)
Colin Leathem – (Vice President)
Sherry Kahler- (Secretary)
Lori Runnalls- (Treasurer)
Neil Neary- (Sr. Rep Director)
Michelle Whyte – (House League Director)
Barb Kitzen – (SAMBA/MMBA Liaison)
Colleen Allison – (SAMBA/Legal Liaison)

Open Non-Board Positions:

Equipment Manager- (Currently Ed Karl)
Assistant Equipment Manager
Grants Proposal Coordinator
Website Administrator

Continuing Non-Board Members:

Bob Fisher- (Bingo/Casino Coordinator)
John Bresler- (Umpire Coordinator)

Elected In-Coming Board Members:

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Registrar:**

Kurtus Millar Nominates PAT SULLIVAN for Re-Election

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: PAT SULLIVAN

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Technical Director:**

Kurtus Millar Nominates TRAVIS PARKER for Re-Election

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: TRAVIS PARKER

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Jr. Rep Director:**

Kurtus Millar Nominates BRENDA BOURASSA for Re-Election

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: BRENDA BOURASSA

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Marketing Director:**

Kurtus Millar Nominates CORI WHITE for Re-Election

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: CORI WHITE

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Facilities Director:**

1st Call for Nominations: None

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

Position Remains Unfilled

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Special Events Director:**

Melissa Nollski Nominates DANIELLE MOFFAT

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: DANIELLE MOFFAT

Elected In-Coming Non-Board Members:

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Equipment Manager**

Kelly Phelan Nominates JASON ENRIGHT

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: JASON ENRIGHT

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Assistant Equipment Manager**

Danielle Moffat Nominates BYRON WHITTAL

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Elected: BYRON WHITTAL

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Grants Coordinator:**

Colin Leathem Nominates DANIELLE MOFFAT

2nd Call for Nominations: None

3rd Call for Nominations: None

In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Elected: DANIELLE MOFFAT

Call for Nominations for the Position of **Website Administrator**:
Colin Leathem Nominates JOHN ROBINSON (In Absentia)
2nd Call for Nominations: None
3rd Call for Nominations: None
In Favor: All
Opposed: None
Elected: JOHN ROBINSON- (This Appointment will be contingent on his acceptance of this role, his decision to be provided by the November 2015 Board Meeting)

Appointed Board Members

Kelly Phelan By Tigers Association – SAMBA/Tigers Program Liaison
TBD By Sr. Cardinals Baseball Club – SAMBA/Cardinals Program Liaison
Barb Kitzen By Morinville Minor Baseball Assoc.- SAMBA/MMBA Program Liaison
Shelley Hudec By Legal Minor Baseball Assoc.- SAMBA/Legal Program Liaison

8. New Business – From Membership

- A number of issues discussed at Board Meetings through the year, required changes only permitted at an Annual General Meeting, resulting in the following Motions;

Motion: To Review and Update SAMBA Bylaws and the Handbook: Travis Parker

2nd: Lorie Runnalls

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

(** Bob Fisher mentioned that there is a New Non-Profit Act in Alberta, and that it should be read and considered when revising the current Bylaws).

Motion
Carried

Motion: To Review and Renegotiate the current Tigers Agreement: Travis Parker

2nd: Brenda Bourassa

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

Motion: To Appoint a Prospects Academy Liaison to SAMBA: Travis Parker

2nd: Kelly Phelan

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

Motion: To Review and Renegotiate the current Prospects Academy Contract with
SAMBA: Travis Parker
2nd: Neil Neary
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

Motion: To Create the Policy for the acceptance of Pairing Requests: Travis Parker
2nd: Jason Enright
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

Motion
Carried

- John Tkachyk questioned the length of the current lease SAMBA holds with the City of St. Albert , and whether there could be any long term concerns with respect to alternative development consideration for the Legion lands by the City. SAMBA has been assured that the land use of Legion Park as a baseball venue will continue indefinitely, though its current agreement will be up for renewal in 2018. This did raise the discussion with regards to the possibility of replacing the clubhouse with a larger indoor facility. Travis confirmed that SAMBA spends approximately \$30-35,000 per year on outside facility rentals for the facilitation of its programs, monies which could be better utilized when considering having all facility requirements under one roof.
- Danielle Podlubney from the City was in attendance and confirmed that the City will be conducting an assessment of all its recreational facilities in the year 2017. It would therefore be prudent for SAMBA to explore options for the construction of an indoor facility, from design concepts to cost analysis and funding sources.
- John Tkachyk also had questions regarding the Coach Honorariums, and whether SAMBA coaches are paid comparable to other Associations. SAMBA Coaches are in fact paid less, roughly 75% of other Association coaches, the basis for which has been the part time commitment, and the benefit of playing at a facility like Legion Fields.
- It was decided that Coaching Requirements and Incentives for Coaches, as well as the issue regarding Parent Coaches and how best to negotiate their kids registration credits, will be the focus of discussion at future Board meetings this year.

- A recommendation was made by Colin Leathem to replace the term Coach Honorarium with the term Coach Development Fund to better clarify to the membership the nature of this fee.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Meeting at 9:00pm: Lorie Runnalls

2nd: Brenda Bourassa

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

Sherry Kahler

Sherry Kahler
Secretary
October 22, 2015



Kurtus Millar
President
October 22, 2015

Special Resolutions for the 2016 SAMBA AGM

In accordance with section 1(d) of the Societies Act, SAMBA is required to provide notice of proposed changes to our by-laws. At this year's AGM on October 19th, 2016, the following special resolutions will be advanced for consideration.

Special Resolution #1 – New Membership Category

That section 4.1 (e) be added to the SAMBA by-laws. Section 4.1 (d) to read:

4.1 (e) Director/Officer

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

Special Resolution #2 – Electronic Voting for Board Members

That section 5.7 (j) be added to the SAMBA by-laws. Section 5.7 (j) to read:

5.7 (j) Resolutions made in writing, posted for voting on the secure Directors page of the SAMBA website, 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.

Special Resolution #3 – Change to Terms of Office or Officers

That section 6.4 of the SAMBA by-laws be amended from:

The Directors and/or Officers shall be entitled to serve a maximum term of two consecutive years in the same position.

To read:

The Directors and/or officers shall be entitled to serve their term of two consecutive years. The treasurer will be entitled to serve a term of 2 years with a maximum 2 consecutive terms limit in that position.

Special Resolution #4 – Change to AGM Date

That section 4.4 (a) of the SAMBA by-laws be amended from:

an Annual General Meeting 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 October 30 at such date, time and place, as the board of Directors shall determine.

To read:

an Annual General Meeting 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.



2016 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

Open Executive and Board Positions:

- President
- Technical Director
- Secretary
- Jr Rep Director
- House League Director (1 Year)
- Treasurer (1 Year)
- Facilities Director
- Registrar

Open Non-Board Positions:

- Assistant Equipment Coordinator
- Bingo 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 / Prospects Program Liaison (Prospects Appointed)



2016 President's Report

General Comments:

The 2015 season was the year of rain but also another year of learning and growth. SAMBA continued to enhance our experience while trying to improve our various programs and put forth the best programs possible in all age groups and levels. Our registrations numbers exploded making SAMBA the largest baseball Association in Alberta. Our house league program was bursting at the seams while we maxed out on city fields and set record amounts of field usage at Legion Memorial Ball Park. However, our main goals stayed the same. We always strive to promote a fun and positive environments in our House League and Rep programs while focusing on player development and skill enhancement. Not only trying to improve our kids athletics, but as young citizens who are confident and positive. Our rep teams having a tremendous showing in their Championships with a Western Championships Gold, 5 Provincial Golds, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze. I am pleased to be able to present the following achievements and challenges, as well as some key objectives for the upcoming year.

Achievements:

Administration:

- Registrations: All SAMBA registration numbers grew and even surpassed our initial estimates. 819 athletes. The SAMBA Board of Directors worked very hard to make these numbers work and ensure all registrations were placed in their desired programs. SAMBA added team numbers in both HL and Rep. Thank you to Pat Sullivan, Michelle Whyte, Brenda Bourassa and Neil Neary who put in countless hours to oversee these growing programs.
- Baseball Alberta League/Player Registrations: Once again were completed in a timely and organized manner which met all Baseball Alberta deadlines
- Multi-Year Agreements: Our Rep apparel agreement with St. Albert Source for Sports continued and worked well to provide all our Rep teams a high quality product. SAMBA Continued our House League apparel agreement with Anything Branded, previously Amyotte's who continues to provide a great product in a very timely manner. We also completed our agreement with Athlete's Nation to utilize their facility for hosting our winter camps, spring camps and Rep evaluations.

Program:

- Fall Ball and Winter camps continued into their sixth season at SAMBA. Thanks to Travis Parker our Technical director and Jason Enright our Equipment Manager and long time coach, for their dedication which allows SAMBA to offer these programs to our athletes. All camps were a success.
- Spring and Summer camps were once again very successful with high registration numbers and positive feedback. The Tigers camp and Girls baseball camps were

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once again a success. Special thanks to Kelly Phelan (SAMBA/Tigers Liaison) and Brad Wolansky (Tigers Manager) who once again worked very hard to provide these great experiences. Special thanks to Tara Sliwkanich for her continued efforts in providing Girls Baseball Day

- Our Coach Certification and Training Program was outstanding. Our Coaching Clinics once again ran with maximum numbers and received great feedback from Baseball Alberta and our coaches. SAMBA set an all time record number for coach certifications
- Rally Cap numbers exploded. SAMBA expanded our RC program with more teams, coaches and even another field. Travis and Kurtus offered a new version of a RC Initiation Clinic to our young coaches which received great reviews and very positive feedback.
- House League once again ran very well. A special thanks to Michelle Whyte who continued to put in very long hours allowing SAMBA's HL program to run smoothly and offer a fun and positive environment for our kids. Michelle organized and allowed SAMBA to complete the season, mid-season and year end tournament in a timely and very positive manner that provided our athletes with some great experiences.
- Rep Evaluations ran again this season with maximum numbers. Thanks to all our Board members and coaches who worked together very hard to allow all athletes to try-out in a safe and fair manner. SAMBA continues to struggle with the timing of evals against hockey and will look and ways to offer more options and stronger evals for all its players. We utilized the Easton Power sensor for the first time which gave us another good measurable for the eval process.
- The competition level of SAMBA continued to be a very gratifying and exciting experience. With a Western Championships Gold, 5 Provincial Golds, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze, all our teams competed very well through out the province in a manner of which SAMBA can be proud to call ours.
- Hosting tournaments continued to be very popular at Legion Memorial Ball Park. Unfortunately most of our tournaments including the SAMBA Early Bird Tournament were cancelled due to rain
- Provincial Championships were hosted this season at the Mosquito AA. Peewee A , Bantam AAA and Midget AA levels. A big thank you to the parents and coaching staff of our Mosquito AA Cards who organized an outstanding Provincial weekend and experience. Also thanks to Nathan Coffin who organized, in a very short time frame, another first class Midget AA Provincial Championship. Brian Bourassa and Kurtus Millar ran a well organized and five star Bantam AAA Championship. Don Anderson put on a great Peewee A Provincials which was very well organized and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Spruce Grove and Fort Saskatchewan Minor Baseball Association who assisted SAMBA in our Provincial weekends of rain. SAMBA is very proud to have had 3 A teams, 2 Mosquito 1 Peewee competing this season.
- MMBA and Legal Baseball Associations continued to work very closely with SAMBA. Barb. Shelley and Colleen were great to work with and found to be great assets to all 3 associations. I'd also like to thanks both associations who allowed SAMBA to use their facilities whenever required
- Jr Cardinals Program ran for their 4th season thanks to Ed Ewasiuk who worked extremely hard once again to provide this program.
- Western Championships were a huge success thanks to the efforts of Colin Leathem, Brenda Bourassa, Cori White, Brian Bourassa, Bruce Kirby and the parents and coaches of our Peewee, Bantam and Midget AA teams. SAMBA hosted another five star rated tournament which received outstanding reviews from both Baseball Alberta and The Western Canada Baseball Association. A huge thank you to all our sponsors, Old Dutch, Double Tree Hilton, Dairy Queen, Nitza's Pizza, Pepsi, Ocean Air Designs, Sword Insurance, Save on Foods, Frontier Plumbing, Anything Branded, Source for Sports, Prairie Sticks and Martin Deerline.

Facilities:

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- Facilities was a up and down battle this season. With the tremendous amount of rain, our grounds crew fought a hard fight this season. Our crew lead by Sean Erickson, experienced some long hours and wet days trying to maintain our fields to a competitive level. Multiple tractor and tool repairs were required which cost SAMBA a few extra dollars. Overall I would say with the help of many SAMBA Board members and SAMBA members, the fields were maintained to the highest level. Special thanks to Brian Bourassa for his relentless efforts to maintain our facility.
- Our clubhouse continued to maintain bookings through the season. Thanks to Kelly Phelan who provided cleaning services. We are once again hosting Taekwondo through out the winter.
- Thank you to Leanne and Tony Arlia who took over the concession this season. Nothing but good reviews to them as they also fought the battle against rain outs but provided delicious food and refreshments to all our members and visitors at a fair price.
- Lakevold Lane was unveiled at the Tigers Tournament. SAMBA is very proud to have the members we do and happy to recognize their outstanding loyalty and pride to our programs.
- A big thank you to Jeannette Sullivan who continuously worked very hard at planting and maintaining the beautiful flower pots and beds through out our facility.
- A special thank you to Brent and Danielle Moffat who volunteered countless hours on our dugouts and made repairs / upgrades through out the facility
- Thank you to Adam at Kondo Inc who repaired our water shutoff between Peewee and Bantam.
- Thank you to Gil Girrard and Barcol Doors for repairs to our maintenance shed door and concession window
- Thank you to Fraser Bros. for their work on our eavestroughs and maintenance shed roof
- New tarps were purchased at the beginning of the season. Special thanks to J.Ennis Fabrics and Kirk Reiniger for their support.

Marketability and Image:

- Social Media Exposure: Thanks to John Robinson who built and launched our awesome website which received thousands of hits. Thanks to Brenda Bourassa and Cori White who continued to keep all our events and info posted on Twitter and Facebook.
- Very Special Thank you to Bob Fisher who obtained a employee grant by volunteering his time to SAMBA from CN Rail.
- Facilities Sponsorships: Thank you to all our fence board sponsors and Active Physioworks for their continued support.

Challenges:

- House League Monitoring: SAMBA needs to find ways to better monitor and support our house league program. All though Michelle Whyte does an outstanding job organizing the largest part of our membership, one person simply cannot support the entire program. More support here would minimize the number of conflicts and provide an even stronger experience for our players and coaches. I personally recommend that the HI Director position be split into 2 positions. Jr and Sr House league Directors would help organize and provide more support at these levels.
- Facilities. SAMBA's very lucky to call Legion Memorial Ball Park its home. Thank you to Tara Feser and her staff at the City of St.Albert for their support. However, our facility is beginning to show its age. Many upgrades are necessary to continue providing top notch programs for our athletes.

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2016 Objectives:

Administration:

- Membership will incur increased fees in 2017 in order to sustain our facilities, utility increases, salaried crews and coach honorariums
- Better understanding of our Rep fee and coach honorarium fees need to be implemented and understood through out our membership
- Bylaws, policies, procedures and league rules: Review Update desperately required. Proper documentation and publishing of these would decrease a large amount of issues brought up during our season.

Program:

- Early coach selections and mentorship through out the season. Coaches need to be selected earlier in the season to allow them participation in our winter camps. The number of "new coaches" in SAMBA has grown significantly. A coaching mentorship program would greatly enhance the chances of these coaches success and sticking with the game.
- Umpire Mentorship Program. The number of baseball players is rising significantly and the number of umpires decreases every year. Thank you to John Bresler who brought in many new and young umpires into our system and provided very good support to them. Members, players, coaches and parents need to understand that without these officials, we cannot play the great game of baseball.
- Tigers, Sr. Cards and Prospects. SAMBA BOD has schedule private meetings with each program to ensure all costs and needs are covered. Better and more clear terms from all parties should make life a lot easier on all members.

Facilities:

- Continue focus on a regular and efficient field and equipment maintenance program due to aging and mature grounds / equipment.
- Light usage. Agreements towards the cost of running our Midget field lights need to be implemented. The hourly cost of \$111.43 / hr will only continue to increase and as such should be covered by the teams using them.
- Discussions with the city should take place in hopes of more support to our facilities and allow growth to our membership

Marketing and Image:

- Continued sponsorship programs/grants: These are crucial to the costs of running all our programs at a high quality. The number of programs we deliver and the condition of our facilities rely heavily on these programs.

Acknowledgements:

Congratulations to Jason Enright. Without members like Jason who continues to volunteer countless hours towards our players and programs, SAMBA would not be the leader it is today.

I would like to thank all our Board members. As my second season as President, our board came together as a team and supported each other through some very tough issues. Most people do not have any understanding of how many hours of work these people volunteer to allow SAMBA to move forward. Most assume multiple roles and go above and beyond all expectations to ensure SAMBA maintains its reputation as a first

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class organization. I'd also like to thanks many of our families/volunteers who contribute significantly to our success. Special thanks must be given to the following members:

Executive and Board Members

- Kurtus Millar - Outgoing President
- Colin Leathem - Ongoing Vice President
- Sherry Kahler - Outgoing Secretary
- Lorie Runnalls - Outgoing Treasurer
- Pat Sullivan - Outgoing Registrar
- Brian Bourassa - Outgoing Facilities Director
- Travis Parker - Outgoing Technical Director
- Neil Neary - Ongoing Sr. Rep Director
- Brenda Bourassa - Outgoing Jr Rep Director
- Michelle Whyte - Outgoing HL Director
- Danielle Moffat - Ongoing Special Events Director
- Cori White - Ongoing Marketing Director

Appointed Members

- Barb Kitzen - SAMBA/MMBA Program Liaison
- Shelley Hudec - SAMBA/Legal Program Liaison
- Travis Parker - SAMBA/Sr. Cardinals Program Liaison
- Kelly Phelan - SAMBA/Tigers Program Liaison

Non Board Positions

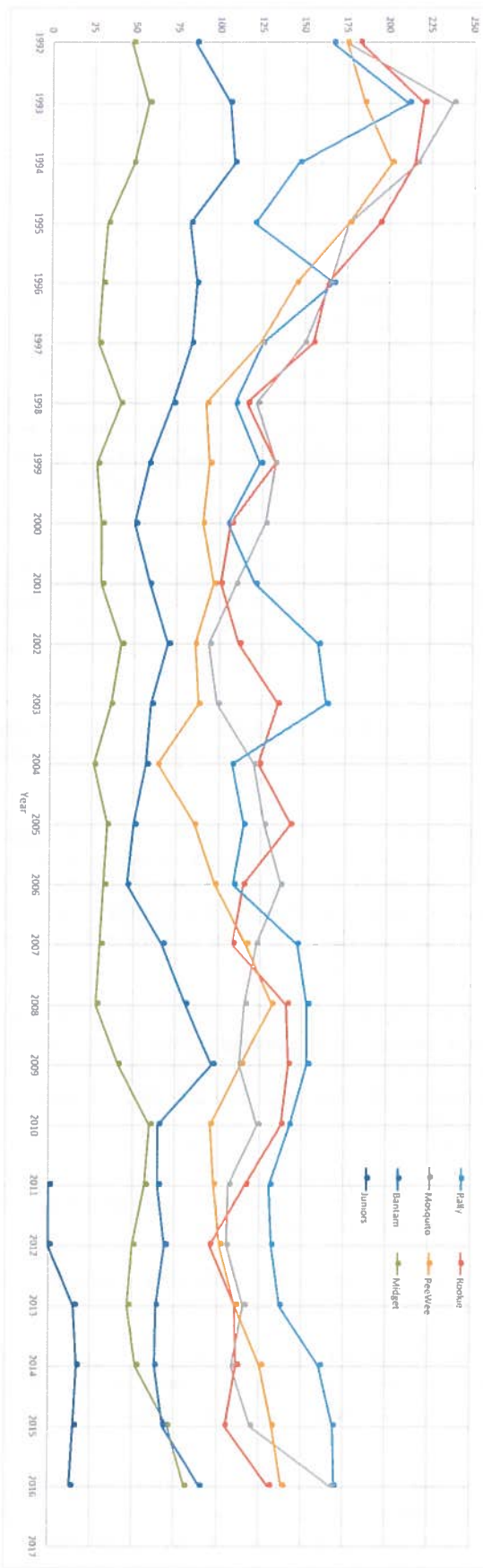
- Jason Enright - Equipment Manager
- Byron Whittal - Assistant Equipment Coordinator
- Kurtus Millar - Facilities Scheduling Manager
- John Bresler - Umpire Coordinator
- Danielle Moffat - Grant Proposal Coordinator
- Kurtus Millar - Clubhouse Manager
- Kelly Phelan - Clubhouse Janitor Services
- Leanne & Tony Arlia - Clubhouse Concession
- Bob Fisher - Bingo/Casino Coordinator
- Kurtus Millar / Gerry Peterson - Early Bird Tournament Coordinators
- John Robinson - Website Administrator
- Kurtus Millar - Baseball Alberta Representative



Yearly Registration Summary

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988
Rally	170	169	161	137	132	131	143	153	153	147	109	115	108	164	159	121	105	124	109	125	167	120	146	211	166	X	X	X	X
Roche	131	105	112	111	96	117	138	142	141	109	115	143	124	135	112	101	107	133	116	155	164	194	215	220	182	X	X	X	X
Mosquito	168	120	109	116	106	107	124	113	116	123	137	127	121	99	94	110	127	133	122	150	165	176	216	237	174	X	X	X	X
Peewee	139	133	126	111	102	98	96	114	132	117	98	86	64	88	86	97	90	94	92	124	145	176	201	185	174	X	X	X	X
Bantam	90	68	63	64	69	65	65	97	81	67	46	50	57	60	70	59	50	58	72	83	86	82	108	105	85	X	X	X	X
Midget	81	71	52	47	50	57	60	41	28	30	32	34	26	36	42	30	30	27	41	28	30	33	48	57	47	X	X	X	X
Juniors	13	15	17	15	X	X																							
TOTAL	792	681	640	601	555	575	626	660	651	593	537	555	500	582	563	518	509	569	552	665	757	781	934	1015	828	742	692	669	604
Rep Try Outs	178	142	163	160	139	102	116	118	120	135	127																		
Total Male	710	617	567	542	507	515	559	571	546	507	489																		
Total Female	82	64	67	59	48	60	67	89	105	86	48																		

SAMBA Yearly Registrations





2016 Facilities Director Report

2016 started off with a drought. The fields were in dire need of water and required the City of St. Albert to soak the fields using their water truck. This added moisture seemed to wake up Mother Nature who came back with vengeance. Starting on the May long weekend and extending until the end of July one of the wettest seasons in recent memory took control of the diamonds. The wet weather resulted in the cancellation of the Early Bird Tournament, the House League End of Season Tournament, Tigers Tournament and the finals of Bantam AAA Provincials. The weather threatened the Blue Jays Camp but thanks to hours of work by the President the Camp went on as scheduled. The grounds crew worked hard all year to keep the diamonds playable.

Unexpected expenditures included installation of a wireless controller for the Pee Wee score clock due to failure of the underground cable, the Bantam Press Box interior liner was removed to deal with a mouse infestation, a repair to the main mower, and replacement of the overhead door on the garage. Thanks to Barcol doors for helping with the replacement of the garage door.

We suffered two break-ins. The first break-in to the garage and sea cans resulted in the theft of hand tools and battery powered tools. The second break-in was to the Peewee Press Box and resulted in the theft of the Bluetooth speaker.

We entered our first year of using Green Drop for fertilizing and weed control. The fertilizer along with all the rain resulted in thick grass that looked great but required lots of cutting. New tarps were installed on all four diamonds. The tarps were a much needed tool in the fight against Mother Nature. In addition a new roof was installed on the garage and new eaves trough was installed on the clubhouse and the garage. Thanks to Fraser Bros. for helping with these projects.

Repairs to the clubhouse fire protection system were required after an inspection by the Fire Marshall revealed that the systems had not been inspected in several years. The kitchen hood was cleaned, and the hood fire suppression system was found to be not operational as the original installation from 2014 was not completed. All deficiencies have been corrected except for some drywall repairs in the electrical room.

2016 saw a new operator take over the Concession. Leanne and Tony Arlia provided outstanding concession service offering a variety of new menu items. Unfortunately, the weather too often resulted in poor or no attendance at the park and slow sales.

To end the season, the clubhouse welcomed a nest of wasps to the ceiling space of the electrical room. These guests proved to be unwelcome and have been evicted.

The wet weather resulted in a plan to regrade the midget field shale to help alleviate issues with wet areas. Unfortunately, funds were not available to complete this work as additional shale was required to do a proper repair. Budgeting for this should be included in the 2017 budget.

In closing several people require thanks for their work this year including the Moffat Family for their countless hours of painting and repairing various areas of the park, Sean Erikson and his grounds crew key members of Ben Hoffman, Seth Waselenchuk, and Cam Houston who provided excellent work all year and started mentoring the next generation of grounds

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crew members, and finally, Kurtus Millar must be thanked for his countless hours of work at the diamonds. As Sean and I were away with the Bantam AAA's for most of the summer, thanks to scheduling by Baseball Alberta, Kurtus was left to deal with the never ending weather issues.



2016 Technical Director Report

In my fourth year as SAMBA's Technical Director of Baseball again we look at ways to improve our coaching certifications as well as helping our grass roots coaches to attain the skills required to run a smooth program. A highlight of the year was our second annual Rally Cap Coaches clinic that was well attended again this year. I feel we provided them with great resources to coach at the young level. Our Rep Evals continue to be tough with the growth and lack of quality indoor facilities to run them out of. We also struggle with our camps for the same reason. All and all a successful year

SAMBA House Leagues & Development

This year again we had numerous parent volunteers to help coach at our House League Division and again we appreciate all of 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 amount of experienced coaches that led our teams to success. Success not only in results on the field but also in player development.

Highlights:

- Mosquito AA Red Tier I Provincial Champions
- Mosquito AA Blue Tier IV Provincial Champions
- Mosquito A Red Tier III Provincial Silver
- Peewee AAA Tier I Provincial Bronze
- Bantam AAA Tier I Provincial Champions
- Midget AA Red Tier I Provincial Champions and Western Canadian Champions
- Midget AA Blue Tier III Provincial Champions

SAMBA Player Evaluations

2016 Spring Rep Evaluations saw another record turnout at all the age divisions. Rep player evaluations were conducted in the months of March & April. These evaluations were completed with the assistance of St. Albert Tigers Senior players and our Rep directors, Neal Neary & Brenda Bourassa. We certainly appreciate their time and efforts. They were hosted in conjunction with the following indoor facilities: Servus Place, St. Albert and Home Run Sports, Edmonton.

Recommendation: We need to continue to find ways to work around the hockey season to properly evaluate the players

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

	2015	2016	2016 (Projection only)
Mosquito	25	26	30
PeeWee	44	37	40
Bantam	30	51	50
Midget	47	58	60
Junior	16	14	14
Total	162	186	194

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

	2015	2016	2016 (Projection only)
Mosquito	2-AA	2-AA & 2-A	2-AA & 1 A
PeeWee	2-AA/1 -AAA	1-AAA & 2-AA & 1 A	1-AAA & 2-AA & 1-A
Bantam	1-AA/1-AAA	1-AAA & 2-AA	1-AAA & 2-AA & 1-A
Midget	2-AA/1-AAA	1-AAA & 2 AA	1-AAA & 2-AA
Junior	1	1	1
Total	11	15	15

SAMBA's Off-season Programs

2016 Winter Camps

- 56 Players Registered
- This includes the Hitting/Pitching and Fielding Camp

2016 Spring Camp

- The annual Spring Camp was held in March at Athletes Nation
- Spring Baseball Camp was once more well received by all in attendance
- 73 participants: 42 Rookie/Mosquito players, and 31 PeeWee/Bantam/Midget players.
- The Spring Training Camp covered all aspects of baseball fundamentals in 30 minute station rotations

Recommendation: 2017 we will run as always our Spring Camp and a new format for the Winter Camps based out of only Homerun Sports.

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2016 St Albert Tigers' Summer Camp

- The popular Tigers Camp was held again this year, we doubled the attendance over last year. This year we had 90 Registrants.
- A Thank you to the Tigers for continuing to work with our grass roots players

2016 'Girls Baseball Day in Canada' Camp

- This year we hosted 6 Athletes from Across Alberta

2016 Fall Baseball Season

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

	2014		2015		2016	
	Players	Coaches	Players	Coaches	Players	Coaches
Mosquito	24	6	36	3	30	4
PeeWee	19	2	21	2	27	6
Bantam	18	2	24	2	21	2
Midget	11	1	15	1	19	2
Total	72	11	96	8	97	14

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

	2014	2015	2016
Mosquito	2	3	2
PeeWee	2	1	2
Bantam	1	2	2
Midget	1	1	2
Total	6	7	8

- 2016 was our 6th consecutive Fall Ball season. It was another great success
- Saturday games were double-headers as scheduled with Baseball Alberta Fall Development League. Sunday games as organized on our own, with other Edmonton teams
- Fall season ran for 5 weeks, September to early of October

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Future Recommendations:

The balance between Competitive and Non Competitive is very apparent at the Fall Ball Program; I am working with Baseball Alberta to create a competitive and a non competitive Fall Ball Program. With this in mind we will still continue to practice as whole groups so all players can get the benefit of quality instruction.

Coach Development

SAMBA Coaches/Umpire Cooperation Clinic

Well attended again, this is a clinic we receive a lot of positive feedback on. It's a very interactive session that provides coaches an opportunity to not only learn the rules of baseball, but understand the reasons behind them. The session concluded with a question and answer forum.

NCCP Coaches Clinics

SAMBA and other cities in Alberta offered a multitude of National Coaching Certification Program (N.C.C.P.) clinics earlier this spring/summer. SAMBA has always committed to continuing coach development and education. Moreover, SAMBA covers the cost of all its registered coaches that attend these nationally recognized baseball coaching clinics. It's a great way to improve your skills, confidence and value to our players. These clinics were hosted all over the Province (including a handful at our own Legion facilities), in various blocks (teaching modules), by very dedicated, highly experienced baseball Learning Facilitators, from the month of January till as late as the month of June. Thanks to all our coaches who took the time either to refresh and or to improve their skills this season.

Rally Cap Clinic

This year we conducted our 2nd SAMBA run Coaches Clinic for our Rally Cap Coaches. This was well attended and we focused on providing our coaches with the tools to run an effective practice and provided them the skills to discuss items such as how to grip the baseball and throwing technique. We will continue to run camps such as this and will look to increase our program to the older age groups.

Regards,

Travis Parker
Technical Director



2016 House League Directors Report

I have been a parent of children playing on SAMBA teams, both house league and rep for six years, with four years participating as the House League Director. Each year that goes by, we continue to grow in both strength and numbers. When asked to step up, most people are able, and usually willing; however, as our membership continues to increase, we do require additional volunteers to commit to a variety of roles prior to the season starting to help spread out the work. "Many hands make light work" – John Heaywood

Our House League registrations continued to rise, just under 20% from 2016. To put actual registration numbers we increased from 531 in 2015 to 626 in 2016. There are many potential reasons our numbers to have risen so dramatically – I like to think it's because of the great work we as an organization do, but I also think with the increase of visibility of baseball due to the Toronto Blue Jays, more boys and girls are falling in love with our sport. We fielded teams within each division, with four divisions (Rally Cap, Rookie, Mosquito and Pee Wee) playing two nights a week on either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. Our Bantam and Midget teams participated in the Edmonton Rural Recreational Baseball League, with games scheduled Monday through Sundays, playing against teams in Edmonton and surrounding areas.

Here is historical data from 2013, 2014, and 2015, with projections for 2016:

	2013				2014			
	Players		Teams		Players		Teams	
	Male	Female	SAMBA	MMBA	Male	Female	SAMBA	Legal/MMBA
Rally Cap	115	25	14	4	129	35	16	4
Rookie	91	17	10	1	94	12	10	4
Mosquito	83	8	8	2	72	10	7	3
Pee Wee	71	7	7	2	84	4	7	3
Bantam	35	3	3	n/a	33	3	3	n/a
Midget	14	1	1	n/a	16	1	1	n/a

	2015				2016			
	Players		Teams		Players		Teams	
	Male	Female	SAMBA	Legal/MMBA	Male	Female	SAMBA	Legal/MMBA
Rally Cap	137	33	17	0/5	136	34	17	0/5
Rookie	93	13	10	1/3	121	9	12	1/5

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Mosquito	86	10	8	1/1	122	21	12	1/4
Pee Wee	87	6	8	1/2	90	11	9	1/1
Bantam	39	3	3	n/a	44	4	4	n/a
Midget	26	0	2	n/a	32	2	3	n/a

General Comments:

- **Player Evaluations** – 2016 was the third year we did our best to group players by neighbourhood. There continue to be differing opinions on how to best make teams, be it either through areas in which kids live or through evaluations; however, until evaluations are made mandatory with over 90% attendance, there will always be a chance some neighbourhoods will have stronger teams than others. As previously mentioned in my year-end reports for the last two years, no matter which way teams are decided, people will not be happy – I still think grouping kids by neighbourhood is a better way to create teams unless evaluations are made mandatory.
- **Registrations** – With increasing as dramatically through this past year, we saw growth at every level, with the exception at Rally Cap as we maxed out our numbers again this year at 170.
- **Division Coordinators** – Our Division Coordinators provided their time and assistance for which I continue to be extremely grateful. Recognition needs to go to Candi Kneller (Mosquito) and Colleen Allison (Pee Wee); Kurtus Millar (President) assisted at the Rally Cap and Rookie level as this was where he was coaching. All these individuals provided much needed assistance and support not only for their division groups but for me as well. A heartfelt thanks to all.
- **Player / Team Pictures** – This year's photo sessions were again at SDI Digital Imaging. The majority of pictures were scheduled for the start of the season rather than mid-season to ensure delivery prior to the end of season. Working with SDI and making sure pictures were not on Mother's Day, seemed to work out better than in 2015. There were some teams with later dates in the month due to the amount of teams needing pictures.
- **Girls Baseball** – While our number of female players increased this year at most levels, because of the choice of nights of play (either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday) we would have been unable to create a separate girls team for any other division than Rally Cap. The feedback we received is mixed - some girls enjoying playing on mixed teams, some girls would rather play on an all-girls team.
- **League Play** – Our official date to begin was May 2, 2016, and we for the first three weeks, it was both hot and try. However, once the May long weekend arrived, our fortunes changed. While we didn't have a lot of official cancellations, there many games that ended up starting, but could not be completed due to inclement weather. If the weather would only learn to happen before 4:00 pm, it would sure make things a lot easier. Thanks to Barb Kitzan, Colleen Allison, and Candi Kneller for their assistance in juggling field locations and scheduling.
- **Tournament Play** – Two tournaments were scheduled for the 2016 season – a midseason tournament for the Rally Caps, Rookies, and Mosquitos and then our year end tournament for Rally Caps, Rookies, Mosquitos and Pee Wees. The change this year was the dates of the tournaments. Rather than having the midseason three weeks into the season, we had four weeks; similar change for the year-end tournament allowing eight full weeks of league play.
- **Midseason** – Most games scheduled were completed through Friday and Saturday; however, Sunday it really depended on where you were playing in St. Albert. Games on the east side of the trail were shortened or cancelled, or even moved. However, on the west side of the trail, they received no rain – it was a crazy way to end the weekend. M/W teams played against T/H teams to give everyone a chance of playing against new teams. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and have fun. Our Pee Wee teams participated in the NEZ tournament, with SAMBA paying for \$175 (75%) of the registration fee and the remainder, \$50 (25%) being funded by each team. The tournament was a success for our SAMBA teams, enjoying the opportunity to play other teams outside St. Albert.

- **Year-End** – unfortunately for the year-end tournament, inclement weather was on us once again. We tried as best we could to cancel games on Friday and reschedule them for Saturday, but the weather would just not cooperate. The next best thing was having a few games through the following weekdays; these games were primarily scheduled to give the teams more opportunities to play. As not all teams were able to participate, other teams were kind enough to pick up players that were able to play. All SAMBA players were awarded plaques demonstrating their participation throughout the year. The Bantams & Midgets played their year-end tournaments through the week with the ERRBL.
- **Practice facilities** and schedules were made available for all divisions/teams, including access to the batting cages. The requests were accommodated through Kurtus Millar
- **Coach meetings** to review and discuss the 2016 program, distribute information packages, schedules, uniforms & equipment took place at the clubhouse prior to the start of season. This year, rather than having meetings every night throughout the week, we had all of our coaches sessions on a Sunday. Even though the majority of required SAMBA Board Members were there for close to 8 hours, in my opinion, it was more efficient and effective to spend one day there getting through all the information.
- The only level in which there was a draft was at the Midget level. It was exciting to be able to field three House League teams at this level. The coaches worked very well together drafting their teams through a shared google doc to which they had access.
- This was the 5th year the Mosquito Division had major changes in the rules this year. The biggest change continues to be no walks in this division. The rule changes were more clearly understood this year which allowed players more opportunity to practice and learn in a less stressful situation. I still think the best part was having the coaches pitch – sometimes pitching is harder than it looks!! But, I know they are harder on themselves, especially when they strike their own team member out. Where there is still some room to improve in understanding when kids advance and what is considered an overthrow.
- RallyCap schedules this year consisted of one RallyCap skills night and one game night each week. We took away the requirement of moving diamonds within one night to allow for more playing time for our players.
- **Umpires** – John Bresler (Umpire Coordinator) and all his local umpires need to be commended for their efforts to ensure the games were played as scheduled. Colleen Allison, Legal Minor Baseball Association, also needs to be commended for her role for coordinating in Legal.
- **Facilities** – We require more diamonds!! We tried to meet with the City and Fastball St. Albert to work together to have additional fields available, and we did get additional access to two fields – but we do need more. The City of St. Albert ball fields were well maintained, grass cut and shale raked on a regular basis. They responded quickly to requests for action. The fields in Morinville and Legal were maintained regularly and to a high standard.
- **Equipment Deposit Program** – SAMBA this year once again collected a deposit from each House League coach prior to distribution of equipment. Teams were held responsible for non-returned equipment
- **Community Division Provincial Play** – It was a great year as we had one Pee Wee Team and two Mosquito teams participating in Community Ball. Our players had a great time playing into the month of July, and I hope for next year to have the same.
- **SAMBA Camps and Coaching Clinics** – These clinics and camps continued throughout the year, welcoming players at all level of abilities. It's great to see the progress our athletes are making by attending a few of the camps each year.
- It is important to recognize two of the hardest working members of our Board, Kurtus Millar and Jason Enright. Both could be found at the fields regularly, and more than willing and able to help out in many capacities. As mentioned last year - not only did Kurtus continue in the role of SAMBA President, he coached a Rally Cap and a Rookie team, and many days could be found doing the groundskeeping at Legion. Jason Enright is just as committed – he was our Equipment Coordinator, going through the equipment and making sure the equipment bags were properly stocked, but he also coached the Midget AA Red team, winning Provincials and Westerns. Both these men truly love the sport of baseball and they want nothing more for people to find their passion in the sport and enjoy playing.
- To our membership as a whole, for helping me as I continue to learn and grow in this role. I had many e-mails thanking the board for all the hours we put in and it's nice to know it doesn't go unappreciated.

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- And most of all, thanks to George, Alex, and Aiden Whyte, who again functioned without a wife and mother for the months of April through to June, so I could do my best in this volunteer role.

Recommendations / Improvements for 2015:

- Continued from 2013/2014 - review, clarify and update SAMBA House League rules to ensure consistency and understanding by our membership, in conjunction with SAMBA By-Laws. Thanks to Matt Becignuel, a long-time member of SAMBA as a player, umpire, and now coach who has stepped up to help with this.
- Suggest implementing a Tournament Director position (non-board member) to assist with running both the mid-season and year-end tournaments.
- Send out surveys to previous members who have not returned to SAMBA to determine why (determining attrition levels)
- Send out surveys to current members to determine why they are staying (determining retention levels)
- Begin to organize both summer and community ball ('A' ball) at the start of the House League season to ensure SAMBA representation at these levels. We did discuss this at the beginning of the year with our coaches and had them lined up at all three levels; however, we didn't advertise to the membership early enough to allow players and their families the opportunity to plan to play.
- To work with the City of St. Albert to identify additional fields to allow for more practice time should teams desire.
- Continued from 2014 - Discuss the options of holding our own Pee Wee level mid-season tournament and making it optional for Pee Wee teams to attend the NEZ tournament. Our M/W teams would like to play the T/H teams as opposed to driving into Edmonton.

Regards

Michelle Whyte
House League Director



2016 Jr. Rep Director Report

2016 was a busy year for the Jr. Rep Program. SAMBA hosted two provincial championships, Pee Wee A Tier II, Mosquito AA Tier IV, as well as AA Westerns for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget which included the Pee Wee AA Red team.

Rep evaluations for 2016 took place at Home Run Sports and Servus Credit Union Place (Servus). All hitting was evaluated at Home Run Sports and this proved to be a good venue. For the first time the Easton Power Sensor was utilized to give four swing measurables that were used as a tool for player comparisons. Servus was used for infield, outfield, and catcher/pitcher evaluations. Hockey play-offs combined with high registration numbers continue to affect evaluation sessions. The existing facility sizes cannot accommodate the number of registrants that we are seeing, and hockey play-offs continue to affect attendance which leads to uneven time in front of the evaluators. In addition, the compressed evaluation schedule does not allow for additional sessions to allow players to get in front of the evaluators.

Due to weather the annual Early Bird Tournament was cancelled, which affected all of the teams in the Jr Rep program.

MOSQUITO DIVISION

31 teams made up the Mosquito AA division for Baseball Alberta.

In St. Albert, 39 players tried out, with 24 players being selected for one of two AA teams. 15 players were released to the House League program. In 2017, 14 players graduate to the Pee Wee division.

Mosquito AA Blue

The Mosquito Blue Cardinals were led by the coaching staff of Byron Whittall, Tony Golab, and John Logan; the OFM position was shared by Mary Golab and Melissa Logan.

The team had 4 second year players and 8 first year players.

The team played 18 league games and finished the season with a 9-9-0 record.

Tournaments: Spruce Grove Tournament (Darin McDonald White Sox Invitational) and finished 5th.

Tier IV Provincials: Were hosted at St Albert Legion Memorial Ball Park on July 29 – 31, 2016 and featured the following teams: Edmonton Padres, Sherwood Park Athletics Green, Edmonton Angels, Grande Prairie Reds, and the St Albert Cardinals Blue. The Cardinals were 3-0 after pool play. They faced Sherwood Park Athletics Green in the final and won 14-4 claiming the Gold and Provincial Champion title.

Mosquito AA Red

The Mosquito Red Cardinals were led by the coaching staff of Travis Parker, Greg Reiniger, Colin Bergstrom, and Jeffrey Harrison; the OFM was Joanne Fabrizi.

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The team had 9 second year players and 3 first year players.

The team played 18 league games and finished the season with a 13-5-0 record.

Tournaments: Spruce Grove Tournament (Darin MacDonald White Sox Invitational) – winners of the tournament.

Tier I Provincials: Were held in Camrose, Alberta on August 5 - 7, 2016 and featured the following teams: Parkland Twins, Camrose Cougars Red, Fort McMurray Oil Giants, South Jasper Place Jays Black, Red Deer Braves, and the St Albert Cardinals Red. The Cardinals were 1-1 after pool play and beat the Parkland Twins 8-0 in the Semi-Final to face the South Jasper Place Jays in the final. The Cardinals were victorious with an 8 - 7 win claiming the Gold and the Provincial Champion title.

PEE WEE DIVISION

39 teams made up the Pee Wee AA Division for Baseball Alberta.

In St. Albert 37 players tried out with No players being released to the House League program. In 2017, 18 players graduate to the Bantam division.

Pee Wee AA Blue

The Pee Wee AA Blue Cardinals were led by the coaching staff of Jason Pitruniak, Craig Mackenzie, Jay Colville, and Bill Surmon; the OFM was Vanessa Charwood.

The team had 4 second year players and 8 first year players.

The team played 19 league games and finished with a 4-15-0 record. Although some games were close in score the team struggled in Round 1 and were re-tiered for Rounds 2 and 3.

Tournaments: Coronation Royals Pee Wee AA Tournament and finished 5th out of 6.

Tier VI Provincials: Held July 29 – 31, 2016 in Fort Saskatchewan with the following teams: Red Deer Braves #2, South Jasper Place Jays, Strathmore Reds #2, Sherwood Park Athletic Green, Fort Saskatchewan Red Sox #2 and the St. Albert Cardinals Blue. The Cardinals were 1-1 after pool play and faced the Sherwood Park Athletics Green in the Tiebreaker, and lost 12-11 in a hard fought battle. The Cardinals faced the Strathmore Reds #2 in the Consolation final but came up short with a 19-11 loss.

Pee Wee AA Red

The Pee Wee AA Red Cardinals were led by the coaching staff of Dave Edwards, Roggie Bourque and Ashley Roy; the OFM was Victoria Neary.

The team had 4 second year players and 8 first year players.

The team played 21 league games and finished with a 12-8-1 record.

Tournaments: None.

Tier II Provincials: Held August 5 – 7, 2016 in Olds, Alberta and featured the Calgary Cubs, Edmonton Padres, Lacombe Dodgers, Innisfail Indians, Strathmore Reds #1, Olds Spitfires, Red Deer Braves #1 and the St Albert Cardinals Red.

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The team went on to represent St. Albert as the Host team at the PeeWee AA Western Canada Championship held August 12 - 14, 2016 in St. Albert. In the division were the Camrose Cougars (Team Alberta), Chilliwack Cougars (Team BC), Winkler Diamond Dogs (Team Manitoba), Prince Albert Royals (Team Saskatchewan) and the Cardinals. All teams proved to be strong competition for the Cardinals as they finished with a 1-4 record. Although the team lost four games this unfortunately does not reflect the level of play for the team nor their team/individual successes. The Winkler Diamond Dogs blew their competition away and went 5-0 in the tournament; winning some games by double digits.

Pee Wee AAA

The Pee Wee AAA Cardinals were led by the coaching staff of Mark Brisson, Fred Mills, Ian McKinley, and Richard Serafinchon; the OFM was Scott Ironside.

The team had 10 second year players and 2 first year players.

The PeeWee AAA division consisted of 8 teams. The Cardinals played 32 league games and finished with a 25-7-0 record.

Peewee Performance St. Albert Cardinals will be graduating 10 players to the Bantam Rep program.

Tournaments:

- Doc Plotsky – The team claimed the Silver Medal in a 25-24 loss in the final. Down 19-2 they came back to lead only to lose in the last at Bat.
- Kamloops Sussex Tournament – Lost to the Cloverdale Chucklers in the semi-final. The two best teams in the tournament unfortunately met in the semi –final. A great building moment for the team.

Provincials:

Unfortunately, we had one player who was a no show for the tournament, leaving the team short-handed from the start.

- In the first game the team hit the ball to the other team and they caught everything – they played great. The loss was the first to the Red Deer Braves all season.
- The next two games resulted in wins and advancing to the semi-final against Calgary. Battled hard but lost the game in the end.
- In the Bronze medal game, the Cards beat the Red Deer Braves 11-10 to earn the bronze medal and a berth in the Western Canadian Peewee Championships. Of note: we started the 7th inning up 11-1. Whew!!
- We played very well when we needed to. Pitching was great. Defense was great. Hitting was very good. The Development of the players truly came out in our provincial run. Very proud of the boys that were there with one of our top pitchers quitting before the tournament.

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Pee Wee AAA Western Canadian Championships – was run extremely well by the parents in Saskatoon and Baseball Canada.

- We prepared very well for the tournament. 6 Practices before we left. Warm up before game one was excellent.
- Game one – played All-star Sask Team (most players going to the national championship as well). We bobbled the first two weak ground balls to second base, and that set the tone for the weekend.
- We did not play well until game 5. Won our last game. Finished 1-4. 6th place. Surprised by the performance, but the players had fun all weekend and enjoyed the experience. Will help them if they reach there again.

Other highlights:

- Clobbered over 30 HRs as a team. Most in recent Pee wee Performance history.
- Each pitcher was taught at least 3 pitches (Fast ball, change up, Splitter, Cut Fastball, 4-seam, 2-seam, and curve ball for BC and Westerns). Coach Fred Mills did a great job.
- The players were much improved from their first practice. Some very good athletes in this group.
- Overall Record= 36-14-1.
- Coaching staff in support of the head coach were excellent. Would recommend them to be on a baseball bench in the future if they decide to put their name forward.
- We were very supported by the parent group and the SAMBA Board.

SINGLE A

2016 saw House League players interested in participating in Single A provincials. SAMBA fielded two Mosquito and one Pee Wee team. The teams came together early in July which did not afford them much time in the way of practices before their games began.

Mosquito A #1

This team was coached by Brent Moffat and Lane Moore and the OFM was Danielle Moffat.

The team had 4 second year players, 7 second year players, and 3 underage players.

The team competed in Tier III Provincials which were held July 22 – 24, 2016 in Rimbey, Alberta and featured the Rimbey Roughnecks, Parkland Twins Red, Barrhead Orioles, and the St Albert Cardinals #1. The Cardinals were 3-0 in pool play and faced the Rimbey Roughnecks in the finals and finished with a Silver medal after a tough 13-5 loss.

Mosquito A #2

This team was coached by Keith Sheldon, Dave Pirnak, Tim Saunders, and Shane Bruneau.

The team had 7 second year players, 5 first year players, and 1 underage player.

The team competed in Tier II Provincials which were held July 22 – 24, 2016 in Spruce Grove and featured the Parkland Twins Blue, Innisfail Indians, St Paul Storm, Olds Spitfires and the St Albert Cardinals #2. The Cardinals were 1-4 in pool play and did not advance to the medal round.

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Pee Wee A

The team was coached by Don Anderson and James Asprey.

The team had 5 second year players and 7 first year players.

The team competed in Tier II provincials which were held in St Albert July 22 – 24, 2016 and featured the Mayerthorpe Mets, Peace County Toyota, Edmonton Padres, Olds Spitfires, Clive Red Sox and the St. Albert Cardinals. Cardinals were 0-2 in pool play and faced Peace County Toyota in the Consolation Final but lost 17-7.

SUMMARY

Round 1 continues to be a challenge for our Blue teams due to our selection process of picking the Red team first followed by the Blue team, with Baseball Alberta not tiering the teams until the second round. This results in the Blue team facing stiff competition that can be positive in some aspects, and negative in others especially for players new to rep baseball that may have not seen competition such as this.

Fair Play vs. Equal Play continues to be a contentious issue for some families new to rep baseball as well as some long time members. There is no silver bullet to this problem, as the President said in the Bantam AAA parent meeting, and I paraphrase “the parents in this room are listening to what is being said, but each of you is thinking this doesn't apply to my player as he/she is one of the best players in the room”. As a start, this needs to be better defined in the SAMBA Handbook for reference later in the season as the issues develop. Rep team expectations are clearly defined in the SAMBA Handbook but need to be reinforced to all families during the evaluation process prior to the selection of the teams.

The formation of Single A teams should happen before the end of the House League season to allow the teams time to practice before their schedule begins in July. A review of the evaluation and selection procedures should be completed prior to May of 2017. As this was the first year for this SAMBA Board of Directors to have Single A teams there was some confusion on roles and responsibilities, as well as player evaluations and team selections. If this program is to proceed in the future the selection procedure needs to be open and transparent, and the roles of the Rep Director and the Technical Director need to be clear so that the teams can be supported from the beginning.

In closing I would like to thank all the families who stepped up and volunteered their time this season; especially those who gave up time in August to help us host the AA Western Canada Championships for PeeWee, Bantam, and Midget. Without our volunteers, we would not have been able to host such an event. I would also like to thank my head coaches and their staff for their hard work this season, the results were outstanding. The umpires need to be thanked as well. We might not always agree with their decisions, but without them there would be no games. It has been an exciting past couple of years and a steep learning curve for myself in the role of Jr. Rep Director. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support, and should this be my last term as director I will look upon it with a sense of accomplishment as I hope that I have served the role well.

Senior Rep Director Report

Bantam AAA

Coaching Staff: Sean Erikson, Taylor Wiebe, Colin Froment

Players: 16 players, 12 second years, and 4 first years. The team included 2 imports.

Tournaments: Okotoks Canada Day Classic. Lost a heartbreaker to Calgary Bandits in the last game and did not qualify for playoffs.

The Bantam AAA's competed in the AAA Performance division of Baseball Alberta. The league consisted of 11 teams. The Cards played 33 league game with 25 wins and 8 Losses, to finish first overall. St Albert hosted provincials with help from Parkland County. St Albert played in Pool A, at Legion, and finished with a 2-1 record to advance to the semi finals. The semi finals and finals had to be relocated to Spruce Grove as the Bantam Field was hit with heavy rain and could not be made playable. The team defeated Parkland in the semi-final and Okotoks Black in the final to advance to Nationals in Summerside, PEI.

The team competed in Pool B, and went undefeated with a 5-0 record. In the semi finals, the team met a very tough Quebec team and could not come out with a victory. In the semi final the team met BC who started a very strong pitcher. In the end the team lost the bronze medal game to finish fourth.

It was great year with a great bunch of players. The players competed hard, practiced hard and the results came with the team reaching the goal set out at the beginning of the year of reaching Nationals. This team graduates 11 St Albert players to the Midget program next year who will compete hard for positions on the AAA team. 3 first year St Albert players will form the basis of next years Bantam AAA team, and will bring with them the experience of competing at Nationals to that team. A long and rewarding season all around

Brian Bourassa

Bantam AA Blue

I believe we had a successful, yet interesting, year! Our team consisted of all, but one, first year bantam players and from all levels of play last year. We had a dedicated group of coaches that stepped in to ensure we even had a team, and made development and teaching the fundamentals their top priority. I think the parents would all agree that our boys were all better ball players by the end of the season!

We played in two tournaments this year, the Darin McDonald Invitational in Spruce Grove in June and the Dan Lawson Memorial in Calgary in July. Our season concluded at Tier IV Provincials in Elk Point where we entered as the top seed but eventually fell to the home club.

Neil Wanhella

Bantam AA Red

4 Players returned from last years team, 6 second year Bantams altogether.

Tournament: Silver medalists at Valley of Champions tournament in Kelowna

Baseball Alberta: Team Record: 20 games played in Baseball Alberta League this year, 13 wins, 7 losses.

Bantam AA Tier 1 after seeding round.

Provincials in Grand Prairie - There were 8 Teams in Tier 1, and we were the 4th ranked team. We lost 10-7 to Grande Prairie in the semi-finals after going 2-1 in round robin.

Westerns: 0-4. 2 losses were by 1 run.

Big thanks to Coaching Staff: Chuck Blackburn, Kelly Olsen, Rod Dabels, OFM: Roxanne Olivia, and SAMBA for the support through the season.

George Whyte

Midget AAA

Midget AAA Cardinals finished in tier one for the Provincials. They lost in their pool in Provincials. They attended tournaments in Abbotsford, Okotoks and Spokane as well as Edmonton. Lots of young talent, so next year should be better.

Rick Owen

Midget AA Red

When the Midget AA Red team was formed in early April the team set 1 very high but attainable slogan: "1 Team, 1 Goal, Repeat.....and More!!". This goal in itself would imply repeating as Provincial Gold Medal Championship and securing our spot in Westerns as well as taking the next step and Winning the Western Canadian Midget AA Championships.

League play: For the second consecutive year the Cardinals had only 1 defeat in league play compiling a league record of 20-1, good for first overall and 4 points up on second place.

Tournament Play: The highlight of the Cardinals tournament play was a victory in the Valley of Champions event in Kelowna BC. Early in the season the Midget AA Cardinals travelled to an elite tournament in Mississauga Ontario. A great event with several top AA teams from all across Ontario. Although the tournament ended with a 3-1 loss in the semi finals it was a huge step in challenging the Cardinals to see what it would take to play against some of the top AA teams all across Canada.

Provincial Championships: The Cardinals entered the Provincials as the #1 seed and defeated Strathmore, Leduc and Camrose in round robin play to enter the semi finals. In the semis the Cards defeated the second overall seed Barrhead Orioles 5-0 to reach the finals. In the finals the Cardinals were met by the Lacombe Dodgers: A decisive 12-2 victory rewarded the Cards as Champions of 2016 Tier 1 Provincial Champions and first repeat champions at the Midget AA level.

Westerns: Having won Silver in 2015 the Cardinals were back and had expectations to top the 2015 result. With a 3-1 round robin record (victories over BC, Saskatchewan and Lacombe and loss to Manitoba) the Cardinals secured a birth in the final and a rematch vs the same Manitoba team that had beat us the previous year. And in a game that has been described as a career highlight by everyone involved the Cardinals prevailed 5-3 to capture first place in the Western Canadian National Championship.

This was a special group of players and I was extremely proud and lucky to have had the opportunity to share this great baseball season and with some the majority of their minor baseball career with them.

I would like to sincerely thank Craig McEwen, my side kick. Although the joys of victory often get addressed to the head coach, I can honestly say in my years coaching with Craig we have been more than equals and I know there is no way in which I would have been able to guide this team without his support, conversation, and leadership.

Lastly the team would like to sincerely thank the SAMBA BOD and countless volunteers who put on an amazing weekend hosting the Western Championships. We were very proud of the job everyone did and we were proud to represent Alberta but for 4 days we stood ever prouder as St Albert Cardinals.

Jason Enright



2016 SAMBA/Tiger Liaison Report

The 2016 season was fairly traditional for the Tigers / SAMBA with the exception of one hiccup mid-season.

To start off the season, baseball evaluations went well again and it appears as though both SAMBA and the Tigers enjoy the current schedule and the way the evals are conducted. I have had positive feedback from both sides.

Tigers Camp was held June 4th of this year and we had an attendance of nearly 100 kids. This is a great turnout which included kids from Rally Cap through to Mosquito. We are still hearing negative feedback from some PeeWee parents as our camp is usually held on the weekend of their mid-season tournament at NEZ. With all the busy schedules out there, unfortunately we have not been able to accommodate much different, but are open to ideas in future seasons.

The Annual Tigers Tournament was held the weekend of June 24-26th in which the tournament ended early due to rain, rain, and more rain. It was at this time where there was a 'hiccup' in the partnership between SAMBA and the Tigers, which has since been resolved. There was unintentional damage done to the Landrex Midget diamond in hopes to make the diamond playable during inclement weather, but the rain wouldn't let up long enough to finish the tournament despite everyone's good intentions and efforts; it took SAMBA crews many days to repair the damages incurred that weekend. The Tigers Executive, team as well as other affiliates involved that weekend have apologized to SAMBA for field damages and the actions will not be repeated in following seasons.

The Tigers Executive still owe for the use of the field lights for the 2016 season, which will be paid in early November.

The Tigers 2016 AGM will be held November 5th at 'The Bourbon Room' in St. Albert.

Submitted by,

Kelly Phelan

SAMBA/Tigers Liaison



2016 Marketing Director Report

2016 was a busy year once again for SAMBA, several tournaments, dedications and championships made this a memorable season. Parents, coaches, fans and of course players had a stellar year, finishing it off with our own Midget Cardinals taking home the Western AA Championship on their home diamond. Our goal with our marketing programs is to continue to endear the community to Legion Ball Diamonds and the great game of baseball.

2016 has been a tough year for our supporters, and response to sponsorship requests has been slow. We are doing our best to encourage new companies to come down to our diamonds and partake in local events hosted by SAMBA to entrench them in our culture. We have several new businesses that we are talking to and hopefully the 2017 season will see them onboard as major sponsors. Our social media interaction is going strong and a great vehicle for us to communicate with our members and encourage new involvement.

SAMBA Year Long Sponsorships

- Old Dutch
- Doubletree Hotels

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| - Dairy Queen | - Nitza's Pizza |
| - Pepsi | - Oceanair Designs |
| - | - Double Tree Hotel |
| - Save On Foods | - Riverside |
| - Frontier Plumbing and Heating | - Anything Branded |
| - Fraser Shingling & Exteriors Ltd. | - J. Ennis Fabrics |

Future Recommendations

- SAMBA should continue to participate in community events to continue to grow awareness and educate future participants.
- SAMBA needs to continue to solicit the existing and new St. Albert businesses to encourage participation in our long term sponsorships short term events.
- 2017 will see us increase our presence in the community and with social media.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2017 season!

Regards,

Cori White
Marketing Director



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ATTENTION: MEMBERS OF ST. ALBERT MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (SAMBA)
REFERENCE: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015/2016

Attached are the Financial Statements for the year starting October 1st, 2015 and ending September 30th, 2016.

These statements were audited on October 11th, 2016 by the undersigned, Linda Knoblauch and Annette Supruniuk, two members of the Association as per current Association By-Laws.

These are being presented to you this evening at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for your information. We believe these to be a true and accurate accounting of the financial affairs for SAMBA to the best of our knowledge.

Sincerely,

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