

SCMBA AGM

October 16, 2023 @ 7:00pm

All Saints School

Welcome Everyone.

Present: James Jacobson, Dave and Lori Langen, Quinton Chastkiewicz (via video call), Toni Adair, Erlene Deobald, Richard Cashin, Chad Duckworth, Gerald Johnson, Wade Phair, Garnett Unger, Jason Soos.

Regrets: Butter (Jamie LeBlanc) and Conrad Funk.

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lori, seconded by Dave, All in Favor.

Division Reports:

T-ball- No report from Kody Orr. He has resigned from the position.

2023 had 30 registrations, down 19 from 2022. No complaints this year. They had 4 teams this year and even had a tournament. All went well this year.

Rally Cap- There were 97 players registered this year. They were divided into 8 teams. 4 teams played on Tuesday/Thursday, and the other 4 played on Monday/Wednesday night.

2017- 36 players

2016-27 players

2015- 34 players- only 4 players had played all 3 years in the rally cap division.

They had a tournament on June 10th. The teams all played 4 games with 3 innings each. The kids were given a bottle of Gatorade and a freezie. There was mixed feedback from the teams. Most enjoyed playing 3 innings, while others thought it was too much.

There were extra practices for the kids born in 2015. Dave Langen, Bobby Singbeil, and Travis Uteck were the coaches. Invitations were sent out to all 34 kids, however only 15 kids joined the extra practices on Friday night for June, and Wednesday nights in July. They organized a game with the 11U house league. Overall it was a successful season and Lori and Dave are looking forward to the 2024 season.

11U- U11 Division had 65 registered kids with only 12 3rd year kids in total so in all it is a young registration year. AAA team coached by Tom Christianson had 12, AA coached by James Jacobson had 13, Rockies coached by Dave Myers had 13, Cardinals coached by Leon Roberts had 14, & A's coached by Marc Perrault had 13.

AAA team was a younger group with 5 3rd year kids, 6 2nd year kids, & 1 1st year kid. They won a few league games & played many close games. Attended tournaments in Regina & Saskatoon along with their home tournament. Attended league playoff tournament in Regina & went 1-2. They were put in AA Tier 1 for provincials in Moose Jaw & won.

AA team was a very young team with 7 1st years & 6 2nd years. Was a growing year but this group came along way playing some very close league games along the way. Attended tournaments in Saskatoon & Meadow Lake along with making it to the final in the home tournament. Went 1-2 in league playoff tournament & also 1-2 in Tier 4 provincials in Weyburn. Had lots of positive feedback from parents on how much this young group grew & improved through the year!

The 3 house teams played in the Elks League consisting of teams from Shaunavon x2, Gull Lake x2, Maple Creek x2, Cabri, Fox Valley & Hazlet. Played an 8-game league schedule with top 4 teams making playoffs. No Swift teams made playoffs, but all had some wins. To keep the season going till the end of June we played some exhibition games just amongst the Swift teams. One of the teams played for an extra couple weeks & played a game against the 3rd year rally cap kids. I heard nothing but positive feedback about joining the Elks League this year so definitely was a good move, I think.

In final I would like to have tryouts for AA & AAA a couple weeks earlier & possibly even together just to have coaches & everything lined up sooner for house league. Everything from sponsorship, scheduling, team fees collected, & budget all done sooner. I think everything would be less hectic if done earlier.

11UAA loved the July 1st long weekend for their home tourney.

11U AAA had 3 Alberta teams drop out right before their home tourney which made for some changes in the schedule.

13U- The start of the season had 54 registered players, however 5 decided not to play for various reasons. The AAA team was coached by Tom Christianson and had 12 players. The AA team was coached by James Jacobson, and also had 12 players. This left 19 players to make up 2 teams to play in the Elk's league.

Both the AAA and AA hosted home tournaments this year and the spots filled up quickly.

Both rep teams competed in the Regina League and also in the Provincial Tournaments, with the AAA winning the AA tier 1 provincial title.

The umpire schedule and organizing was well done by Clayton Obst and was appreciated by all. Jason Soos would like to thank all the coaches, managers and parents who volunteered their time in the 2023 season.

15U/18U- The 18U division ran very well this season. The pre-season tournament in May went smoothly despite the smoke in the air. Our only team played in the AAA Premier league and just missed out on Provincials. The team was coached by Kurri Darby, and did a great job. There were no complaints or concerns from any players or parents.

We are hoping to select next year's coach this fall and get the majority of next years team picked that they can begin some off-season training in the Stockade or Prime.

Gerald spent a couple weeks prior to the season attempting to assemble a 15U team for the Elks league, but fell short. The 15U players not playing on the AAA team were given an opportunity to join neighbouring communities (Gull Lake, Cabri and Maple Creek)of which 2 players took that opportunity and a few others played in the 13U Elks league with Swift Current teams.

Next year we will need to get a better handle on numbers so that plans can be made for the second teams in 18U and 15U divisions.

Thanks to the businesses sponsoring the team and to those installing the new digital score board at Kinsmen Field as well as coaches, volunteers and umpires throughout the season.

President's Report- Welcome everyone. I would first like to start off with my gratitude to all the board members. Without you all we would not have a program for the youth in Swift Current and surrounding areas to enjoy the great sport of baseball. We all have busy lives with work and family so knowing how much extra time you guys volunteer to make sure our programs run smoothly and be successful does not go unnoticed. So a huge thank-you goes out to each of you.

Second I would like to thank the parents who signed their kids up, ran them to practice and games and also volunteered time to help coach or manage a team. Again without all of those we wouldn't have baseball in Swift Current, so thank you goes to all.

The 2022/2023 season was a success. We saw the diamonds busy almost every weekend and during the week with lots of fun being had, skills being learned and host to many teams from across the province and out of the province.

We also saw some new things implemented into SCMB which were good but also a bit challenging as they are new things. We hired a coach for the 18U AAA program which went very well. We also started the new sponsorship programs which was a bit confusing at times but turned out to be helpful in the end. The kinks have been worked out and all is ready for the 2024 season. In the end I feel it was a good start and will be beneficial in the future of the SCMB.

SCMB teams took turns accompanying the 57's team onto the field for many home games which was nice to see the collaboration between the two associations. We look forward to the building the relationship even more.

Our program saw 3 graduating players scouted and attending baseball college/University. We also had 5 players from our associations achieving the opportunity to play on Team Sask for their divisions.

Looking forward to next year, planning for washroom upgrades and revamping the batting cages which the 57's association has agreed to collaborate and help with some funds for the batting cages. Plan to start the coach application and selection process earlier in order to get the season running ASAP. We will be looking to grow our umpire numbers again to help out with all the great tournaments and games hosted by SCMB. I look forward to another great season ahead.

Again, a huge thank you to everyone involved with SCMB. I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the diamonds in 2024.

Also mentioned was the involvement of Innovation Federal Credit Union to assist with the bathrooms. We are also going to ask the City to clean the bathrooms for us.

Financial Statement-

Swift Current Minor Baseball
Income/Expense statement (cash basis)
October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

Category	2023	2022	Difference
Income			
Registration fees	\$77,772	\$51,971	\$25,801
Grants	13,135	8,110	5,025
Selects tournament	6,000	-	6,000
Interest	582	-	582
Other	-	1,086	(1,086)
Umpires	-	(4,115)	4,115
	<u>\$97,489</u>	<u>\$57,052</u>	<u>\$40,437</u>
Expenses			
Baseball Sask fees	\$1,315	\$0	\$1,315
City fees/utilities/facility rent	6,864	3,440	3,424
Coaching & umpire clinics	601	1,913	(1,312)
Equipment/clothing	44,058	53,007	(8,949)
Insurance	2,471	1,953	518
Maintenance	1,064	7,351	(6,287)
Service charges/office	1,402	300	1,102
Tournament entry fees	6,300	4,273	2,027
Umpires	14,017	14,233	(216)
Westerns	-	6,935	(6,935)
	<u>\$78,093</u>	<u>\$93,405</u>	<u>(\$15,312)</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>\$19,396</u>	<u>(\$36,353)</u>	<u>\$55,749</u>
Cash opening	\$71,293		
Cash closing	\$90,689		

Financial report

1. Net income of \$19,396 vs net loss in 2022 of \$36,353. Cash increased to \$90,689.
2. The organization is in a strong financial position going forward.
3. No major equipment or building purchases in 2023.
4. Registration fees increased across the board reason for higher revenue.
5. Late spring led to more indoor facilities being rented.

To summarize- we had a loss in 2022 due to the larger purchases like tractors. The slight increase in registration fees and the sponsorship helped increase out balance.

Appointment of Board Members 2023/2024-

Open positions:

T-ball, vice president and 15U/18U.

All positions have been filled. Dave and Lori Langen will help with t-ball along with Rally Cap-thank-you.

Vice president is now Chad Kozun. Welcome back!

15U/18U- Gerald Johnson will be the head of both divisions- thanks!!!

Gerald Johnson made the motion to accept Chad Kozun as the VP. Garnett Unger seconded, All in favor.

Umpires- It is recommended to use the Arbiter app/program to help Clayton.

Lots of kids took the umpire training, but did not receive 1 call. We may consider 3 umps at the younger ages to get more umpires experience. We are thinking we need to do an umpire blitz to entice more people to become ump's. We may need to do a clinic before the season, and later in the year after kids are picked for rep teams. We would like to get a umpire liaison on our board.

Quinton is going to look into RAMPS Officiating.

Looking into 2024- We are hoping Clayton can do the ump clinics earlier and we will get the work out earlier. We also want to get the rep teams coach's applications out earlier, so that teams can be picked earlier.

Batting cages- the 57's are willing to offer some money towards the new batting cages since they will be using them also. Garnett will get the plans to Toni before Oct 24 as the plans need to be to the City before then for future work. We plan on using the existing nets, but may need to find a new way to keep the turf dry.

Email suggestions- Quinton is hoping that we can all use gmail accounts for all division heads etc. Google Workspace would be free since we are non-profit organization.

Coach Selection- we are planning to choose our rep team coaches earlier and having evaluations earlier. We are thinking of putting out the coaches call in January, and having the coaches picked by February, and having combined try-outs for AA and AAA. SCMB needs to secure spots at the Stockade and we need to set tournament dates.

Canteen- We need to put out the bid for the canteen workers early and get our tournament and league games. It would be nice to have the canteen open when there are few league games on the same time.

Garbage- We would like the garbage receptacles out later, into Fall Ball season. Outhouse was still at Ford Field on field clean up day

Sheds- Would like a shed at the Rally Cap/T-ball diamonds so that we can get rid of the bins. They get missed being locked and stuff goes missing quite often. We are thinking around a 4'x6' shed, but we will discuss more later.

Thanks to everyone for Attending!

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18pm.