

Swift Current Minor Baseball Association

AGM

Monday October 21, 2024

6:30pm in All Saints Library

Present: Toni Adair, James Jacobson, Jason Soos, Gerald Johnson, Quinton Chastkiewicz, Lori Langen, Erlene and Blake Deobald, Erin and Richard Cashin, Chad Duckworth, Wade Phair, Conrad Funk, Chad Kozun.

Regrets: Garnett Unger

Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm.

Welcome everyone, and thanks for attending the AGM.

Motion to adopt last years minutes by Gerald Johnson, Seconded by Quinton, All in Favor.

Motion to adopt the agenda by Lori, seconded by Conrad, All in Favor.

Division Reports:

Registration- Only down 1 player from last year. There are no concerns with our registrations this year.

Some questions regarding registration were about the shorter length that registration was open. Our website was being developed last year and took a little longer than expected, so registration was delayed a bit. We can consider opening it earlier next year. Baseball Sask has to open their registration before we can open ours. We may need to get it out a little better as some families did not know that it opened and almost missed the deadline. We did not deny any player from registering even if they were late. There was no late fee.

Did we keep track of umpire registration?- We did not track it. Possibly Clayton tracked it.

Tball/Rally Cap- T Ball:

We had 4 teams of 10 players each. A 3 game tournament was held on June 15th. All players were given juice boxes and a freezie.

T Ball was held played on Monday/Wednesday nights as we didn't have enough to play the 4 night option.

All equipment was returned to the SCMBA shed.

Rally Cap:

We had 8 teams, 10-11 kids per team. Rally Cap was played with 4 teams on Monday/Wednesday and 4 teams on Tuesday/Thursday.

Tournament was held on June 15th, we played 3 games. The teams from Monday/Wednesday played the teams from Tuesday/Thursday. All the players were given a Gatorade and a freezie.

The 3rd year Rally Cap players did an extra practice on Friday nights for June and July. Clay Becker was the coach. I heard from a few parents that it went well.

All coach's bags and equipment have been returned to the SCMBA shed. A few coaches have said they will be back to coach next year. Also have a coach will doing to coach the third year players.

Toronto Blue Jays Ball Caps

The Rally Cap kids were also given a Blue Jays baseball cap, that was donated by the Blue Jays and Rogers to all the Jr and Sr Rally Cap kids. The ball caps were distributed by Sask Baseball.

We gave the caps to the kids after the last baseball game at the tournament.

11U- Tryouts were held in March this year running AAA & AA together which I thought was great to get the ball rolling. We had 8-10 outside evaluators that attended the 3 eval days which was great to have the outside input to take pressure off coaches & the feedback from parents was positive seeing that.

U11 Division had 74 registered kids this year, so we were up 9 from last year. AAA team coached by Mark Reiter, AA coached by Chad Duckworth, Rockies coached by Laine Wall, A's coached by Dave Langen, Giants coached by Jonathan England & Tigers coached by Bobby Singbeil. We were able to field 4 house teams this year opposed to 3 last year.

AAA team had a successful season losing in the final of league championship. They attended tournaments in Regina & Saskatoon along with their home tournament. They won the Lagasse tournament in Regina. Attended AAA playoffs in Regina.

AA team finished 2nd in league play. Attended tournaments in Humboldt winning the B side along with winning their home tournament. Attended Tier 1 Provincials in Prince Albert. Was good to see both rep teams be very successful & competitive this year.

The 4 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 all teams making playoffs split into top 4, middle 4 & bottom 5. Added an extra game or 2 for all the teams.

Also, this year we made a provincial team out of the 4 house teams coached by Dave Langen. They played a tournament in Watrous & a couple exhibition games before attending Tier 6 Provincials in Warman. This was a young team that won a few & played some very close games. Was great for an opportunity for this group to get more playing time & extend their season. Continuing this I think is great for development.

Equipment wise everything was good, everything cleaned up & returned. Possibly look into a new set or 2 of catching equipment & gloves as some are getting pretty run down. Also, equipment shed at Mosquito South is in dire need of replacement & getting worse by the day with pieces blowing off & falling off.

Regards

Chad Duckworth

13U- The 2024 season had 44 players register to play U13 baseball in 2024 which was down 10 from the 2023 season. Both the AAA and AA teams chose 12 players each leaving 20 to play the Elks League. The 2 Swift Current teams that competed in the local Elks League were named the White Sox and A's. We did have 3 players come down from the U15 division to play at this level. The Elks League coaches and managers agreed to our request for this.

Both the AA and AAA hosted home tournament this year. The AA had the team slots fill quickly and the AAA team may want to consider moving their weekend as a lot of teams had other tournaments to attend.

As in the past these rep teams competed in the Regina AAA and AA leagues.

These competed in 13U AAA Tier 1 tournament hosted by Regina and 13U Tier 2 tournament hosted by the Sask 5 team for their provincial tournaments.

The umpire schedule and organizing was well done by Clayton Obst, it was appreciated by all.

I'd like to thank all the coaches, team managers, and parents who volunteered in all capacities for U13 baseball in the 2024 season which made it a successful year for the players at all levels.

U13 Division Head

Jason Soos

15U/18U- The U15 group had two teams this season. One competing in the Regina AA league and coached by Eli Lafontaine, and the other competing in the Sask Premier AAA League, coached by Shawn Irwin.

These teams struggled in their respective leagues. The AA team hosted a successful tournament. They did well in AA Tier 6 Provincials losing the final to Wartime.

The AAA u15 attended two out of town tournaments. At AAA Tier 2 Provincials, they lost the final to East Central.

In U18, we only had one team, coached by Kurri Darby they competed in the Sask Premier AAA league. The team did well in league and hosted a successful tournament to kick off the season in May.

At Provincials the U18's did not qualify for the semi-finals, losing 2 games in extra-innings.

The U18 parent group was very involved in getting the batting cages ready for their home tournament, thanks to all those who helped out.

Indoor sessions at the Stockade in Jan/Feb/March for the U18's was a great way to get the season started and players prepared for tryouts and a quick start to league play in May .

The U15's held AAA and AA tryouts in the Stockade and completed outdoors. The indoor pre-season training is definitely beneficial, but difficult to schedule around the many multi-sport athletes we have in Swift Current.

At the time of preparing this report, the U18AAA, U15AAA and U15AA coaching positions for next season are open.

Yours in Baseball,

Gerald Johnson

U15/U18 Division Head, SCMB

Umpire Report- Clayton reports that he was happy with the young umpires. We still need to increase our umpires. There is still a shortage in 15U and 18U level. It is much easier to become certified to ump; you just need to watch a video. Clayton will always be willing to help and mentor new umpires. Clayton was pleased with the communication between coaches and managers.

He recommends not booking all our homes games at the beginning of the season. This makes it very difficult to find umpires, and we had to pay a lot of travel expenses to get umpires from other cities.

We would like to find ways to entice younger players to umpire. We can add a question in the registration form if the player would be interested.

A recommendation was to pay the umpires right after the game. The younger umpires would appreciate it. The concern is the travel expenses. We will discuss at another meeting if this is possible.

Clayton emails a spreadsheet to Conrad once a month and Conrad will e-transfer the amount.

President's Report- Welcome to our Swift Current Minor Baseball Annual General Meeting and thank you all for attending and supporting SCMB.

2024 was another successful year. Diamonds were full with ball players and spectators every weekend. I would like to say a huge thank you to my fellow board members and volunteers for the many hours spent again this year to keep things running.

This year we were able to introduce some new equipment, training resources and opportunities for all teams because of your dedication and time which included the big project of new batting cages. A huge thank you goes out to all involved in seeing that project through. These projects and equipment are made possible by the generous sponsors in and around our community and work of the teams finding the sponsors.

We once again hosted many tournaments and games including the May 1st Selects tournament again which saw 17 teams compete. I look forward to continuing to grow the programs more, hosting big events and giving our members many more experiences to grow as athletes and as a community. Even though we saw an increase in registration of umpires we will need to continue recruiting for more, with all the games we host we are still in need of more umpires.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that make these events possible. I would like to thank all our volunteer coaches, as without them practices, games or teams would not be possible. And to the parents as well for giving us the opportunity to work with their children and for taking the time to get them to practices, games and traveling where needed. Thank you all for taking time to help maintain our facilities and diamonds. Whenever teams visit we receive many comments on how well our facilities are and that is because of our volunteers and parents who help groom them and prepare them for games and tournaments.

Sponsorship continues to allow us to complete new projects one of which we hope to be new bathrooms construction in partnership with the city for 2025. To run such an organization takes a great amount of teamwork and time so I am so appreciative of all of you who make it run smoothly and efficiently. So Thank you all and thank you all again for your support of SCMB.

Thank you

Toni Adair- President of SCMB

Financial Summary-

Swift Current Minor Baseball

Income/Expense statement (cash basis)

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

<u>Category</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Income			
Registration fees	100,710	77,772	22,938
Grants	2,850	13,135	(10,285)
Interest	1,150	582	568
Selects tournament	750	6,000	(5,250)
	<u>105,459</u>	<u>97,489</u>	<u>7,970</u>
Expenses			
Baseball Sask fees	15,690	1,315	14,375
City fees/utilities/facility rent	7,365	6,864	501
Coaching & umpire clinics	5,931	601	5,330
Equipment/clothing	50,167	44,058	6,109
Insurance	2,471	2,471	(0)
Maintenance and buildings	9,246	1,064	8,182
Service charges/office	1,287	1,402	(115)
Tournament entry fees	5,845	6,300	(455)
Umpires	23,746	14,017	9,729
	<u>121,747</u>	<u>78,092</u>	<u>43,655</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(16,288)</u>	<u>19,397</u>	<u>(35,685)</u>
Cash opening	90,689		
Cash closing	74,401		

Financial report

1. Net loss of \$16,288 vs net income in 2023 of \$19,397. Cash decreased to \$74,401.
2. The organization is still in a strong financial position going forward.
3. New batting cages major expense in 2024.
4. Since we report on the cash basis, a lot of the decrease is a timing difference
1.5 years of Sk baseball fees paid in 2024
5. Cost of umpires increased substantially, mainly due to travel
Need to focus on building the pool of local umpires
6. Equipment & clothing is getting more expensive each year
7. Paid for coaches clinics, umpire clinics
8. Had major grant received in 2023 for hosting Westerns

Constitution Changes- Thanks to Chad K and Quinton for making the changes in the Constitution. Motion to amend the Constitution by Gerald, seconded by Chad Duckworth, All in Favor.

SCMBA Constitution Amendments

As of October 21, 2024

Note: Formatting has been changed throughout the entirety of the Constitution for legibility and brand purposes. Page numbers for certain items have been revised that are not captured in this document will follow the same order as the previous version of the Constitution.

Vice President:

Previous (Page 7, Item C-2): “The Vice President shall be responsible for website, and social media information.

Revised (Page 11, Item C): Removed and moved to duties of Registration and Website Coordinator (page 14)

Treasurer:

Previous (Page 8, Item D-8): “The treasurer shall be responsible for managing online and in person registrations”

Revised (Page 11, Item D): Removed and moved to duties of Registration and Website Coordinator (page 14)

Board Director, Appointed Positions:

Previous (Page 9, Items 3-10), Revised (Page 12, Items 3-9)

Position titles have been revised as follows:

Previous: “3. Mosquito Director”

Revised: “3. 11U Division Director”

Previous: “4. Pee Wee Director”

Revised: “4. 13U Division Director” (continued on next page...)

Previous: “5. Bantam Director”

Revised: “5. 15U Division Director”

Previous: “6. Midget Director”

Revised: “6. 18U Division Director”

Previous: “7. Equipment Director”

Revised: “7. Equipment and Facilities Coordinator”

Previous: “8. Concession Director”

Revised: Removed Entirely

Previous: “9. Safety/CRC/VSC Director”

Revised: “8. Compliance OWicer”

Previous: “10. Diamond Maintenance Director”

Revised: Removed Entirely

Added: “9. Registration and Website Coordinator”

Equipment and Facilities Coordinator (revised):

Previous (Page 10-11): “The Equipment Director Reports to the SCMBA board, and shall be responsible for the purchase, repair, storage, inventory, collection and distribution of Association Equipment at the direction and approval of the Board. [...]

The Diamond Maintenance Director reports to the SCMBA board, and is responsible for all aspect of diamond maintenance, and diamond allocations for all divisions. They can and will do minor repairs to all the diamonds. They will collect data on what is needed

for major repairs, and improvements on the diamonds and with the City of Swift Current Community Services department build a plan to repair, improve the diamonds.

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Revised (Page 12): Combined “Equipment Director” and “Diamond Maintenance Director” into one position: “Equipment and Facilities Director”

[Duties:] “The Equipment and Facilities Coordinator Reports to the SCMBA board, and shall be responsible for the facilities, purchase, repair, storage, inventory, collection and distribution of Association Equipment at the direction and approval of the Board. They are also responsible for all aspect of diamond maintenance, and diamond allocations for all divisions. They can and will do minor repairs to all the diamonds. They will collect data on what is needed for major repairs, and improvements on the diamonds and with the City of Swift Current Community Services department build a plan to repair, improve the diamonds.”

Registration and Website Coordinator (new):

Added (Page 14): “The Registration and Website Coordinator shall be responsible for managing online and in-person registrations, as well as managing the website in coordination with RAMP and social media relations including, but not limited to, posts made on the SCMB social media accounts and email communications. The Registration and Website Coordinator may also delegate duties as agreed to by SCMBA.”

Article 7 - Meetings

Previous (Page 11): “The AGM shall be held annually in the month of September”

Revised (Page 15): “The AGM shall be held annually in the month of October”

Election or Appointment of Directors

Previous (Page 13, Items 3-10), Revised (Page 12, Items 3-9)

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Article 12 – Dissolution

Previous (Page 15): “Any funds and assets of SCMBA would be turned over to the Swift Current Indians baseball club, on the dissolution of SCMBA.”

Revised (Page 19): Any funds and assets of SCMBA would be turned over to the

Swift Current 57’s baseball club, on the dissolution of SCMBA

Appointment of Board Members-

President- Toni is resigning from her position. Thank-you for all your years of service as president and any past positions you held. Chad Kozun has thrown his name in to become president.

Past President- Toni Adair.

Vice President- Open position with Chad K putting his name in for President.

Treasurer- Conrad Funk will be staying on.

Secretary- Erlene Deobald is stepping down to allow Erin Cashin to put her name in for this position

T-ball- Open position but Dave and Lori Langen will take it on if no one steps forward.

Rally Cap- Dave and Lori will stay on.

11U- Open Position. Chad Duckworth has stepped down. Thank-you for your years on our board.

13U- Jason Soos will stay on.

15U- Gerald Johnson would like to give up this position as he is also doing 18U. Erlene Deobald has agreed to put her name in.

Equipment and Facilities Coordinator- Jamie Leblanc has agreed to stay on.

Compliance Officer- Garnett Unger has agreed to stay on.

Registration and Website Coordinator- Quinton Chastkiewicz has agreed to stay on.

Looking ahead to 2025- Bathroom upgrades are in the process.

We will look at our bylaws.

Coaching- Introduce a Code of Conduct for players, coaches and parents.

Riverdene- consider extending the backstop or moving home plate to prevent balls from hitting pedestrians on the pathway. We will get Jamie to look into this.

Kiwanis Diamond- needs work. Jamie has talked to the City and they plan to work it in the early Spring before the season starts.

Shed at Mosquito South needs to be replaced. The City is looking into a SeaCan.

Turf for the batting cages- Erlene will look into pricing for turf.

Questions and Answers- Can we get some signs on the batting cages to say: no climbing, helmets are mandatory, no cleats on turf, and coaches should wear a helmet also. The rules will be the manager's job to send to any teams that play on our diamonds.

Thank-you to everyone for attending. We want to thank our board members who have put in many volunteer hours to make the season a success.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.



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