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Re: President Report - AGM

The 2023 season saw a major return to Rep Baseball in Thorold and the return of a 15U program which meant Thorold Baseball was once again represented at every age level in Niagara.

- 293 (257 in 2022) Players / 51 Coaches
- 5U = 55 (72 in 2022) players
- 7U = 63 (66 in 2022) players
- 9U = 55 (12 Rep) (44 in 2022) players
- 11U = 39 (12 Rep) (37 in 2022) players
- 13U = 52 (12 Rep) (25 in 2022) players
- 15U = 15 (0 in 2022) players
- 18U = 13 (12 in 2022) players

Our 9U Jr. Aces won the Niagara Interlock Baseball South Central Pod Championship, and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Niagara out of 31 teams. Our 11U teams were in the semi-finals in the Niagara Championships. Our 13U teams all finished top 6 and competed into the semi-finals of the Niagara Championships. Our 15U team won the A Pod Championship of Niagara and our Rep teams all competed well in their respective playoffs and seasons.

2023 also featured Select teams at 13U and 15U.

The sponsorship portfolio was very strong. Skritch Living, Pine Street Dental, Thorold Fire Services and Front Row Sports, Chef & Bub and Henderson's Pharmacy were League sponsors.

In September, we held tryouts for 9U, 10U, 11U, 13U and 15U Rep teams for 2024. This was the first time Thorold has had a 15U team in over 10 years and the first time we were able to field single year teams at 10U and 11U. The rep program had over 100 players tryout this year!

Lastly, the financial stability of Thorold Minor Baseball is strong. The back balance at the start of 2022 was \$20,701 and we ended 2023 with a bank balance of just over \$17,000. We will continue to budget accordingly, so there are retained earnings while updating/upgrading equipment/facilities and providing new programs for the players and families of Thorold Baseball. With the 2024 budget revenue expected to exceed \$184,000 and expenses to be nearly \$160,000, we have invested in a online booking program called Freshbooks which will help generate General Ledger Reports, receipt tracking and great levels of transparency and accountability.

In closing, Thorold Baseball has continue to be a revered and well respected organization across Niagara. The next step will be to find reliable, committed and mission focused board members in key roles.