

Whitecourt Minor Baseball Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

Attendance: Chelsey Rowswell, Tracy Hilts, Janelle Garnier, Jenny Dickson, Kathy Johnson, Jimmy Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson, Dane Baker, Kerina Sorochan, Cam Walt, Kathie Walt, Dallas Schatz and Jason Harper

I. Call to order by Chelsey Rowswell at 7:02 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

- a) Motioned as amended by Tracy and seconded by Dane.

III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

- a) Motioned by Kathy and seconded by Kathie.

IV. Reports

a. **President's Report** - presented by Chelsey

- Town Communications – Chelsey has contacted Tara Baker with the Town about how to get on Town Council Agenda for February. No response as of the time of this meeting.
- Baseball Alberta: Baseball Alberta Invoice: AA and A teams should have been charged Baseball Alberta fees in 2022 and 2023. Chelsey presented a spreadsheet of what each team owes. The board decided to review three options and bring the item back to a vote at the next regular meeting.
 - Option 1: Whitecourt Minor Ball to absorb all of the outstanding fees
 - Option 2: Each team to pay their outstanding amount
 - Option 3: Each team to pay their “team Fee” and Whitecourt Minor Ball will absorb the outstanding Player and Coach fees.
- Board Positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Grant Coordinator, and Challenger Rep positions were posted the day of this meeting. Kerina Sorochan volunteered for the Secretary position. The rest remain vacant.

2024 Positions are as Follows:

- President: Chelsey Rowswell
 - Vice President: Kathie Walt
 - Registrar: Randen Sauer
 - Treasurer: **Vacant**
 - Secretary: Kerina Sorochan
 - Equipment Manager: Janelle Garnier
 - Diamond Scheduler: Dane Baker
 - Umpire in Chief: Jimmy/ Jen Ferguson
 - Challenger Rep: Tracy Hilts
 - Grant Coordinator: **Vacant**
 - Division/Coach Coordinator: **Vacant**
 - Year End Event Coordinator: **Vacant**
 - Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator: **Vacant**
 - Diamond/Facility Maintenance: Cam Walt
 - Media/Advertising: **Vacant**
- Casino Licence: Chelsey has applied for the Casino Licence.
 - Jays Care: Chelsey has not had a chance to complete this application. It is imperative to fill the Grant Coordinator position as Grant and fundraising is the backbone to a Not for Profit organization.

- FCSS Grant: Not reported on
 - Enhancement Grant: Chelsey would like to apply for this grant in the spring when it opens.
- b. **Financial Report** – presented by Chelsey.
- Bank Balance: is \$7097.50.
 - Outstanding: Baseball Alberta Fees:

2023 \$	9,515.00
2022 \$	<u>7,470.00</u>
Total \$	16,985.00
- c. **Registrar** - No report
- d. **Communications- Social Media Updates-Website Updates**
- Kerina and Chelsey to continue with social media posts, Kerina Volunteers to update the website
- e. **Challenger** – presented by Tracy
- Challenger will have a volunteer training touring the province and will be through Whitecourt sometime in May. They would like to present a special gift (Toronto Blue Jays Jersey) to Kyson’s family at this time as well. More details to come.
 - Challenger may be expanding and offering an Adult age group starting this season, further information to come.
- f. **2024 Fees** - 2024 Fees were carried unanimously
- Rallycap and 9U increase from \$99.00 to \$135.00 per player
 - 11U increase from \$137.50 to \$185.00 per player
 - 13U/15U/18U increase from \$165.00 to \$225.00 per player
 - Rep to increase from \$220 to \$250 per player, keeping the \$50 non-refundable tryout fee and each team is responsible for their own seed money requirements.
 - The introduction of mandatory fundraising is being introduced for the 2024 season. Each player is required to submit \$200 at the time of registration with a credit card pre-authorization on RAMP (possibly). Details to be discussed at the next meeting about what and how volunteering gets credited to the player.
 - Mandatory fundraising to be thoroughly communicated prior to registration and on RAMP.
- g. **Registration** - 2024 Fees were carried unanimously
- RAMP Opens for each division as follows:
 - Rep February 5
 - House League February 23, closing March 15 (including Softball)
 - Evaluations to be run the week of March 18, Chelsey to book Pat Hardy School.

V. Items for Discussion

- a. **Umping**
- Jennifer Ferguson volunteered for the Umpire in Chief position with Jimmy being too young to hold the title officially. Jimmy will be the main contact listed on the Whitecourt Minor Ball website.
 - Umping clinic is scheduled for April 20.
 - Chelsey and Kerina to get the information onto the website and social media asap.
- b. **Diamond Scheduler** – presented by Dane

- Need registration, tryouts and Evaluations to be complete mid march to have scheduling completed within the last week of March.

c. Diamond Maintenance – presented by Cam

- bullpens need to be redone
- will be installing ball holder for umps

d. Equipment – presented by Janelle

- Need two more sets of rubber bases
- will be ordering game balls
- order bulk chalk and paint this season
- need a rubber mat for the bullpen pitcher mound
- need more clay and shale for bullpens

VI. Other Business

- a. Diamond Space:** Need to discuss the use of a slo pitch diamond for softball with the Town.
- b. Skills Clinic:** Chelsey is proposing to run a Skills Clinic (pre season). She will be approaching coaches from the Rep teams to run an all age group clinic. Those who assist will get a \$100 discount off of 2024 registration fees.
- c. Other:** Tracy reported that the Towns air quality monitors are in use

Business to Discuss at next meeting: Vote on option for outstanding Baseball Alberta Fees and set Softball fees.

VII. Upcoming Board Meeting: February 12, 2024 at C4 Pivotal.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.