

# Whitecourt Minor Baseball Meeting Minutes

## February 12, 2024

**Attendance:** Chelsey Rowswell, Tracy Hilts, Janelle Garnier, Kathy Johnson, Jimmy Ferguson, Jennifer Ferguson, Dane Baker, Kerina Sorochan, Cam Walt, Kathie Walt, Angie Ophus, Rhonda McKinnon, and Shardae Stewart

**I. Call to order** by Chelsey Rowswell at 7:01 pm

**II. Approval of Agenda**

a) Motioned as amended by Kathie.

**III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

a) Motioned by Kathy

**IV. Reports**

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

- Town Council Presentation – Chelsey made a presentation to Town Council on the benefit that Whitecourt Minor Ball is to the community.
  - Reporting that the tournaments and other hosted events brought in approximately 4400 people during the 2023 season.
  - Chelsey presented the “maintenance ask” that was previously sent to Town administration in August of 2023.
  - reported the growth of the club over the past two seasons totalling 60% increase in registrations
    - 39% increase from 2021 to 2022
    - 21% increase from 2022 to 2023
  - Chelsey and Cam are scheduled to meet with Town administration February 29, 2024
    - at this meeting Chelsey will review the contract details
- Baseball Alberta:
  - informed BA that we would pay 2022 inv 2592 \$7,470 right away and will pay 2023 inv 2779 corrected amount \$9,515 following registration. 2024 amount should be able to be paid this year as well.
  - Sheen Bromley from BA will host a NCCP Coaching clinics in Whitecourt:
    - AA coaches April 6 and 7
    - House coaches April 18 and 19
    - Kerina/Chelsey to post on website and FB
  - Outstanding BA invoices option for payment options
    - 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.
    - Janelle proposed a 4th option to have all Rep teams hold a bottle drive to cover the outstanding balance of \$11,415
  - The Executive Board voted unanimously for the new option 4 and each A and AA team will collectively fundraise the monies through a bottle drive and leave an account open at the bottle depot till July 30, 2024. If excess funds are raised, this money will be divided evenly between the teams and if there is a shortage the board will revisit options to cover the remaining amount.
- Board Positions: Treasurer, Grant Coordinator, division/coach Coordinator, Year End Event Coordinator, and the Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator remain vacant.
  - Welcome to Shardae Stewart, who volunteered for the Volunteer Coordinator position.

- o Media/Advertising is still vacant with a team effort to keep things up to date by Chelsey, Randon and Kerina.
  - Casino Licence: no word yet.
  - Jays Care: application no completed yet
  - Enhancement Grant: Chelsey will apply for this, applications are due March 15, 2024
- b. **Financial Report** – presented by Chelsey.
- Bank Balance: is \$12,901.60
- c. **Registrar** - presented by Chelsey on behalf of Randen
- Opened registration for AA with no issues, has set a reminder to set up registration for House league a week early to make sure it's ready for opening day.
  - Need to ensure a FOIP consent form is loaded to RAMP and signed by registrants
  - Ensure that shirt sizes are confirmed on RAMP at time of registration.
- d. **Vice President** - Presented by Kathie
- MVP are scheduled to take team photos May 8, 2024, 5:00pm @ Ecole St. Joseph's High School
  - Chelsey to complete team rosters as soon as registration is complete
  - Cost to club: \$18 per player, price includes a Memory Mate
  - Players must come dressed and ready
- e. **Communications- Social Media Updates-Website Updates**
- Website: Kerina working on getting it up to date, board members and coaches to send her anything to be posted. Info can be sent through WhatsApp or to wctsoftball@gmail.com
  - Kerina needs a list of current sponsors and their logos to post
  - All information to be posted to social media can be posted by Chelsey or Kerina
- f. **Challenger** – no update at this time
- g. **Softball** - presented by Kerina
- the Executive board agreed that the fees for softball and the registration dates will be the same as house league baseball
  - Kerina will receive a RAMP registration link this week and will send to Randen to ensure softball registration opens February 23.
  - Kerina reported on the SA fees for information

## V. Items for Discussion

- a. **Umping**
- Jennifer confirmed with Kerina that SA supplies umpers.
  - Ump fees were updated for the 2024 season:
    - o Umping clinic fees will be reimbursed after umping 3 complete games
    - o 9U umpers:
      - \$30 plate umpers
    - o 11U umpers:
      - \$30 plate umpers
      - \$20 base umpers

- o 13U & 15U umpers:
  - \$35 plate umpers
  - \$25 base umpers
- Ump Clinic April 20 @ Percy Baxter from 9am to 4pm. The school is booked for 8am to reflect last year's start time as a precaution.
  - Kerina/Chelsey to create posts for website and FB
- b. **Diamond Scheduler** – presented by Dane
  - Nothing new to report, waiting on registration to close and teams to be made.
- c. **Diamond Maintenance** – no new updates
- d. **Equipment** – presented by Janelle
  - received comparison prices for equipment list from January meeting and will compile a total cost for review at the next scheduled meeting

## VI. Other Business

- a. **WCT Slo Pitch** - AGM Feb 22, 7pm @ FIC - this is brought forward as information.
- b. **Volunteer Fee:** the Executive board decided that the mandatory \$200/kid and \$300/ family Volunteer deposit, via cheque only, will equate to a minimum of 2 hours volunteer time, once complete the cheque will be returned. Volunteer hours can be made up through volunteering in the following areas:
  - being on the Executive board
  - coaching/managing any team
  - diamond workbee/prep
  - concession cooking/serving
  - raking diamonds and chalking lines at host events
  - score keeping
  - pitch counting
  - parent driver during bottle drive
  - hotshotting supplies for host events
 Chelsey and Shardae are looking into the app signup.com to keep track of family hours.
- c. **Prep/Development Camp:** Chelsey planning prep camp, she has recruited herself, Jason Benson, Jason Johnson, Dallas Schatz to plan and run the camp, dates TBD in February or early March. proposing 2 nights, 2 hours each night @ \$50/registrant. All age groups are welcome.
- d. **Evaluations:** House league evaluations to be held March 18 & 19, 1 hour per night for all age levels.
  - Kerina/Chelsey to post to website and FB asap
- e. **Concession**
  - Chelsey would like to see the concession open weekly or bi-weekly during the season serving hot dogs and burgers. This could be a fundraiser and go towards volunteer hours
    - only individuals with food safe can run the concession
- f. **Logo** - Chelsey requested that all age groups use the Royals 'R' for the official logo of Whitecourt Minor Baseball, the Executive board agreed.
  - branding to start changing on shirts, swag, website and FB to the 'R'

**VII. Upcoming Board Meeting:** March 20, 2024, 6:00pm at C4 Pivotal.

**VIII.** Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.