



Vernon Baseball Association

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2021 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 21, 2021
ZOOM CALL 7:00 PM

1. Welcome
2. Thank you to Sponsors
3. Minutes of the last AGM
 - Recommendation that the Minutes of the November 23, 2020 AGM be adopted as circulated
4. Consideration of the Financial Statements – Treasurer’s Report
 - Recommendation that the Financial Statements be accepted as circulated
5. President’s Report
6. Executive Reports:
 - Vice-President
 - Registrar
 - Equipment Manager
 - Field Manager
 - Uniform Manager
 - Communications Director
 - Umpire-In-Chief
 - T-Ball Director
 - Tadpole Director
 - Mosquito Director
 - Pee Wee Director
 - Bantam Director
 - Midget Director
7. Questions from the Floor
8. Nominations and Election of Officers
9. Adjournment



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Minutes for the November 23, 2020 Vernon Baseball Association AGM

Board Members in attendance: Michael Sanfilippo, Tanya Meyer, Carl Vardon, Matthew Brown, Cari McClelland, Jason Gilbert, Jennifer Brown, Michelle Sorensen, Terista Mazu, Lance Johnson, Jack Curry, Nathan Lee, Dan Braddick

Number in attendance: 17

Meeting called to order by Michael Sanfilippo, President at 7:00 pm

Michael welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He then thanked and listed our sponsors.

Review of 2019 AGM Minutes

Questions? No. Michael recommended that the minutes of the November 25, 2019 AGM be accepted as circulated. Motioned by Nathan. All in favour. Minutes adopted.

Financial Statement and Treasurer's report.

Jason stated that we were extremely fortunate that previous boards had the where with all to hold surplus for a rainy day because of the difficult year we had. Balance sheet is mostly made up of cash from previous years. We were very fortunate to receive the gaming grant of \$21,000. Special thank you to Shannon for doing a ton of work on refunds. Overall the year was okay from a financial perspective given the circumstances – we had already spent a lot of money when COVID hit. We had a lost of \$13,000 but next year should be a good year because of the pre purchased supplies we did not use this year that we can use next year.

Terista motioned to recommend financial statement. Dan seconded. All in favor.

President's report.

Michael discussed the challenges of the 2020 season and appreciated the board for sticking through it. Were able to provide baseball to about 130 kids. Unfortunately, Carl had to shut down the TBall group early but it was definitely the right call given the volunteers it would have required. Tadpole was small but it was well worthwhile doing it. Mosquito and peewee had good seasons and got to play a fair amount. Peewee AA had a fair amount of games. Bantam was supposed to host the provincials and didn't get a chance to do that but they did get to play a fair amount. Midget unfortunately didn't get to play games but did get to play.

Michael appreciates all of the hard work of the board members and volunteers that made the season happen.



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Executive Reports:

- Vice-President: Matthew thanked Michael for the hundreds of hours he spent getting the season going considering what we had to work with. The Baseball Academy had another good group of kids go through. We had a good batch of coaches go through the season and hopefully that can build on to next year.
- Registrar: Michael gave update for Shannon. When we closed registration in March, we were at 350 and would have added more. Once the COVID issues cropped up, the result was 130 kids left to play. We believe Karelo still does a good job and will continue to evaluate the program going forward.
- Sponsorship: Michelle asked the board to let her know if anybody has any other sponsorship suggestions to contact her. She will continue to work with the sponsors we have and try to increase.
- Equipment Manager: Michael spoke on behalf of Lance who just completed his final year. He kept the association geared up and will be available for a transition.
- Field Manager: Nathan reported that we rebuilt the mounds at Marshall Fields and had a smooth year. He said he enjoyed working with the board group and thanked Michael and the board for the work they have done. Michael also mentioned Nathan drove the scoreboards home and got the funding covered from Funtastic and the City.
- Uniform Manager: Cari said they went ahead and ordered the uniforms as planned. Now we have a lot of uniforms for next year. Hopefully this will help keep the costs down for next year. We do have some old uniforms and supplies in storage that we need to find a good home for. Michael asked the board if anyone has any leads on how we could donate it to those in need.
- Communications Director: Jennifer mentioned most of the communication was related to COVID and there was a massive upload of information on our website.
- Umpire-In-Chief: Jack mentioned the year was very interesting but went quite well considering. He enjoyed running our own independent clinic. With the men and minor ball, we umpired 70 games, where Kelowna didn't even do 12 (as example). He thanked the board for everything as it was his last year.
- T-Ball Director: Carl didn't have anything to report because the T-Ball season was cancelled.
- Tadpole Director: Terista mentioned there were 15 kids in Tadpole but not all showed up every night. They focussed on skill work and had a lot of fun.
- Mosquito Director: Dan said there were 3 mosquito teams that were very evenly balanced. It was a fun and competitive season and even the final game only came down to 1 run.
- Pee Wee Director: Rob said the AA team had a lot of practices and played 12 games. The two A teams had a lot of games and made the most of the season and played some good ball.



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- Bantam Director: Dan reported that they broke everyone into two practice teams. They had two practices per week and played 1 game per week with the teams mixed up to try different positions and develop more skills. Michael thanked Dan for picking up a second division, when Dave had to opt out.
- Midget Director: Michael reported that Neil worked hard to put together a AAA and AA team this year. Unfortunately, they were hit hard because as the season got later they lost a lot of players. So they practiced for the majority of the season.

Questions from the Floor:

No questions from the floor.

Nominations and Election of Officers

- President – Michael will stand. No other nominations.
- Vice-President – Matthew will stand. No other nominations.
- Secretary – Tanya will stand. No other nominations.
- Treasurer – Jason will stand. No other nominations.
- Registrar – Shannon will stand. No other nominations.
- Equipment Manager – Lance not standing. Jason Coulter nominated. Accepted.
- Field Manager – Nathan will not stand. Matt Davyduke nominated. Accepted.
- Uniform Manager – Cari will stand. No other nominations.
- Communications Director – Jennifer will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire-In-Chief – Jack will not stand. Stuart Cleland nominated. Accepted.
- Umpire Co-ordinator – Marilyn will stand. No other nominations.
- T-Ball Director – Carl will stand. No other nominations.
- Tadpole Director – Terista will not stand. Jessica Davis nominated. Accepted.
- Mosquito Director – Dan will stand. No other nominations.
- Pee Wee Director – Rob will not stand. Jason Coulter nominated. Accepted.
- Bantam Director – Dave will not stand. Rob Holmes nominated. Accepted.
- Midget Director – Neil will stand. No other nominations.
- Sponsorship Director – Michelle will stand. No other nominations.
- Tournament Director – open. No nominations.

Thank you to new members and exiting members. Thank you to everyone attending.

Adjournment at 7:50



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Treasurer's report:

Attached are the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2021.

The organization had another successful year financially. We utilized previous year's surplus and did several upgrades to our fields – major work was done at Marshall Fields – Approx. \$24,000, scoreboards were purchased and installed at Lakeview and Marshall – Our Cost Approx. \$17,500, a new tractor was purchased for Creekside plus new pitching machines were purchased for on field usage.

Overall, our expenses stayed static which was nice to see. We did not utilize as much of our budget on uniforms or equipment as we had some left over from the previous year. The BC Government has helped our society again with gaming funds of \$21,000. Funtastic also contributed \$45,000 towards the purchase of the scoreboards. This goes a long way to ensuring that baseball remains affordable for all to play.

I am happy to report we ended the season after all the upgrades with a deficit of \$20,749 for the year.

I would like to put forward a motion that we internally restrict \$5,000 for the rebuilding of the pitching mounds at Marshall Field. This would complete the upgrades at those two fields.

Jason Gilbert
Treasurer

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Vernon Baseball Association Balance Sheet As At Oct 31,2021

ASSET

Current Assets

Petty Cash Float	237.00
HSBC - Gaming	0.00
Royal Bank - General	5,112.40
Vantage One Main Bank Account	71,375.40
Vantage One GAMING Account	45.02
Internally Restricted Cash (Note 1 & 2)	5,000.00
Misc Receivables	2,000.00
Vantage One CU Shares Class A	25.00
Total Current Assets	<u>83,794.82</u>

Capital Assets

Batting Cage	118,161.59
Batting Cage - indoor	13,127.59
Accum. Depr. - Batting Cage	<u>-56,047.04</u>
Net - Batting Cage	75,242.14
Batting Cage Funds	-49,375.51
Automotive Equipment	8,356.41
Accum. Depr. - Automotive E	<u>-3,535.61</u>
Net - Automotive Equipment	4,820.80
Total Capital Assets	<u>30,687.43</u>
TOTAL ASSET	<u>114,482.25</u>

LIABILITY

TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>0.00</u>
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EQUITY

Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets	135,231.43
Current Earnings	<u>-20,749.18</u>
Total Equity	<u>114,482.25</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>114,482.25</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>114,482.25</u>
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Note 1

Internally Restricted Funds - at the 2019 AGM the members restricted \$45,000 for the purchase and installation of 6 scoreboards. The scoreboards were purchased and installed in 2020/2021 and all the restricted funds were utilized

Note 2

Internally Restricted Funds - at the 2021 AGM the members voted to restrict \$5,000 for the rebuilding of the pitching mounds at Marshall Fields



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Vernon Baseball Association Statement of Revenue and Expenses Nov 1,2020 thru October 31,2021

REVENUE

Revenue

Gaming Grant	21,000.00
Registration	73,385.00
Registration Refunds (Covid 19)	0.00
Sponsorship	49,105.60
Tournament Registration	0.00
Tournament Refund Covid 19	0.00
Interest	0.40
Cage Rental	200.00
Other Income	3,162.70
Total Revenue	<u>146,853.70</u>

TOTAL REVENUE

146,853.70

EXPENSE

Expenses

Advertising expense	1,715.38
Awards	1,043.07
AGM	0.00
Amortization	8,727.01
Bank Charges	211.25
Board Expenses	0.00
Coaching Expenses	316.00
Equipment	21,904.47
Covid Expenses (Safety&Forms)	454.67
Field Expense	12,207.47
Field Improvements	91,370.00
Insurance Expense	5,927.00
Dues	40.00
Office Supplies	215.32
Pictures	1,918.00
Repairs and Maintenance	352.27
Player Sponsorship	250.00
Registration Expense	3,896.52
Umpires Equipment	1,318.66
Umpires	10,495.00
Uniforms	4,441.61
Website	799.18
Postage/Postal Box Expense	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>167,602.88</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>167,602.88</u>

Total Deficit

-20,749.18



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President's Report:

The 2021 baseball season was another challenging year with COVID still impacting our ability to play competitively. While we were able to get out and play competitive baseball within our organization, it did take some time for out-of-town play to develop and we missed out on another year of tournaments and provincials. This year saw over 300 players playing in our Vernon leagues. Registrations were slightly hindered this year due to the pandemic impact. Next season I expect we will likely be back to a normal year of competitive baseball. Anything inside of a pandemic of course could change that but all indicators thus far show that we should be business as usual. I believe our registrations will normalize next year between 350-400 but also believe we will need to create an additional marketing push to drive more kids back to the game.

Our T-Ball division (7U) stuck out the challenges of the year and had 61 participants. This level is so often driven by the parents and volunteers of the kids and the challenge of COVID added difficulty but Carl and the coaches were able to overcome any issues and had a great season.

Tadpole (9U), was able to offer some solid skill building practices and some games for the 63 kids who registered. Tadpole also had a summer ball group that played in a number of weekend round robins and added some great competitive game level baseball for our young kids.

In the Mosquito division (11U), we had 59 kids split up into 5 very competitive teams. The regular season played 12 games and teams were pretty evenly matched. The season did keep scores & standings with a player-pitch format, base stealing and standard baseball rules and finished with a two game Play-off. A summer ball team was also formed at Mosquito and played in a few local round robins giving them some added August baseball.

Pee Wee (13U) had a total of 4 Single A teams and one AA team. Development around balks, leadoffs and pick off moves generated exciting baseball throughout the season. The Pee Wee AA team played an 20 game season without any major tournament to attend while the A teams played a 10 game season and ended with a wrap up double elimination playoff.

Bantam (15U) featured 35 kids and three Single A teams that had a very successful season of development and 10 games locally. A summer ball team was also put together and played a handful of games into the summer.

The Midget division (18U) season was another tough one with 29 kids and 2 AA teams. A lot of hard work and effort by the director and coaches managed to put together some great competitive local games but we were never really opened up to a full-blown AA season in 2021.

I can't say enough about what the community of parents and volunteers did again this year to pull another fantastic season for the kids. As a board not only were we able to push through the challenges of COVID again this year but we also managed to execute on 4 installed scoreboards at Mosquito, Bantam and Midget but also the year end Marshall infield resurfacing project. Huge kudos to Carl and Dan Braddick for all their hard work to get those fields in phenomenal shape. I can't wait to see the kids in action fresh new turf with a lit-up scoreboard shining down on them.

A special thank you to our executive team, coaches, umpires, volunteers & sponsors for their support this past season. Baseball isn't possible without your hard work & contributions.

Michael Sanfilippo
President Vernon Baseball Association

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Vice-President's Report:

Nearly normal! Unlike the year that wasn't, 2021 finished nearly normal and I really look forward to 2022. I want to thank Michael for his unwavering dedication to the game of baseball and its advancement in Vernon. I would also like to thank the executive team, head coaches, assistant coaches, parent helpers, team managers and sponsors who all played a role in making youth baseball happen in 2021.

The continued growth of baseball in Vernon will be a focus of the board in 2022 as we hope to put the COVID years behind us. We want to ensure that we bring back the children who stopped playing or introduce new children who did not play due to the pandemic, as the goal of the board is to keep the great sport of baseball thriving in Vernon.

VBA is very excited about the 7th continuous year of the Baseball Academy that is offered to grade 8 – 12 players in partnership with SD22 and Evan Bailey. This semester has 10 avid baseball players on the field and in the cage! The skill development our players get from Evan's program is tremendous, this bodes well for the future of Vernon Baseball.

As the safety of our players is our highest priority, we continue to require any adult connected to our programs to have a criminal record check done every 2 years. These were done electronically again this year, which has proven to be effective and will continue in the seasons to come. Coaches are now able to share their profiles with other associations at no cost.

As we look forward towards the 2022 season, we look back, thankful to all those who have continued to develop the baseball program here in Vernon from the executive all the way down to the kids and parents.

Everyone involved in the 2021 season deserves a pat on the back and a huge thank you! It makes it all worth the effort when you hear families praising their experiences with Vernon Baseball.

Matthew Brown
Vice President

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Registrar's Report:

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VBA had a great 2021 season with a much higher enrollment than the prior 2020 season. According to our online registration system, Karelo we had **273** baseball players registered for the Spring season. This number is up from 2020 by 159 players. We were successful in running a t-ball season this spring, which we were not able to do in 2020, due to the difficulty of managing the division under the covid-19 protocols. Our summer baseball program included 14 Peewee AA kids. We also had a summer program for our Tadpole, Mosquito, Bantam and Midget divisions.

T-ball	60
Tadpole	57
Mosquito	57
Pee Wee	38
Bantam	34
Midget	27

Our online registration system, Karelo, was well received again this year. Manual registrations are only used as necessary to accommodate players that have used a funding resource or are not able to register on the computer. VBA is pleased to continue working with the following funding organizations Jumpstart, Kidsport and A4k in the upcoming 2022 baseball season.

As Registrar, I continue to enjoy my position and plan to continue as Registrar for the 2022 term.

Shannon Sanfilippo
VBA Registrar

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Sponsorship Director's Report:

Being the sponsorship Director has been a fun and easy job over the last couple years. Last year was a bit different with things but nevertheless there were many businesses in our community who are always willing to support our kids. We are very grateful to our returning and new sponsors for another year of support in 2021. Although I am stepping down from this position, I am still here to help whoever fills it next. By looking towards connecting with our existing sponsors and reaching out to new businesses in hopes of setting up some new support for VBA helping achieve more for our upcoming 2022 season again.

Michelle Sorensen
VBA Sponsorship Director

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Equipment Manager's Report:

I just completed my first year as Equipment Manager for Vernon Baseball. We are currently well situated with equipment moving forward into next season. We will need to purchase bats and miscellaneous equipment in the spring, but the majority of equipment has been purchased. With regards to major purchases this year we bought 2 new Hack Attack Jr pitching machines that will benefit our players as they can be used both in the indoor cage and on the field with real baseballs. We also purchased a Zooka pitching machine for our Tadpole summer ball team which will deliver more consistent pitches as they learn and will speed up the game. We purchased 80 dozen Rawlings baseballs which will provide an upgrade in ball quality as well as coming in at a better price. I look forward to the next season of Baseball.

Jason Coulter
Equipment Manager

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Field Manager's Report:

It was another good year of ball for everyone, almost back to somewhat normal.

I think we had a good year, there was a little turbulence getting some fields anchored for play at the younger divisions but ended up with some descent fields, and possibly a new prospect field at Coldstream Park which we will look at more in the spring.

It was a pretty good year for field maintenance with Carl Vardon spearheading the rebuild of the bantam and midget fields at Marshall, so I believe he deserve a huge thank you from everyone. With out him it would have not gotten done. Still lots of work left but those fields should be in great shape come spring and the first pitch. We had a bit of a stumbling block at Creekside field in Coldstream, with back stop issues at diamond one and infield issues at the same field. We will be looking at the field contracts and levels at which both cities maintain these with the hopes of bringing everything back up to safer playing levels. Also with Creekside Park, the District of Coldstream went ahead in late Sept, and are still in the process of trying to finish the new irrigation for the whole park, which will give controls at the back stops to be able to help with dust control during the season, but again in talks were hopeful that both this fields will be in game shape come first pitches in the spring.

We also went and bought some new equipment. Lock boxes to have at our younger fields but was met with difficulties through the season. Hoping to have a more permanent spot for them come the spring, but for now they are all being kept at Lakeview Park along the fence to diamond 2.

A huge shout out goes to Michael, Nathan Lee, and the rest of the exce, over the last couple years as we FINALLY have scoreboards at most of the fields (still waiting on Coldstream, haha) but they are up and have been told functional so there will be some learning in the spring but going to bring a nice added addition to baseball for these young players.

With the old lawn tractor at Creekside Park, we went ahead and bought a new, slightly bigger tractor for out at Marshall field and the tractor from Marshall will be moved to Creekside and have it all ready to go, with the bagger attachment ready to go.

That is about all the news from the field that I know, we still have some loose ends to tie up and a few small projects in the spring trying to get lined up.

Thank you to everyone for helping in my first year as field director and I hope to see you all in the spring.

Matt Davyduke
Field Manager

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Uniform Manager's Report:

The uniforms for all teams were ordered locally and consisted of t-shirts and hats. The uniforms for T-ball and Tadpole were ordered from Tim Horton's. The uniforms for Peewee, Bantam and Midget travel teams were the same as the style from last year and included a hat belt and socks. VBA no longer stores or reuses jerseys. We can provide player jerseys to each player as part of the registration fees.

We used uniforms that were ordered for last year's season and supplemented with a couple of additional orders to accommodate this year's teams. Next season should go back to regular ordering of uniforms from both Tim Hortons and Sun Valley Source for sports.

Cari McClelland
Uniform Manager

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Communication Director's Report:

The 2021 season was successful. We worked within the guidelines for Covid 19 and we got kids out on the field for games. We opened registration for Spring Ball in early January. In February, we ran radio ads with Beach Radio 107.5 for registration. We also ran print ads in the Morning Star and used social media as much as possible.

The Vernon Baseball website remains the best and fastest avenue for members and non-members alike to access all things baseball. Parents can access information for registration, camps, academy, umpires, and more. Email inquiries are routed via the forwarding system which makes it easy for people to contact the correct director for a quick response. It is all very efficient. Our website team at Sayvee is very professional and easy to work with. They are always very proactive with meeting our needs.

I continue to be in awe of the commitment from our Board of Directors. This has been another challenging year for everyone, yet they all worked so hard to get the kids back on the fields to play some baseball. We are very fortunate to have Michael Sanfilippo as our president. Thank you, Michael for the countless hours that you spend making VBA run smoothly. Your dedication to kids' ball is inspiring. Covid has put an extraordinary workload onto volunteers across all clubs again this year and I am proud of the work that we have done to achieve a safe and socially responsible season. The installation of scoreboards and field improvements are both projects which deserve a good pat on the back for all involved.

Thank you to all our sponsors, partners and volunteers who put in their funding, time, and effort in making "Play Ball" happen.

Jennifer Brown
Communications Director

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Umpire in Chief's Report:

2021 was a challenging but ultimately rewarding year for umpiring in Vernon.

This year the BCBUA ran their Level 1, 2, and 3+ clinics through an online education portal. While there were a few technical hiccups along the way, the response we received from those who took the clinics was overwhelmingly positive. While we do intend to return to in-person classroom sessions in the future as public health orders allow, I was very pleased with the quality of the online education for providing our new umpires with a solid knowledge base to begin their careers.

Pandemic restrictions meant we were unable to hold field clinics at the beginning of the year. With the tireless efforts of our umpire coordinator Tanya Meyer, we were able to pair new umpires with more experienced ones to get everyone working games as soon as possible. We also began the season under our modified system of umpiring that had been introduced in 2020, but we ended up returning to traditional mechanics relatively quickly. This change happened without advance notice and resulted in additional workload to ensure all our umpires were refreshed on how traditional mechanics worked. It was a welcome change, but it was a challenge to implement.

Our field sessions finally went ahead in early June, and despite planning it on short notice we had a great turnout. Special thanks to Jack Curry, Tyler Pentland, Garner Chudyk, and our area rep Kevin Burk for their help in putting together a successful pair of clinics for our umpires.

Many other associations in the interior are struggling to attract and retain umpires, so I feel very fortunate to be part of an association that supports the learning and development of our umpires so strongly. I look forward to reflecting on this year and implementing the lessons learned in 2022.

Umpire In Chief
Stuart Cleland

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7U/T-Ball Director's Report:

This year was a great year for T-Ball Players. This group of boys and girls enjoyed a fun season and were able to make friends and develop some fundamental baseball skills with the help from many knowledgeable coaches. The season wrapped up with regular play.

Carl Vardon
T-Ball Director

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9U/Tadpole Director's Report:

We had a very successful season, considering the unknowns that Covid still brought to the table. We had 63 kids play and 6 teams were formed.

Thankful for the coaches and helpers - it seemed there was always a ton of parent help out on the field every time, which is extremely important at this level. Thank-you very much to the coaches that stepped up to take on this roll and all those that helped.

We played at Lavington, Silverstar School, Armouny Park, Beairsto, and Alexis Park School. We ended the season at just Lavington and Armoury as there were some issues with our lock boxes and SD22. Something to consider if possible - I do believe that if we can find an alternative to Lavington, we may attract more kids as parents are really turned off from the drive. We always started with 45 minutes of practice, then went into a game against the opposing team we were on the field with. Usually ended the night with a relay. The kids love these!!

We did manage to put together a summer team. It was awesome! We had 2 amazing coaches and quite a few helpers. It was a huge success. 14 kids played - was a great group of kids that wanted to play at a more complete level. We practiced once a week and has a total of 8 games scheduled (Kelowna, West K, South OK and Salmon Arm). We never got to close our seasons and had to cancel our last 2 games due to the smoke from the wildfires. That was an unfortunate way to end the season, but overall it was a great group that had a lot of fun.

I hope to see lots of these kids from spring and summer ball return next season - as i believe they all had a great time being out on the field.

Jessica Davis

9U Director

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11U/Mosquito Director's Report:

Spring Ball

The 2021 Mosquito Baseball season saw 56 players on 5 teams. Evaluations were held in early April. The coaches ran different drill stations to help determine the skill of each player so that we could do our best to make the teams as even as possible. Once the evaluations were complete the coaches and I met and held a draft to try and form teams as evenly as possible.

Practices started shortly after the evaluations. We practiced twice weekly until the Covid restrictions eased enough that we could play games. Once games started teams were on the field at least three times a week both practicing and playing. The teams played a 10 game season followed by a seeded elimination playoff that ended in the middle of July due to the late start getting to play games.

Summer Ball

Summer ball this year consisted of an 11U AAA team. The team held practices starting in June and ran until the August long weekend. The team did well, and the players got to experience playing at the next level of baseball.

Dan Braddick
Mosquito Director

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13U/Pee Wee Director's Report:

The Pee Wee group had about 60 players split into 4 Single A teams and 1 AA team. Some challenges were experienced due to Covid policies. We were forced to adjust to policies and procedures as they changed. I feel we were able to do this and still provide as close to normal a season as we could.

In Single A ball we ran a 4 team Vernon only league which started out as practices only for 3-4 weeks then transitioned into a full game schedule. We extended the season slightly into the first week of July to allow for a week-long double knockout playoff. The 4 teams were evenly matched, and many close games were played. I would like to thank all the coaches who stepped up to run this during this challenging time.

The AA team of 12 players practiced 3 days per week from April thru June. The players were very dedicated and worked hard throughout the summer. In July they were able to play an Interior Zone game schedule of approx. 20 games. Vernon hosted a final wrap-up tournament at Creekside where the Vernon Canadians emerged as Interior Champions. There were no Provincials in 2021 due to Covid.

Thanks to all the coaches and the behind-the-scenes efforts of the VBA executive to make this season happen.

Jason Coulter
Pee Wee Director

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15U/Bantam Director's Report:

The 2020 Bantam Baseball Season was a difficult one due to the pandemic but we were able to field a great group of kids and coaches to continue to develop their skill and love of the game.

This year we started on July 28th and saw a great group of 6 coaches take the group of 21 Bantam players and break them up into two practice groups that saw the kids practice twice a week and then play one game a week. The kids were sorted into two different teams each week to try and make the teams as even as possible and to get the kids facing and playing with different players each week. This worked out really well and the kids all had a great time playing baseball this season.

Rob Holmes
Bantam Director

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18U/Midget Director's Report:

2021 saw the return of AA baseball in the 18U division.

We fielded 2 evenly matched teams. We were limited to practices / intrasquad scrimmages prior to being allowed to play games within our association. Our two teams of 15 players each played a total of 12 games against each other in the month of June after being given the 'go ahead' to play. Each team went 6-6.

During the summer, we fielded one team and played exhibition games against neighbouring associations. Our Vernon team proved to be very competitive during summer baseball.

We had 5 players graduate this year, 1 of which played Vernon Baseball every year since 2008 in T-ball. We wish our graduates all the best in their future and hope they will fondly remember their time playing Vernon Baseball!

Sincerely,
Neil Thompson
18U Director

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