



# Vernon Baseball Association

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## 2022 Annual General Meeting Agenda

**Monday, November 22, 2022**  
**Board Live at Alexanders &**  
**Open ZOOM CALL 7:00 PM**

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1. Welcome
2. Thank you to Sponsors
3. Minutes of the last AGM
  - Recommendation that the Minutes of the November 21, 2021 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 21, 2021 Vernon Baseball Association AGM (via Zoom)**

Board Members in attendance: Michael Sanfilippo, Tanya Meyer, Matthew Brown, Jennifer Brown, Jessica Davis, Jennifer Brown, Matt Davyduke, Shannon Sanfilippo, Jason Coulter, Neil Thompson

Number in attendance: 10

Meeting called to order by Michael Sanfilippo, President at 7:02 pm

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

### **Review of 2020 AGM Minutes**

Questions? No. Michael recommended that the minutes of the November 23, 2020 AGM be accepted as circulated. Motioned by Matthew Brown. All in favour. Minutes adopted.

### **Financial Statement and Treasurer's report.**

Michael reported that we attempted to reduce our overall cash on hand by about \$20,000 by making some substantial investments around equipment including pitching machines and scoreboards. There are more potential expenditures, for example, the scoreboards at Creekside Fields.

Matt Davyduke motioned to restrict \$5000 for the rebuilding of the pitching mounds at Marshall Fields.

Matthew Brown motioned to recommend the acceptance of the financial statements. All in favor.

### **President's report.**

Michael referred the AGM members to review his full report on page 10. In summary, registrations were slightly lower, due to the pandemic. He believes next year we will see a return to the regular numbers but a strong marketing push in 2022 will be required. A phenomenal job was done by parents and Carl Vardon to ensure we were able to have a season, unlike 2021. Tadpole had a great season and even housed a summer ball team. Mosquito division was also successful, and they had a series of playoffs and summer ball team. Peewee had a great year and ended with a double elimination playoff in spring ball and a AA team played throughout spring and summer. The Bantam year also went well, and some players were able to continue on to play some games into the summer.

We are very proud of being able to get the scoreboards set up on the Vernon fields and redo the bantam and Midget fields out at Marshall.

Thank you to all the volunteers, coaches, umpires, etc. for a great season.



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## Executive Reports:

- Vice-President: Matthew thanked Michael for everything he did, particularly during the pandemic. We had our 7<sup>th</sup> season of academy, and this program was yet another success. We had a nearly normal season and look forward to it being a totally normal season next year.
- Registrar: VBA had a much higher enrollment than 2020 – 273. Had a summer season for Tadpole, Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Will continue with Jumpstart, KidSport and A4K funding organizations.
- Sponsorship: Michael reported that Michelle has been pushing the sponsorship which was not easy during the pandemic.
- Equipment Manager: Jason reported that we have two brand new pitching machines, and we fixed all the old pole style pitching machines, purchased baseballs and other equipment. We should be well stocked for the next few years with the exception of bats.
- Field Manager: Matt reported that we had a bumpy start with the younger kids because of field issues. Hopefully we will have a new field at Coldstream Creek next year. Thanks to Carl and everybody that worked out for the Marshall Field project. We purchased a new tractor for the Marshall Fields and will send the one from there over to Creekside.
- Uniform Manager: Michael reported on behalf of Cari that everything was ordered locally and Tim Hortons supplied the younger groups. VBA will continue to not store uniforms and have fully transitioned to ordering uniforms annually for the new players.
- Communications Director: Jennifer mentioned the website is going well because of working with Sayvee and she enjoys working with Beach Radio. We recently did an ad in the Morningstar which did a great job of promoting our sponsors. We will need a creative strategy for 2022 to re-attract registrants.
- Umpire-In-Chief: Michael ran through Stuart's report and emphasized that umpiring is a critical part of our league. VBA has done a good job of getting umpires involved and keeping them involved. Stuart was on the field for every new umpire's first assignment – he had a great presence and a lot of energy.
- T-Ball Director: Michael read Carl's T-Ball report.
- Tadpole Director: Jessica said there was a successful season with 6 seasons and a high volume of parent support, which is critical for that age group. Something to consider for 2022 is an alternative to Lavington Fields because parents are turned off by going out there. There was an awesome group of coaches and kids that had the opportunity to be involved in the summer ball season.
- Mosquito Director: Michael reported Dan is away and mosquito had a very successful season. They had a very exciting competition and were able to get games going as soon as the ease of restrictions. There was a summer ball team that played through to August.
- Pee Wee Director: Jason reported the roughly 60 kids had a great season that went right into July. The AA team was very dedicated and practiced from April to the end of June and then were fortunate to be able to play some games after.
- Bantam Director: Michael mentioned there were three teams that had a very fun, competitive season. Rob was able to field a team to play some games against Trail in the summer.
- Midget Director: Neil reported that there was the return of AA ball so two teams were able to play locally. There was a 3-game playoff to end the season and Neil wants to make sure everyone knows his team beat Dan Braddick's team



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## Questions from the Floor:

No questions from the floor.

## Nominations and Election of Officers

- President – Michael will stand. No other nominations.
- Vice-President – Matthew removed his acceptance to stand. Other nomination Jeff Stevenson.
- Secretary – Tanya will not stand. Stephanie Davyduke was nominated.
- Treasurer – Jason will stand. No other nominations.
- Registrar – Shannon will stand. No other nominations.
- Equipment Manager – Jason will stand. No other nominations.
- Field Manager – Matt will stand. No other nominations.
- Uniform Manager – Cari will not stand. Janet Coulter was nominated.
- Communications Director – Jennifer will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire-In-Chief – Stu will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire Co-ordinator – Tanya will not stand. Will hold position open until the season opens.
- T-Ball Director – Carl will stand. No other nominations.
- Tadpole Director – Jessica Davis will stand. No other nominations.
- Mosquito Director – Dan will stand. No other nominations.
- Pee Wee Director – Jason Coulter will not stand. Matthew Brown was nominated.
- Bantam Director – Rob Holmes will stand. No other nominations.
- Midget Director – Neil will not stand. Dan Braddick was nominated.
- Sponsorship Director – Michelle will not stand. No other nominations.
- Tournament Director – vacant role. No other nominations.

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

**Adjournment at 7:51**



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## Treasurer's report:

Attached are the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2022.

The organization had another successful year financially. Registrations were up this year with a return of younger children to baseball. We utilized \$5000 previously reserved funds to complete the pitching mounds at Marshal Fields.

At our meeting in October the board approved the restriction of \$30,000 for two major projects, the resurfacing of Lakeview Field #1 (\$15,000) and the enclosure of the bullpens at the U15 fields (\$15,000). These projects will need to be completed within the next 5 years.

Our expenses for uniforms and umpires both increased substantially this past year, we expect umpire costs to remain the same this year but hope that uniform costs will come down in the coming years as supply chains stabilize.

The BC Government has provided \$21,000 in gaming funds to the association. This grant 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 \$9684.38 for the year.

Jason Gilbert  
Treasurer

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## Vernon Baseball Association Statement of Revenue and Expenses Nov 1,2021 thru October 31,2022

### REVENUE

#### Revenue

Gaming Grant	21,000.00
Registration	86,005.78
Sponsorship	500.00
Tournament Registration	5,300.00
Cage Rental	686.37
Other Income	8,645.37
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>122,137.52</b>

#### TOTAL REVENUE

122,137.52

### EXPENSE

#### Expenses

Advertising expense	1,100.00
Awards	1,478.55
AGM	319.46
Amortization	8,727.01
Bank Charges	180.75
Coaching Expenses	2,054.56
Equipment	19,243.67
Covid Expenses (Safety&Forms)	224.00
Field Expense	14,429.28
Field Improvements	9,259.59
Insurance Expense	6,634.50
Office Supplies	309.85
Pictures	2,616.00
Repairs and Maintenance	4,155.17
Supplies	26.25
Tournaments	5,660.00
Registration Expense	4,292.84
Umpires Equipment	1,579.20
Umpires	20,840.09
Uniforms	27,961.82
Website	729.31
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>131,821.90</b>

#### TOTAL EXPENSE

131,821.90

#### Total Deficit

-9,684.38

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## Vernon Baseball Association Balance Sheet As at 10/31/2022

### ASSET

#### Current Assets

Petty Cash Float	237.00
Vantage One Main Bank Account	51,646.63
Vantage One GAMING Account	28.40
Internally Restricted Cash (Note 1 & 2)	30,000.00
Misc Receivables	900.00
Vantage One Class D Equity Shares	0.42
Vantage One CU Shares Class A	25.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>82,837.45</u>

#### Capital Assets

Batting Cage	118,161.59
Batting Cage - indoor	13,127.59
Accum. Depr. - Batting Cage	<u>-64,238.41</u>
Net - Batting Cage	67,050.77
Batting Cage Funds	-49,375.51
Automotive Equipment	8,356.41
Accum. Depr. - Automotive Equip	<u>-4,071.25</u>
Net - Automotive Equipment	4,285.16
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<u>21,960.42</u>

**TOTAL ASSET** 104,797.87

### LIABILITY

**TOTAL LIABILITY** 0.00

### EQUITY

#### Equity

Unrestricted Net Assets	114,482.25
Current Earnings	<u>-9,684.38</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>104,797.87</u>

**TOTAL EQUITY** 104,797.87

**LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** 104,797.87

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Note 1 Internally Restricted Funds - at the 2021 AGM the members voted to restrict \$5,000 for the rebuilding of the pitching mounds at Marshall Fields.

Note 2 Internally Restricted Funds - at the board meeting October 16, 2022 the board restricted a total of \$30,000. \$15,000 for the purpose of enclosing the bullpen at the U15 field and an additional \$15,000 to resurface Lakeview Diamond #1.

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## President's Report:

The 2022 baseball season was a return to normalcy after a few challenging years with COVID. This year saw 344 players playing in our Vernon leagues. Registrations overall were good, but we did see the COVID impact through lower registrations at our older divisions.

Our T-Ball division (7U) had a very solid year with 77 participants coming out to play ball (up from 61 in 2021). This level is so often driven and led to success by the parents and volunteers of the kids as coaches and helpers both on field and off. This season was no different with a great group of coaches and Carl's outstanding passion for the game.

Tadpole (9U) was able to offer some solid skill building practices and several games for the 94 kids who registered (up from 63 in 2021). Tadpole also had a summer ball group that played in several weekend round robins and added some great competitive game level baseball for our young kids.

In the Mosquito division (11U), we had 71 kids split up into 6 very competitive teams (up from 59 in 2021). 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 very exciting Playoffs. A summer ball team was also formed at Mosquito and played in a few tournaments and ended the exceptional season with a birth to Provincials.

Pee Wee (13U) had a total of 3 Single A teams and one AA team and totaled 51 kids down from the 60 in 2021. Development around balks, leadoffs and pick off moves generated exciting baseball throughout the season. The Pee Wee AA team played a full season with a few major tournaments falling just short in zones while the A teams played a 10-game season and ended with a wrap up double elimination playoff.

Bantam (15U) featured 32 kids (down from 35 in 2021) and three Single A teams that had a very successful season of development and 12 games and a playoff with a local interlock. A summer ball team was also put together and played a handful of games into the summer and won a birth to their Provincial for some August baseball.

The Midget division (18U) had a great season with return to interlock baseball. We had 25 kids in total down from the 29 in 2021 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. A summer ball team was pulled together and awarded a birth to Provincials to extend an already great season.

All told we had Provincial level teams at all levels from Mosquito to Midget.

I can't say enough about what the community of parents and volunteers did again this year to pull another fantastic season together for the kids. As a board we worked through a number of unique challenges and provided an exceptional year to the kids. As a league we made huge steps forward in the quality of our fields and enjoyed the 4 installed scoreboards at Mosquito, Bantam and Midget and the Marshall infield resurfacing. The level infield and bright lit up boards were an outstanding addition to the atmosphere.

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:

We had a great 2022 baseball season with lots of new faces on the ball field and behind the benches. As this was my first year in the Vice President roll it went very smooth. I want to thank all the board members for supporting me this year and helping me to get up to speed. I am looking forward to another successful year in 2023 as the vice president and getting to be involved in more of the associations needs going forward.

Thanks,

Jeff Stevenson

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## Registrar's Report:

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VBA had a great 2022 season with a much higher enrollment than the prior 2021 season. According to our online registration system, Karelo we had **344** baseball players registered for the Spring season up from 273 in 2021 and up from 159 in 2020. Our summer baseball program included 12 Peewee AA kids as well as summer program for our Tadpole, Mosquito, Bantam and Midget divisions.

T-ball	77
Tadpole	94
Mosquito	71
Pee Wee	51
Bantam	32
Midget	25

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 2023 baseball season.

As Registrar, I continue to enjoy my position and plan to continue as Registrar for the 2023 term.

Shannon Sanfilippo  
VBA Registrar

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## Equipment Manager's Report:

We are currently well situated with equipment moving forward into next season. We will need to purchase bats and some miscellaneous equipment in the spring as suppliers are short stock at the present time, but the majority of equipment has been purchased. With regards to major purchases this year we bought 1 more new Hack Attack Jr pitching machine for use in the outdoor cage at Creekside Park and can be used on field at Creekside as well. This gives us a total of 3 Hack Attack jr machines for use that will benefit our players as they can be used both in the indoor cage and on the field with real baseballs. We purchased 60 dozen Rawlings baseballs which should cover us for the next couple of seasons at least as well as some new Level 1 and level 5 baseballs for use in Tadpole and Tadpole Summer Ball. I am looking forward to the next season of Baseball.

Jason Coulter  
Equipment Manager

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## Field Manager's Report:

This year was another great year of ball through all divisions, and fields were pretty good.

We will start with Marshall Field, lots of compliments for Carl Vardon and all involved on the rebuilding of the infields on both the 18U and the 15U fields. The city went and enclosed the bullpens on the 18U field, and I believe we are talking about doing the same to the 15U field. We also purchased a new tractor for the fields at Marshall, which was a size bigger then the last which helped with mowing and dragging the fields.

We had a weekend of ball at the 15U field where the Okanagan Athletics came and played a weekend series which was a success and have been told by parents from both Vernon and Kelowna they want to try and do again next season.

The 13U fields, (Creekside park) had a few issues going into the season as the street field was still a mess from the last the last 2 seasons not being used as the back stop was broken and wasn't getting repaired right away. With working with the city crews and having a work party evening we were able to get the field playable for the Father's Day tourney run by the AA team. Big shout to Michael, Matthew, and Jason for help putting up the ugliest foul ball net, which we believe saved 3 balls from reaching the neighboring houses. We are a still waiting (will be awhile) to get a quote from the city to either raise the back stop or put up netting at the top of the bar stop. The first season with the new irrigation seemed to help with the recovery of the fields. With talking with the city crews talked them into bringing in the same shale they use in Kamloops at McArthur Park, so it is nicer looking, and they are going to top dress all of the fields in Coldstream hopefully by the spring.

11U fields at Lakeview Park from what I was told were kept in decent shape, didn't get a lot of feedback from coaches or directors. Will be nice once the new building is up and we can get the old green Deere tractor out there for help with field prep.

9U and T-Ball were using Lavington park and Armoury Park, with the introduction to Coldstream park for field use this year and again heard that everything around Coldstream park was well used and enjoyed. In talking with the city guys, there is talk about making a second ball field at the far end of the park at the smaller backstop which would a great T-ball field.

Still hoping and praying for scoreboards at Creekside next season.

Matt Davyduke  
Field Manager

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## Uniform Manager's Report:

This was the first year of my holding the position of Uniform Manager. We were able to continue to order locally for our spring and summer teams. Uniforms consisted of t-shirts and hats this year which each player was able to keep.

T-ball and Tadpole shirts and hats were provided from Tim Hortons.

Included in this year's uniform budget we pre-ordered the bulk of jerseys for next season. Keeping the same style as this year we were able to use some that were not needed last year.

We have also ordered two sets of jerseys which would be used at the beginning of summer ball to hold over our teams until the custom ones come in. These are expected to be turned in once the permanent ones come in to be reused.

All jerseys are from Tim Hortons and Source for Sports here in Vernon.

Janet Coulter

Uniform Manager



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## Communication Director's Report:

The 2022 season was successful. 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. Also, 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 very appreciated.

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:

2022 saw a strong return to form for our umpiring crew after two years affected by pandemic restrictions. A joint Level 1 & 2 field clinic was run in April, and the turnout of new umpires was so overwhelming that it almost became too large of a group to manage. A very good problem to have! Moving forward, I would recommend to always plan two separate clinics, and merge them in the event of low registration. This would be easier than trying to split a joint clinic that has become too large.

It was very enjoyable to see the return of inter-city competition, which increased the number of games in Vernon substantially from the past two years. Over the course of spring/summer ball, we had fourteen umpires work 10 games or more, six who worked over 20, and two who worked more than 40 games. I want to specifically recognize Leo Gauthier, Pat Balfour, Jack Curry, and Clarence Bodden for their dedication and willingness to not only work games, but mentor and shape our younger umpires throughout the year without being asked to do so. Their contributions in this area will leave a lasting positive effect as our younger "blues" grow into future mentorship roles themselves.

A special thanks to our umpire coordinator Clorissa Herman for doing such a great job learning about everyone on the crew and working so hard to make sure the games were covered with quality crews from start to finish.

Many other associations around the province are struggling to attract and retain new umpires, so I would like to thank the board and association for their support of our younger umpires, both on and off the field. I especially want to thank our coaches and division directors for being professional and supportive on the field, even in the face of mistakes and through learning moments. Adhering so strongly to the "zero tolerance" for abuse policy has profound positive impact on our crew and will make it far more likely that they will return in the future.

Lastly, I will be stepping away from the role for 2023. I have greatly enjoyed working with all the kids and adults alike, but I do not have the time to commit to the job next season. I know the umpires will be well taken care of in Vernon no matter who steps in next year, and that is a reflection of the quality of people who make up the VBA board.

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. 8 Teams of boys and girls sponsored by Tim Horton's 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 ended with a wrap up party at Lavington Park.

Carl Vardon  
T-Ball Director

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## 9U/Tadpole Director's Report:

We had a very successful season. There were 94 kids registered this year - put onto 8 teams.

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

We changed up our fields this year - which I received a lot of positive feedback, as the school fields were never popular in the past. We played at Lavington, Armoury and Coldstream Park.

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 put together a summer team again this year. It was awesome for the kids to play at a more competitive level! They all improved a ton too. We had great coaches!. 13 kids played. We practiced twice a week and had a total of 8 games (Kelowna, Penticton and Salmon Arm).

Hopefully we will 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 2022 Mosquito Baseball season saw 71 players on 6 teams. Evaluations were held in Mid 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 start of May when we went to playing 2 games and one practice a week. Starting games was highlighted by the ability to use the newly installed digital scoreboards at the Lakeview Diamonds. The teams played a 10 game season followed by a seeded double elimination playoff.

### 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. This year the team participated in a few tournaments and some weekend double headers which lead them to the Provincials in Cloverdale.

Dan Braddick  
Mosquito Director

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## 13U/Pee Wee Director's Report:

The Pee Wee group had about 51 players split into 3 Single A teams and 1 AA team. In Single A ball we played an interlock schedule with 3 teams from Salmon Arm and 2 from Enderby. The eight-team schedule provided 1 month practice and then an eight-game schedule bringing the regular season to an end in mid-June. The final double elimination tournament ended with a dramatic final game in Salmon Arm won by the home team. Vernon ended up second and third, wrapping up a good season of ball.

The AA team of 12 players practiced 2 and 3 days per week from April thru July. The players were very dedicated and worked hard throughout the summer. They participated in the Interior Zone game schedule of approximately 40 games including three tournaments. Vernon had a solid winning record heading into the zone tournament but unfortunately came up short in the last game and did not qualify for the provincial tournament.

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

Matthew Brown  
Pee Wee Director

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## 15U/Bantam Director's Report:

Vernon baseball had two spring teams, we played in an interlock league with Salmon Arm's two teams as well as Enderby/Grindrod and Summerland. All six teams were very competitive, we played many 3-way doubleheaders on the weekend and would have practice and single game during the week. The spring season wrapped up with the school year, end of June.

The players looking for more ball from the two Vernon teams tried out and formed a competitive summer team. We played games vs Salmon Arm and Kelowna in July as well as playing in Kelowna's famous Valley of the Champions tournament.

Vernon qualified for the Provincial tournament held the second week of August in Maple Ridge. We had close games and big smiles everywhere, the players had a great experience.

Thanks to all the players, coaches, and umpires.

We also played our first season on the new mound and infield at Marshall. Our fields and mound are the Envy of all the teams we played.

Thank you, Vernon Baseball, for spending the time and money to make it happen.

Robert Holmes  
Bantam director

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## 18U/Midget Director's Report:

The 2022 season started off by getting the players out onto the freshly rebuilt Midget field. The past fall and early spring we rebuilt the infield and repositioned the bullpens while the city installed our new digital scoreboard.

This season saw 25 players allowing us to form 2 AA teams that were evenly matched and allowed our graduating players to play alongside their closest friends in finishing their youth baseball Career. We had 13 players graduating from youth baseball this year in which most played right from the T Ball with Vernon Baseball.

The teams played in an interior division for the Spring season that saw them face 2 teams from Kelowna, 1 team from Summerland and 1 team from Salmon Arm. Both Vernon teams finished on top of the league. We then held a North and South playoff that saw Vernon win the league. Vernon formed 1 summer team to participate in the Provincials held in Ladner. We unfortunately had no teams in the Interior to play against and went to the Provincials as a team that had only practiced, and we were not up to game speed. The boys played as a team and worked hard against some tough opponents.

Another bright side of the Provincials was the invitation of Brennan Braddick and me to participate on the Provincial champion Vancouver Mounties at Westerns in Estavan Saskatchewan. Brennan played 2 roles for the team as both Catcher and Pitcher and I went as the first base coach. The team played well and jelled as a group right away leading them to become the 2022 Western Canadian 18UAA Champions.

Dan Braddick  
Midget Director

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