

**Welcome to the
Vernon and District Baseball
Association**



**2014 Annual General Meeting
November 17, 2014**



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2014 Annual General Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 17, 2014
Prestige Inn

1. Welcome
2. Thank you to Sponsors
3. Minutes of the last AGM
 - Recommendation that the Minutes of the October 24, 2013 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
 - 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
 - Email regarding Beirsto Fields
8. Nominations and Election of Officers
9. Adjournment



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Minutes for the October 24, 2013 Vernon and District Baseball Association AGM

Board Members in attendance: Mark Batchelor, Carl Vardon, Alison Lauridsen, Terry Chudyk, Kevin Cherkowski, Clarence Bodden, Nick Foufoulas, Donelda Gamage, Sue Leroux, Mike Lewis, Rick Leroux, Dan Braddick, Shannon Weir.

Number in attendance: 16

Meeting called to order by Mark Batchelor, President at 7:10 pm

Introduction and Welcome: Mark Batchelor

Mark thanked our sponsors and the Province of BC for their continued support.

Review of 2012 AGM Minutes and Director's reports.

- Mark recommended that the minutes of the October 24, 2013 AGM be accepted as circulated. Motioned by Nick. Seconded by Kevin. All in favour. Minutes adopted.

Financial Statement and Treasurer's report.

- Mark thanked Sue for her work. We have a surplus of \$4400 but have spent \$2000 since the reports were made. We have now spent the cash restricted two years ago. The cash situation is good. Question from the floor – Is the gaming grant per player? Sue doesn't think so. She always asks for the full \$25,000 but they don't specify why they give less. Alison motioned that the Financial Statements be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Rick. All in favor. Statements adopted.

President's report.

- Mark reported that our numbers were up slightly this year. There continues to be good support for Vernon Baseball – the increase in numbers was in younger kids. We had a very successful picture day at Marshall Field which is our fundraiser. We have done some fieldwork – this was going to be done last fall but the weather was too wet. Both fields at Creekside were done this September. They will be ready for play this spring. The executive are considering putting in a bid to host Pee Wee provincials in Vernon next year. Mark would like to take this opportunity to thank the people on the executive - we work well as a group and push each other and challenge each other to get things done. Questions on anything in package? No.

Executive's reports.

- Carl (Vice-President) reported that the Vice-President role is evolving – taking on a coaching coordinators role as well as coaching development role. BC Baseball two years ago told us about road show. Had them here this year and it was fantastic. Brought



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some fun to the parents and kids. Carried onto the field – created a successful season. This coming spring will make sure these guys come back. There is also some talk about being able to certify coaches there. Questions? No.

- Nick and Val (Communications) have been working on the website. Most items are complete. It has gone fairly smoothly. If anyone has input it is welcome - send an email.
- Mike (Equipment) reported that we are starting to get a good amount of equipment. Summer equipment to use for spring league.
- Rick (Fields) stated work on fields is being done. Carl did a great job getting everything laid out. Darryl asked whether there would be a work group put together for Midget field. Need to find a shale supplier.
- There was a question from floor to Donelda (Uniforms) as to whether we had considered giving a voucher out to players to take to a local supplier for ball pants. Open to ideas. Suggested Darryl come to a regular meeting and present his ideas there. If companies want to make a proposal to Vernon Baseball we are open to looking at them.
- Clarence (Umpire-In-Chief) reported that this year things ran very smoothly. Same numbers as last year and everyone is progressing well.
- Jered (T-Ball) stated that numbers were up. Kids enjoying program. Strong group of parent coaches and helpers.
- Dan (Tadpole) said numbers way up from previous year. Had a lot of fun. Hopefully that carries up to Mosquito.
- Shannon (Mosquito) was new this year. Had a good season.
- Kevin (Pee Wee) reported that Pee Wee was down a little in numbers. 1 AA team and 4 A teams.
- Terry (Midget) reported that it is a challenging age but good baseball.
- Mark asked everyone to review the executive reports as circulated and asked for questions/comments from the floor. There were none.

Questions from the floor.

- Mark asked if there are any specific questions? What is going on with Diamondbacks? Are we going to work with them? Mark hasn't had any contact from them in two years. Rick thinks promoting a city league of post-Midget and adults would be more beneficial. Nick talked to Oggie Ortman from Diamondbacks and he was interested in creating something where kids and adults can play. Nick asked him to present something to the executive. Any other questions? No.

Floor Open for Nominations for Executive Positions.

- President – Mark Batchelor will stand. No other nomination.
- Vice President – Carl Vardon will stand. No other nominations.



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- Secretary/Uniforms – Donelda Gamage will stand. No other nominations.
- Treasurer – Sue Leroux will stand. No other nominations.
- Registrar – Alison Lauridson will stand but would like to see if we can find someone else.
- Communications – Nick and Val Foufoulas will stand. No other nominations.
- Equipment manager – Mike Lewis will stand. No other nominations.
- Field Manager - Rick Leroux will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire in chief – Clarence Bodden will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire Coordinator – Mark has letter from Marilyn Courtney she will stand for next year. No other nominations.
- T-ball – Jered Dennis will stand. No other nominations
- Tadpole – Dan Braddick will stand. No other nominations.
- Mosquito – Shannon Weir will stand. No other nominations.
- Pee Wee – Kevin Cherkowski is moving up to Bantam. Mark nominated Mike Lewis. No other nominations. He will have a double role – one vote.
- Bantam – Dean is stepping down. Mark nominated Kevin Cherkowski. No other nominations.
- Midget – Terry Chudyk will stand. No other nominations.

Mark thanked those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm



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Treasurers report:

Attached are the financial statements for the year ended October 31, 2014.

The organization is in a strong financial position with a current year surplus of \$5,817.

Revenue and expenses are fairly consistent from prior years. Registration was up slightly in the current year so the associated expenses were also up. We have \$34,047 in the bank which also remains consistent from year to year.

Sue Leroux BSc, CGA
Treasurer

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VERNON & DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014

STATEMENT A

	2014	2013
REVENUE		
All Star registration	\$ 4,150	\$ 4,030
Bull Pen camp	1,660	-
Donations	-	1,000
Fundraising (net)	1	1,548
Interest	5	7
Other income	337	50
Province of BC	23,177	25,466
Registration	49,496	43,732
Sponsorship	4,200	5,150
Winter skills camp	5,190	3,940
Tournament registration	1,500	2,160
	<u>89,716</u>	<u>87,083</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Advertising	819	1,224
AGM	199	199
All-Star fees	2,150	1,900
Amortization	2,421	2,691
Awards	848	1,576
Bank charges	25	45
Board expenses	717	437
Coaching expenses	1,739	598
Bull Pen camp expenses	1,729	-
Dues	425	25
Equipment	16,583	13,538
Facility rental	1,843	2,377
Field Improvements	118	1,454
Field Rental	7,277	7,157
Insurance	5,642	4,132
Legal	72	72
Office	396	292
Pictures	2,167	1,758
Promotion	200	-
Registration expense	3,134	2,485
Repairs & maintenance	137	478
Signs	1,589	666
Supplies	430	636
Tournaments	4,020	4,538
Travel	-	254
Umpires	7,110	7,605
Umpires clinic	837	1,812
Umpires equipment	-	1,655
Uniforms	20,116	19,447
Website	1,156	3,064
	<u>83,899</u>	<u>82,115</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUE	\$ 5,817	\$ 4,968

VERNON & DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2014

STATEMENT B

	2014	2013
INTERNALLY RESTRICTED		
Beginning balance	\$ -	\$ 7,047
Transfer from unrestricted	-	-
Capital expenditures	-	(3,000)
Field improvements	-	(4,047)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,047)</u>
	2014	2013
UNRESTRICTED		
Beginning balance	\$ 28,773	\$ 21,114
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>8,238</u>	<u>7,659</u>
Ending balance	\$ 37,011	\$ 21,114
	2014	2013
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS		
Beginning balance	\$ 36,126	\$ 35,817
Deficit of revenue over expenditures	(2,421)	(2,691)
Transfer from internally restricted	-	3,000
Ending balance	<u>\$ 33,705</u>	<u>\$ 36,126</u>

VERNON & DISTRICT BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
OCTOBER 31, 2014

STATEMENT C

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 34,047	\$ 33,136
Accounts receivable	-	760
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,667</u>	<u>-</u>
	37,714	33,896
EQUIPMENT	<u>33,705</u>	<u>36,126</u>
	<u>\$ 71,419</u>	<u>\$ 70,022</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 215	\$ 658
Deferred Revenue	<u>488</u>	<u>4,465</u>
	703	5,123
NET ASSETS		
INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS	33,705	36,126
UNRESTRICTED	<u>37,011</u>	<u>28,773</u>
	70,716	64,899
	<u>\$ 71,419</u>	<u>\$ 70,022</u>



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President's Report:

The 2014 spring baseball season saw more than 360 players playing in our Vernon league. Registrations were up in all divisions, except Pee Wee (13U) as compared to 2013.

Our T-Ball division (7U) with our youngest players focused on basic skill development by starting each night with a practice and then held a fun game.

Tadpole (9U), held early season practices and then graduated to 3 strike / 3 out baseball games using pitching machines.

In the Mosquito division (11U), teams held a competitive regular season with scores & standings being kept with a player-pitch format, base stealing and standard baseball rules. Play-offs were held using a best of three format to crown a league champion amongst our teams.

Pee Wee (13U) had a total of 4 teams, 3 Single A teams and one AA team. Vernon's AA team was very strong against other local associations throughout the season and finished in 2nd Place in the play-off tournament. Our Single A teams played an inter-lock schedule against other associations and in addition exhibition games against each other. A Vernon team won the championship in the Single A play-off tournament held in Salmon Arm.

Bantam (15U) featured two AA teams, both of whom did very well in inter-lock play. In previous years, Vernon teams had competed at a Single A level in this division.

In the Midget division (18U), Vernon had 3 teams, two with solid records, however one team struggled to have enough players available and therefore didn't play a full schedule. A play-off tournament was held to end the season.

Three "Vernon Canadians" summer teams in Mosquito (11U Tier 1), Pee Wee (13U AA) and Bantam (15U AA) competed to attend Provincials, with the 13U AA & 15U AA teams making it and representing VDBA well. We also had a Midget (18U AA) team host & play in the Valley of Champions tournament in Mid-July.

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.

Mark Batchelor
President Vernon & District Baseball Association

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Vice-President's Report:

This year Baseball B.C. provided an interior 'Road Show' coaches clinic at Vantage One. We had 40 people attend and enjoy a warm up session with Chris Johnson. This was followed by an Initiation course led by Charlie Law. We were able to certify 17 coaches. I hope to have them all back next year.

I have developed a computer based filing system for all involved with the VDBA. This allows me to attach all correspondence to a file for each member of the executive and coaches. This was done so the new Vice President will have all of the key information. Criminal record checks are done electronically and have no cost. Evaluations, recommendations and all of the positive feedback that we receive will stay with the individuals file.

This year's online Season Evaluation and Coaches Evaluation forms have given us several viewpoints of our season. I am glad to say that they have proven to be an excellent tool for recommending improvements to the system. Almost all were positive and many gave high praise to our excellent coaching staff.

I would just like to thank the entire Executive for a great season. It makes it all worth the effort when you hear families praising the great efforts of the VDBA.

Carl Vardon
Vice President

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Registrar's Report:

For the 2014 baseball season we had 362 registered players according to our online registration system, Karelo. This number is up from last year by 48 players.

Karelo's online registration system was well used once again this year, however, with over 100 manual registration sent in through the mail I am hoping that the Karelo system continues to "catch on" throughout our membership...

Fitness tax receipts were sent via email in January 2014 to registrants email addresses for 2013 season. 2014 fitness tax receipts will be sent via email in January 2015.

I took on the role of registrar after Alison Lauridsen stepped down from her 3 years of volunteering in that position.

It was definitely a bit of a learning curve, but with great coaching from my predecessor I'm beginning to get the hang of it and I look forward to the year ahead.

Shannon Weir
VDBA – Registrar 2014

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Equipment Manager's Report:

2014 was another great year for Vernon Baseball. This past year was my 2nd year as Equipment Manager and I am happy to report that we are in relatively good shape with the equipment in all divisions. We continue to have the good fortune of great sponsorship which allows us with the opportunity to outfit all divisions from Mini-Tad thru Midget with good equipment.

Once again this year we purchased quite a bit of new gear (bats, catchers gear etc.) for our Summer Teams & we will again be moving this gear into our spring program.

As we have done in the past I will soon be taking an inventory of all gear and donating any out dated gear to needy kids in third world countries.

This will be my 3rd year on the Executive & I have enjoyed my time working with this dedicated group of people & hope to continue with VDBA for many years.

Cheers,
Mike Lewis
VDBA Equipment Manager



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Uniform Manager's Report:

Once again the uniforms for T-Ball through Pee Wee house teams were ordered locally and consisted of t-shirts and hats. The uniforms for Pee Wee travel through Midget were the same as the style from last year. These teams wore white pants, blue socks and belts, blue hat and had both a red and blue jersey. I collected all the jerseys back from the travel teams in order to use them again next year. This should help keep the costs of providing the teams with two jerseys instead of one down. All the teams looked great!

Donelda Gamage
Uniform Manager

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Communication Director's Report:

This was our fifth year on the Executive; 2 years as Advertising Directors and 3 in the Communications Director position.

The year went well starting in September, keeping executive information updated on the website; working with the webmaster and making small changes ourselves providing cost savings. Outstanding items from our website overhaul were completed i.e. Blog, Scoreboards, Standings page and Executive Log In area. We continued to streamline the use of Google Calendar on our homepage for game scheduling & coach info indexing. With good communication from the executive the website can be a successful source of information for all members. We hope it keeps getting better with each season!

We strongly believe the website should be the "go to place" to keep everyone informed and up to date with what's going on in our Association. The efforts of all those who volunteer have been successful in steadily increasing our registration numbers over the past few years along with raising public awareness to those who wish to "Play Ball." Our online game summaries were simplified to make it easier for coaches to encourage parent volunteers to track game highlights and submit to the Vernon Morning Star...it's great to see the kids in the paper. We also added online instructional videos to the Media Zone.

We are stepping down as Communications Director but willing to step into a new position as Website Administrator for the 2015 season to accommodate succession.

Overall it was another great season & we're already working on updates to help make the 2015 season even better. VDBA's main strength is its members that volunteer their time to run it and all those that support it!!

Nick & Val Foufoulas
Communications Directors

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Umpire-In-Chief's Report:

The 2014 Umpire season started as it did the year before with the Level 1 and Level 2 Clinics. The clinics were held Sunday, April 13th at Clarence Fulton Secondary. The school provided a very useful facility. We were able to use both a classroom and gym, allowing the instructors to run both classroom and field activities at the same time. The day went very well and the end of the clinic we were able to hold our umpires meeting and hand out starter kits to the new umpires

As with other years we found that many of our umpires also play baseball. This is not just a situation VDBA finds itself in but all minor baseball deals with this. At times this had many of our senior umpires playing and unable to work Midget and Bantam level games. This resulted in us being able to bring up younger umpires to work these games in many cases with myself. These umpires handled the situation very well and did not look out of place. The confidence gained will benefit them in the next few years as they continue in umpiring.

This was the second year for the umpire evaluation form. I received six forms and all were written in ways to improve umpiring in Vernon. We again this year had a number of VDBA umpires work the Kelowna Valley of Champions. I received nothing but positive feedback on how VDBA umpires handled themselves before, during and after the games. They all did a great job.

As stated above I had been able to work with a number of VDBA umpires this past season. I found them all willing to learn and improve their umpiring skills. I look forward to the 2015 season.

Clarence Bodden
Umpire-In-Chief VDBA

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T-Ball Director's Report:

This year was a great year for T-Ball Players. This group of 5-6 year old boys and girls were treated to the best group of coaches. This year's commitment to coach certification has developed a core group of well trained coaches that are ready for next year's players. The season wrapped up with a great celebration at Lavington Park. Parents ran games, brought lots of treats. Tim Horton's supplied Timbits and medals. I would like to thank Tyler Swanson for helping out throughout the season and Shelly Pope for leading the parents at the year end party.

Carl Vardon
Vice-President / T-Ball Director



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Tadpole Director's Report:

Once again we were able to pull off another exciting year of baseball for the kids and parents of 7-8 year old boys and girls. There were 8 teams with 8 - 11 players per team this year. Our biggest challenge was to get enough parents to be coaches. In the end we got the volunteers we needed to make the year successful. The season went very well this year with all of the teams being equally matched making for a lot of fun games and allowing for the kids to learn the game while they played. As always each game ended with the relay and a cheer for the other team. We finished up the year with a skills competition out at the Lavington fields and the kids got medals from our sponsor Tim Hortons as well as a lot of snacks. Thanks to all of the parents that stepped out onto the fields to coach. The best moments in sport happen at this level and I would like to thank all who helped out to make this year a huge success.

Dan Braddick
Tadpole Director

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Mosquito Director's Report:

During the 2014 Baseball season we had 85 players participate in the Mosquito Division, which was an increase of 42 players from the 2013 season!

With so many players to accommodate, we formed 7 teams of (11 to 12) players with 1 Head Coach & at least 1 Assistant (if not two) volunteering their time for each team. (up from a 4 team league in 2013)

Evaluations were held on April 13th in an effort to make the team selections as even as possible.

Scheduled practices began immediately after on April 14th.

The Coach's Caravan was on April 15th with a great turnout from our division, I would like to see even more coach's attend next season as it was well worth it!

With 7 teams to accommodate, we made full use of the 2 fields that we had at our disposal and managed to provide each team with an allotted 8 practices and 10 games throughout the season. In addition to this, many teams took it upon themselves to schedule additional field time and batting practice as they deemed fit.

Each teams WIN/LOSS record was kept and the 7 teams were seeded accordingly in the playoff draw.

Playoffs began June 16th using a "7 Team Double Elimination" play-off format rounding out the year.

We had enough interest to form a Summer Ball Team of 13 Mosquito players with a head coach and 2 assistants "stepping up to the plate" to lead the charge. The team attended 2 tournaments, one in Kamloops and one in Burnaby.

We hosted the Zone playoffs in a 3 team weekend series and had a great time but didn't make it past the hard hitting Kamloops team...maybe next year!

Shannon Weir
Mosquito Director

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Pee Wee Director's Report:

During the 2014 season, we had a total of 49 players participating in the Pee Wee Division. In April, evaluations were held, 3 "A" teams and one "AA" team were formed and practices were held.

"A" league games began in early May. In 2014 the decision was made that the "A" teams would participate in the Interlock Division against teams from Penticton, Summerland, Keremeos, West Kelowna, Kelowna, Rutland and Salmon Arm. The playoffs were held in late June in Salmon Arm and the Interlock title was won by the Vernon Best Western Blue Jays.

The "AA" team competed in the "AA" Interlock Division against teams from Kamloops, Rutland, Kelowna, West Kelowna and Penticton.

We had one team play summer ball in the Pee Wee "AA" Division and this team advanced to the Provincials held in Port Coquitlam where they had a very strong showing advancing all the way to the semi-finals.

Mike Lewis
Pee Wee Director

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Bantam Director's Report:

I would like to thank everyone involved in the Bantam Division. The dedication of the volunteers in Vernon Baseball and the dedication of the parents made the season a real success. At the beginning of the year there was an army of volunteers out working on the fields to prepare them for the Kids to play on for the season...They worked deep into the night to make that happen, I would just like to say thank you to all involved as it shows the true community spirit here in Vernon.

The Spring Season consisted of three teams; two played in the single A division and one played in the AA division. All teams had a very successful season. The Bantam Division also submitted a AA summer baseball team. The summer team was made up of a very competitive group that was chosen from the spring teams.

It seems like every year we have a great success in this division solely due to the dedication of the players, parents and coaches.

Unfortunately I'm going to step down as the Bantam Director and I hope the new Director will have all the success and fun that I had with this division.

Thank you
Kevin Cherkowski
Bantam Director

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Midget Director's Report:

In 2014, Vernon and District Baseball Association attempted to field three Midget AA Teams. Teams one and two had a great season and both teams made it to the playoffs. The third team struggled due to numbers and eventually folded at the end of the season. All three teams were made of approx. 11 to 12 players which created a strain on the Coaches and parents. Due to the difficulties we experienced last year with our attempt of fielded three teams with 34 players, we're going to Cap the registration at 28 players and only field two teams. Every player registered after our 28 player Cap will have to be waitlisted. If registration numbers suggest we can field three teams we can make the decision at that time.

At the end of the spring we created one tournament team and hosted a division in the Okanagan tournament called the Valley Of Champions. Our team played some phenomenal baseball in this tournament and placed third out of ten teams behind Prince George and a team from Okotoks, Alberta.

The success of the season could never be accomplished without the hard work from the Coaches, Players and Parents. I personally would like to thank all our volunteer Coaches, scorekeepers, pitch counters, field volunteers and parents / fans.

Regards,
Terry Chudyk
Midget Director

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