

Minutes for the November 22, 2022 Vernon Baseball Association AGM IN person and Zoom

Board Members in attendance: Michael Sanfilippo, Matthew Brown, Jennifer Brown, Matt Davyduke, Stephanie Davyduke, Janet Coulter, Jason Coulter, Jason Gilbert, Stu Cleland, Clorissa Herman, Carl Vardon, Dan Braddick.

Also Joined in person by Ryan Novakowski and Darryl DeKlerk as well as online by Terista Mazu, Jerry DeVries, Ryan Mains and Rob Holmes.

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

Review of 2021 AGM Minutes

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

Financial Statement and Treasurer's report: Jason Gilbert reported we had another successful year financially with registrations up! VMB utilized \$5000 to complete pitching mounds at Marshal Fields. \$30,000 will be held for special projects like Lake View resurfacing, enclosed bullpens that will need to be completed with the next 5 year. Costs for jerseys and umpires were up this year. BC government did provide \$21,000 in the Gaming Funds.

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

President's report. Michael Sanfilippo: Very happy with the increase in registration of 344 kids. T-Bal 77, Tadpole 93, Mosquito 71, Pee Wee 51, Bantam 32, Midget 25. The league made huge steps forward with improving the quality of the fields as well as 4 installed score boards. Again, a big thank you to the executive team, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and sponsors for all their support. Baseball isn't possible without all your hard work and contributions.

Executive Reports:

- - **Vice-President Jeff Stevenson:** Great to see lots of new faces and leaning the roll. looking forward to another successful year in 2023 as vice president.
- - **Registrar-Shannon Sanfilippo:** Another great year with 344 kids registered up from 273 in 2021 and 159 in 2020. VBA is pleased to continue working the following organizations Jumpstart, Kids Sports, and A4k in the upcoming 2023 baseball season.

- - **Field Manager report Matt Davyduke:** Many field upgrades starting with the rebuilding of Marshal Fields, enclosed bull pens for the 18U and potential bull pens in the future for the 15U, a new tractor for Marshal Field. The field closest to the road at Creekside park was a mess after 2 years of no use due to the poor back stop. With the help of city crews and volunteers we were able to get the field playable. We are still waiting and could be for a while to see if the city will raise the back stop or hang a net at the top to prevent foul balls from going into the homes behind the field. With the new irrigation at Creekside the fields stayed in better shape. Matt made arrangements with the city crew to truck in the same shale as McArthur Park in Kamloops which will be top dressed this spring. Lake View parks were well maintained this season. The old Lawn tractor from Marshal Field will be relocated to the new building for those fields. Lavington, Armory, and Coldstream Park were good with no complaints. There is talk from the city about making a second ball field at the far end of Coldstream Park for T-ball.

- - **Equipment Manager Jason Coulter:** Currently equipment is well situated. Moving forward we will need to purchase bats and some miscellaneous equipment. Currently suppliers are short in sock. This year we purchased a new Hack Attack pitching machine for the outdoor cage at Coldstream that can be used at Creekside as well. 60 dozen Rawlings baseballs which should cover us for the next couple of seasons as well as Level 1 and 5 baseballs for Tadpole and Tadpole summer ball.

 - **Uniform Manager Janet Coulter:** We were able to order locally from Source for Sports for the spring and summer teams which consisted of T-shirts and hats that the kids were able to keep. T-ball and Tadpole shirts were provided by Tim Hortons. From this year's budget we pre ordered the bulk of jerseys for next season. We also ordered two sets of jerseys that will be used for the beginning of summer ball to hold over for our summer teams until the custom ones arrive. These jerseys are expected to be returned once the custom ones have arrived.

- - **Communications Director report Jennifer Brown:** Registration started early this season. Advertising through radio ads, newspaper, and social media. Vernon Baseball website remains the best and fastest way to access baseball information. This includes registration, camps, academy, umpires and more. Our website team Sayvee is very professional and easy to work with.

- - **Umpire-In-Chief report Stu Cleland:** Strong return for umpiring crew. Stu recommends planning for 2 separate clints as number of participants is overwhelming. Special recognition to Leo Gauthier, Pat Balfour, Jack Curry and Clarence Bodden for their dedication and willingness to not only work games but

mentoring and shaping our younger umpires throughout the year without being asked. Another special thanks to Clorissa Herman for doing a great job for organizing umpires for games from start to finish. Big thanks again to coaches for directors for 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.

- - **T-Ball Director report Carl Vardon:** 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.
- - **Tadpole Director report Jessica Davis:** A changed in our fields this year which received a lot of positive feedback, as the school fields were never popular in the past. We played at Lavington, Armoury and Coldstream Park. There was a summer team again this year that held 13 kids. It was awesome for the kids to play at a more competitive level.
- - **Mosquito Director Dan Braddick:** Spring Ball 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. The teams played a 10-game season followed by a seeded double elimination playoff. Summer ball this year consisted of an 11U AAA team. This year the team participated in a few tournaments and some weekend double headers which lead them to the Provincials in Cloverdale.
- - **Pee Wee Director Matthew Brown:** The Pee Wee group had about 51 players split into 3 Single A teams and 1 AA team. The single A's finished the season in a final double elimination tournament with a fantastic final game held in Salmon Arm with a win by the Vernon! The AA team 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.
- - **Bantam Director Robert Holmes:** Bantams had two spring teams, we played in an interlock league with Salmon Arm's two teams as well as Enderby/Grindrod and Summerland. 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 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.
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- **Midget Director Dan Braddick:** 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. 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. 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.

Questions from the floor.

With the information from the field manager about a second field at the Creekside park Ryan Novakowski pointed out that there is barely enough parking for two teams at the Coldstream park. If there was another field traffic and parking would be impossible. Matthew Davyduke will bring this up to the District of Coldstream.

Could there be communication earlier in the season if there will be a summer ball for the Tadpole and Mosquito divisions? This does depend on the number of kids wanting to play AA/AAA as well as coaches. Communicating to parents and kids would help us know if there will a AA/AAA team so everyone is all better prepared.

Could the schedule to Tee ball and Tadpole come out sooner? This also depends on available fields. We are on the list of associations considered to use field that will be created at Kin Race track. This will help with scheduling.

What's the status of the Scoreboards for Creekside? We will continue using the old wooden ones. In previous years the district was opposed to installing new score boards as they were concerned about vandalism. With new council members and Mayor we will continue to communicate with them and work towards this goal of the digital score bords.

Nominations and Election of Officers

- President – Michael Sanfilippo will stand. No other nominations.
- Vice-President – Jeff Stevenson. will stand. No other nominations.
- Secretary – Stephanie Davyduke will not stand. Cheryl Stevenson was nominated.
- Treasurer – Jason Gilbert will stand. No other nominations.
- Registrar – Shannon Sanfilippo will stand. No other nominations.
- Equipment Manager – Jason Coulter will stand. No other nominations
- Field Manager – Matt Davyduke will stand. No other nominations.
- Uniform Manager – Janet Coulter will stand. No other nominations.
- Communications Director – Jennifer Brown will stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire-In-Chief – Stuart Cleland will not stand. No other nominations.
- Umpire Co-Ordinator – Clorissa Herman will stand. No other nominations.
- T-Ball Director – Carl will stand. No other nominations.
- Tadpole Director – Jessica Davis will not stand. Ryan Novakowski was nominated.
- Mosquito Director – Dan Braddick will stand. No other nominations.
- Pee Wee Director – Matthew Brown will not stand. No other nominations.
- Bantam Director – Rob Holmes will not stand. Daryl DeKlerk was nominated.
- Midget Director – Dan Braddick will stand.
- Sponsorship Director – Stephanie Davyduke was nominated.
- Tournament Director – Trista Mazu was nominated.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:12 PM