



Meeting Minutes for June 12, 2023

DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023

TIME: 8:00pm

LOCATION: CMHA Boardroom

Attendees: Nathan Kathol, Ryan McMillan, Lesley Bentein, Amie Harvey, Angela Bain, Tamara Giles, Randy Burnette, Desiree Walsh, Katharine Ballantyne.

Visitors attended: Lori Maier

1. Welcome and call to order

- a. Nathan called meeting to order at 8:05 pm
- b. Welcome to visitor Lori Maier

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Motion to approve made by Ryan, seconded by Desiree.

3. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:

- a. Motion to approve made by Nathan, seconded by Angela.

4. Online email motion approval read into the Meeting Minutes:

- a. n/a

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Challenger Day – Angela provided the update. Our boys were on one diamond and our girls on the other. We even had one of our Umpires there. Played with the Challenger kids first and it was really fun. The adult game was afterwards. Games ran half an hour long. Nathan commented that it is a great organization – Little League Charter puts it on, we sign up for a specific date. Angela added that it is amazing facilities at the Challenger Park. The guy that organized it did a great job and was very funny. Normally Little League doesn't schedule regular season games on the same day as Challenger Day, but this year they did which is likely why we had a harder time getting volunteers.

6. New Business:

7. Reports of Officers

- a. **President – Nathan Kathol**
 - i. Coordinators:

1. please send out a note to get all your coaches expenses in for coaching clinics, we would like to tie those expenses off
 2. playoffs are starting, please have your coaches run schedules and changes through you
 3. plan to collect the equipment bags and jerseys from team right away, before people leave for summer
- ii. Asked if softball has any summer ball teams for this year. Angela didn't know. U17 are going to provincials. U13 not going to provincials. Haven't heard back from the rest. OFM pays for Provincials entry fee and can then submit the cost via expense report. Ryan will forward Angela all the emails he's been getting as it looks like Angela isn't being included on them.
 - iii. Indoor Space - I submitted our request for indoor space at SMP for next year. My feeling is that we will slowly get squeezed out of the facility rental program as they prioritize local programs first. Need ideas for new venues to look for indoor space. \$140/ hour for one field at Accurate vs Strathmore of \$70. This year our expenses was \$6,000 for just April. IDEas brought forth by attendees: Foothills Academy, Conrich school, Genesis center, etc.

b. Vice President - Ryan McMillian

c. Past President - Chris Wallin (absent)

d. Treasurer – Lesley Bentien

- i. Budgets for each group have been entered into QuickBooks. There are still a few areas with holes and this is obviously after the fact since the season is well under way, but we should have an informative budget in place for next season and ready for the AGM.
 1. Will need to look into it prior to Sept to see how it looks. Before it was a lump sum. Now is a good time to start splitting the other groups. Clinics and equipment weren't included in prior budgets.
- ii. The Financial Report for 2022 has been submitted and approved by AGLC. We had to close a raffle from 2022 and that is complete too.
- iii. The monthly unknown withdrawal of \$26.00 turned out to be Beanstream (now worldline) which is a credit card gateway initiated back in 2017. It has been canceled.
- iv. P&L up to the end of May attached.
- v. Registration # is high, but there is still missing expenses ie charter fees, registration league expenses. Roughly \$7K for BA and Softball in expenses still to come. We bought/ replaced a lot of equipment and we are rolling that out of AGLC funds raised. Every team got one new set of catching gear. For next year will need to replace the set that is left. We are not on the list for the next casino as of yet, but there is a big backlog to get us back in good standing. Every 3 years is when an association typically rotates through.

- e. **Secretary – Vacant (Amie Harvey)**
 - i. Picture online codes have all been sent out. Only baseball alberta teams still have a few days left to order. All other groups orders have been closed. Invoice for pictures has been received from Tammy. Will forward onto Lesley
- f. **Registrar – Amie Harvey**
 - i. Still has a few late registrations for Instructional. All teams are closed.
 - ii. Waiting on one more kidsport, Amie to follow up/ work with Lesley.
- g. **Baseball Development – Corey Bentein (absent)**

8. **Reports of Coordinators**

- a. **Fundraising - Randy Burnette**
 - i. New fundraiser cut off time for June 19 at 11pm, delivery just in time for July long weekend. Sales are quite down for the second fundraiser. ANgela said that the cheese in the orders was delicious.
- b. **Webmaster – Jodie Hassett (absent)**
 - i. Nathan commented that need to send more pictures from all the leagues and age groups to Jodi for posting
- c. **Equipment Manager – Randy Burnette**
 - i. Having several issues with coaches not locking up after practices and games
 - 1. Chains and locks are being stolen
 - 2. Porta potties are being messed up
 - ii. Someone at Prairie Waters that didn't drag it, not sure why but the bags are now in the silver seacan instead of the green box at the diamond. Gloves were gone out of the second base as the plug. We pegged the back of the base - need to communicate this out to the coaches so they don't dig up the diamond. Net for batting cage has been replaced at Red Carpet.
 - iii. We have replaced a lot of equipment this season and added pieces to the equipment bags, please get feedback from your teams in regards to what they think they would need/want for next year
 - iv. The new cage net for Red Carpet was received and installed on June 5th
- d. **Apparel Manager - (absent)**
 - i. Once each teams season is over, please turn in the jersey's ASAP
- e. **Diamond Scheduler - (absent)**
 - i. Nathan negotiated an agreement with the City for renting the diamonds.
 - 1. worked an agreement with the City of Chestermere to blanket book OLW, CLMS and PW for the month of May/June to allow us to control the schedule without having to go back and forth so many times for each individual booking

- ii. CRCA - diamond fees contact expired. New pricing for 2024 season. Not sure if we have to negotiate it or if they will be setting the price. The price will be going up , we just don't know by how much.
- iii. Crushers players must have a CRCA membership to continue with a discounted rate for the CRCA diamonds. Nathan suggests that we add a \$5 fee to each players registration next year instead of chasing CRCA membership fees.
- iv. Nathan had suggested looking into possibly having the Minors and Majors have a couple double headers on the weekend to utilize the diamonds better so that diamonds are available for practices during the week as to use the green space, CRCA is charging us more than the cost of the diamonds rental. Prairie Waters & OLW green space is already being used. Look at Dawsons Landing – don't know who to contact. Only once this season we had an incident where U9 softball didn't have a diamond for a game
- v. City of Chestermere – negotiated that we take control of the diamonds and we will be charged a lump sum. Mon – Friday is set. Weekends are automatically ours, unless the city receives a booking, then we have to give up the diamonds. Question – Could we get into/access to the high school diamond? Maybe we could get in there and fix it up and potentially have another diamond option. Next year, we'll roll it over. To use Langdon diamonds it is \$20 for non-residents, but residents are \$10. Need to look into if we can negotiate that we get the resident fee as we do have softball Langdon players.

f. Umpire in Chief - Vacant

g. Instructional –Katherine Ballantye

- i. Wind up is scheduled for June 24. Desiree has diamonds booked. She will look into booking the Gym in case of rain out for tables/ food. Look at curling rink for indoor games if needed. Looking for ideas on kitchen cooking – ie boiling vs crock pot. Will reach out for some volunteers for that day. Already ordered the medals. Don't have food ordered yet. Lori suggested that sometimes the whitecappers will volunteer to help with kitchen things like this. 10am-2pm is currently booked for outdoor play. Desiree will look to book from 9-3 indoors. Lori suggested hitting up Tim Hotons, Walmart and No Frills for donations.
- ii. Still had a couple more registrations of new players with only 2 weeks to go until the end of the season.

h. Little League – Tamara Giles

- i. we won't be having and Summerball teams this year, those who are interested we have been directing them to Langdon to hopefully form a team
- ii. Cal East has a fall ball program and see if we can put a team into that. Play at Centennial – District 3 organizes it. There is where individual players sign up and get divided out but we can submit an actual team.

- iii. Suggest that July/August meeting be a review/wish list plan for next year.
- iv. Survey to Coaches and Parents? Survey monkey was done prior to covid. Lesley will look to see if she can find the original questions.
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- vi. Tournament or Wrap Up Year ends? Can we look into doing a wrap up party. For funds for that – looking at selling tickets. It's not in the budget, but more than welcome to organize if can keep costs at a minimum/ zero.

i. Softball – Angela Bain

i. 2023 Season:

- 1. Only 2 teams for U9 to play against and we keep getting destroyed. Would like to look into maybe switching into Softball Calgary
- 2. U11 Strathmore had 2 teams – 1 team stacked and the other is not. In-house league. Doesn't make sense what they are doing.
- 3. U13 every game has been really even
- 4. U15 all first years, div too high. We get to choose what division we go into, but maybe it shouldn't just be a coaches decision.
- 5. U17 is having a great time, doing very well, playing lots of tournaments.

ii. Will need indoor space for winter camps for next year

iii. All teams are loving having consistent ump's so make sure we have the budget for that for next year. Angela says that the ump's are doing well, lots of first years that are learning. Need to make sure that we don't pay the softball umpire invoice from Calgary minor until we have a discussion.

- 1. Lesley said that we do have an umpire invoice received for little league. Lesley is pushing back for a breakdown.

j. Baseball Alberta – Nathan Kathol

- i. season is underway with the first two weekends complete, no real concerns from the team's
- ii. three teams went to the Darrin Macdonald tournament for June 2-4, all teams had a competitive weekends

k. Safety Coordinator - Amber Patterson (absent)

- i.

8. Round Table:

- a. None
- 9. Set next meeting :**

- a. June 12, 2023 at 8pm

10. Motion to Adjourn

- a. Ryan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm and motion was seconded by Desiree