



Meeting Minutes for July 08, 2024

DATE: Monday, July 8, 2024

TIME: 8:00pm

LOCATION: CMHA Boardroom

Attendees: Nathan Kathol, Ryan McMillan, Lori Maier, Amie Harvey, Tamara Giles, Leslie Bentein, Corey Bentein, Jodie Hassett, Melissa Fair, Sabrina Green, Brittany Clarke & Randy Burnette

1. **Welcome and call to orders**

- a. Nathan called meeting to order at 8:05pm

2. **Reception of Visitors**

- a. No Visitors

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

- a. Motion to approve agenda made by Amie Harvey, seconded by Sabrina Green.

4. **Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:**

- a. Motion to approve June 3rd meeting minutes made by Nathan Kathol, seconded by Ryan McMillan.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. No unfinished business

6. **Report of Officers**

a. **President – Nathan Kathol**

- i. Challenger Day June 22nd. Melissa brought 3 from Softball, U15AA moved a game and had the whole team there, 11UAA had 4 kids and Coach Deb Davidson dropped by and helped on the way to her game. It was a nice day, the first nice weekend of the season. One organizer thought this was the largest group that they've had.

- ii. 18U CNBL There has been a serious injury on this team, a broken hip. We are still gathering the paperwork
- iii. **Pending Actions Items:**
 - a. Still need to update to a new template.
 - b. Get budget and diamond allocation to Kat (done).
 - c. Incident Report: utilized old version for accident - U18 player broke their hip
 - d. Contacted City in Regards to Cricket Pitch and rogue Cricket balls - weren't supposed to be there and will not be there next year (done - contacted the City).
 - e. Push out Fundraiser Notice (done).
 - f. Register CNBL teams in Spordle (done).
 - g. Calgary Stampeders Access Codes - August 15th, players get a code and then every player gets a ticket. Coach can just process all the codes for tickets and they go to whoever wants to go.
- iv. **Umpires-** how can we confirm who showed up and for which games, we get an invoice at the end of the year but we have no way to confirm if they show up or if the game is even played. Can the umpire sign the game sheet or have an app like in ringette. Whether they are senior ups or if there are one or two ups.
- v. Kid sport funds will pay for the baseball but the family will need to pick up apparel costs. Kid sport was good with not returning any money. Reimbursement for injury has been done with doctors note but mental health notice is different.

b. Vice President - Ryan McMillian

- i. Left handed catchers glove will be ready for next year.

c. Past President -

- i. Vacant

d. Treasurer – Lesley Bentien

- i. Lesley would like everyone to please get their expense reports in ASAP. Nathan asked Coordinators if they could reach out to their Coaches one more time just to be sure. Mentioned 18U CNBL is finished and Rich should have umpire fees to submit. Lesley will also reach out directly to Rich. Year end is August 31st.
- ii. Crushers was awarded a Rocky View County Operational Grant for \$16,000, submitted for Bat, Catching Gear, and Pitching Mounds. Cheque will be mailed from the County. City of Chestermere grant just went out but we missed the notice. New City grant just opened up and they have to be in by August 5th.
- iii. Profit & Loss

Chestermere Crushers

Trial Balance
As of July 6, 2024

	DEBIT	CREDIT
GAMING ACCOUNT 4114	3,291.48	
OPERATING ACCOUNT 4411	100,561.75	
Petty Cash	175.00	
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00	
GIC	2,000.00	
Uncategorized Asset	0.00	
Accounts Payable (A/P)		3,442.87
VISA CC		0.00
Opening Balance Equity		62,182.56
Retained Earnings		30,984.11
AGLC (IN):AGLC - FUNDRAISING		4,054.98
FUNDRAISING		2,414.00
REGISTRATIONS:BASEBALL ALBERTA SEASON FEES		53,497.16
REGISTRATIONS:BASEBALL ALBERTA TRYOUT FEES		3,960.00
REGISTRATIONS:CATCHERS CLINIC		620.70
REGISTRATIONS:LITTLE LEAGUE/ INSTRUCTIONAL		30,090.70
REGISTRATIONS:SOFTBALL		24,549.89
REGISTRATIONS:WINTER CAMP		2,855.60
ADMINISTRATION	2,715.07	
ADMINISTRATION:SUBSCRIPTIONS	86.21	
ADVERTISING / PROMOTIONAL	622.56	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - ADMINISTRATION	178.45	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - Advertising/Promotional	909.99	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - BANK FEES	6.00	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - DIAMOND RENTAL	3,452.44	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - Donations	3,127.91	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - FACILITY RENTAL	6,167.14	
AGLC (OUT):AGLC - Fundraising	647.50	
BANK FEES	478.30	
CHARTER / ASSOCIATION FEES	50.00	
CHARTER / ASSOCIATION FEES:COACH & PLAYER FEES	276.00	
CHARTER / ASSOCIATION FEES:TEAM REGISTRATION FEES	2,640.75	
COACH_TRAIN	299.25	
DIAMOND RENTAL	1,304.13	
EQUIPMENT	9,109.43	
FACILITY RENTAL	5,284.69	
FACILITY RENTAL:Facility Rental - Camps	2,052.12	
FACILITY RENTAL:Facility Rental - Evaluations	639.24	
FIELD REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE	1,097.61	
LEGAL / ACCTG/ PROFESSIONAL	12,165.82	
PHOTOS	4,662.00	
PORTAPOTTIES	2,963.53	
SUPPLIES	882.25	
TEAM_GEAR	10,360.17	
TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEE	7,150.00	
TRAINING	1,753.22	
UMPIRE FEES	15,010.00	
UNIFORM	15,338.98	

Chestermere Crushers

Trial Balance
As of July 6, 2024

	DEBIT	CREDIT
WINDUP	1,239.08	
INTEREST EARNED		45.50
TOTAL	\$218,698.07	\$218,698.07

Chestermere Crushers

Profit and Loss

September 1, 2023 - July 6, 2024

	TOTAL
INCOME	
AGLC (IN)	
AGLC - FUNDRAISING	4,054.98
Total AGLC (IN)	4,054.98
FUNDRAISING	2,414.00
REGISTRATIONS	
BASEBALL ALBERTA SEASON FEES	53,497.16
BASEBALL ALBERTA TRYOUT FEES	3,960.00
CATCHERS CLINIC	620.70
LITTLE LEAGUE/ INSTRUCTIONAL	30,090.70
SOFTBALL	24,549.89
WINTER CAMP	2,855.60
Total REGISTRATIONS	115,574.05
Total Income	\$122,043.03
GROSS PROFIT	\$122,043.03
EXPENSES	
ADMINISTRATION	2,715.07
SUBSCRIPTIONS	86.21
Total ADMINISTRATION	2,801.28
ADVERTISING / PROMOTIONAL	622.56
AGLC (OUT)	
AGLC - ADMINISTRATION	178.45
AGLC - Advertising/Promotional	909.99
AGLC - BANK FEES	6.00
AGLC - DIAMOND RENTAL	3,452.44
AGLC - Donations	3,127.91
AGLC - FACILITY RENTAL	6,167.14
AGLC - Fundraising	647.50
Total AGLC (OUT)	14,489.43
BANK FEES	478.30
CHARTER / ASSOCIATION FEES	50.00
COACH & PLAYER FEES	276.00
TEAM REGISTRATION FEES	2,640.75
Total CHARTER / ASSOCIATION FEES	2,966.75
COACH_TRAIN	299.25
DIAMOND RENTAL	1,304.13
EQUIPMENT	9,109.43
FACILITY RENTAL	5,284.69
Facility Rental - Camps	2,052.12
Facility Rental - Evaluations	639.24
Total FACILITY RENTAL	7,976.05
FIELD REPAIR/ MAINTENANCE	1,097.61
LEGAL / ACCTG/ PROFESSIONAL	12,165.82
PHOTOS	4,662.00
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	TOTAL
SUPPLIES	882.25
TEAM_GEAR	10,360.17
TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FEE	7,150.00
TRAINING	1,753.22
UMPIRE FEES	15,010.00
UNIFORM	15,338.98
WINDUP	1,239.08
Total Expenses	\$112,669.84
OTHER INCOME	
INTEREST EARNED	45.50
Total Other Income	\$45.50
PROFIT	\$9,418.69

e. **Secretary – Lori Maier**

- i. No Report

f. **Registrar – Amie Harvey**

- i. No Report

g. **Baseball Development – Corey Bentein**

- i. U17 & U19 Strathmore girls had a place to play. Make sure to register U17/19 so age is covered. Calgary minor softball took the first 4 spots.

8. **Reports of Coordinators**

a. **Fundraising - Randy Burnette**

- i. Cheque came in. Get posters up instead of just website. Add a note that questions need to be submitted within a week. \$2414 earned

b. **Webmaster – Jodie Hassett**

- i. Pictures submitted throughout the year. Baseball Alberta and Softball had lots but not much for little league. Make sure people know where to send them.

c. **Equipment Manager – Randy Burnette**

- i. Time to collect gear for Softball, Little League and CNBL teams (team bags, bow nets, tees, balls, ball buckets, jerseys, keys, etc.). Throwing machine isn't working, took it apart, had the motor checked it was okay, the speed controller is smoking (~ \$350 to replace)
- ii. Porta Potty have been picked up. Drag still at Our Lady.
- iii. Mounds should have 5 - one at prairie waters, should have 3 in sea-can
- iv. New chalker works great, Chalker at prairie waters is still at the diamond and the lock is missing.
- v. Little League needs a new bag for equipment. Need knee savers on catchers gear. Knee savers are replaced every year.

d. **Apparel Manager - Sabrina Green**

- i. All little league jerseys and equipment are back.

- ii. Softball is almost complete. Meet Thursday to return.
 - iii. CNBL is finished so they need to get jerseys back.
- e. **Diamond Scheduler - Desiree Walsh**
 - i. Ran much smoother this year.
- f. **Umpire in Chief - Vacant**
 - i.
- g. **Instructional – Katherine Ballantye**
 - i. Wind-up was good. May have brought in some cash. But the budget is old and may need to be adjusted.
- h. **Little League – Tamara Giles**
 - i. Year End and Playoffs
 - 1. Crushers Majors Red won 2nd place in Playoffs
 - 2. Srathmore took Majors (1st place) and Minors (1st and 2nd)
 - 3. Gift Balls turned out great.
 - ii. Difficult parents
 - 1. Coaches frustration and unwillingness to return, one of the juniors team had a difficult parent. One of the Juniors coach was ready to quit. Few issues but will be dealt with at the time of incident.
 - iii. Indoor Pitching Cage - curling rink, set up early in the season. Had it before but the equipment had to be taken down with every event. Was a big hassle.
 - iv. Clinics - catching, pitching etc., arrange for earlier in the season
 - v. 2025 Budget not accessible yet, done in the fall. Increase registration so each team has a budget for extras like year end or extra practice
 - vi. Interlock
 - 1. Pre season meeting - a lot of complaints regarding who follows what rules. Make sure to have one at the end of next year.
 - 2. More communication between interlock members
 - 3. Information goes through league coordinator
 - a. Coaches find it confusing to get information from multiple sources. Regan runs it like district 3 where she runs everything. Add coordinator to emails for questions
 - 4. Charter?
 - 5. Interlock Rules Update
 - a. Call Ups - who, how many times etc. need to be detailed. Should not be a call from another even level team but from a lower level team. Not call across but a call up.
 - b. Ending Games need to be more detailed
 - c. Forfeiting Games need to be more detailed
 - 6. Umpire Feedback - more mentoring to inform umpires of different leagues and ages. Starting to get more umpires which will help.
 - 7. Playoff Medals - cost should have been shared

- vii. 2024 Family and Coach Survey Results - may chance how the teams are formed, trying to keep some players together but maintain skill level
- viii. Start the year with a coaches meeting
- ix. Overthrow rule & lead off rules need to be clarified as there were arguments throughout the season with coaches and umpires. Throw to the pitcher and miss is an overthrow, and can steal a base. Pitcher needs to be on the mound to stop the lead off.

i. Softball – Angela Bain / Melissa Fair

- i. U15 was curious how the jerseys are distributed, add a fee to registration and get their own personal jerseys add to next year's budget
- ii. Pitching clinics, batting cage
- iii. Possibly extend indoor practice and not form teams to cover late registrations, season is too short. Need a couple weeks for apparel too. We use to book earlier but no one showed up. Should get Strathmore schedule soon to see when we can open indoor practice. Langdon field house is going to open in September too.
- iv. House league had a great year. Tom hosted a tournament and ended up being a little year end which worked out great.
- v. Coach Brittany would like to discuss 2 tiers for U13 for next season - two U 13 teams one Division 2 and one division 3 in Calgary Minor. Registration needs to be stated whether it was a competitive traveling team or house league

j. Baseball Alberta – Nathan Kathol

- i. CNBL 22U - Finished 4th, CNBL 18U - Finished 3rd

k. Safety Coordinator - Lori Maier

- i. No Report

7. Set next meeting:

- a. August 2024 @ 8pm may need to do online but will check dates

8. Motion to Adjourn @ 9:30 pm by Lori Maier, Second by Ryan McMillan.

Crushers Little League 2024 Year End Family Survey (Responses)

1. **What division did your child play?**
 - Minors (4) Majors (4) Juniors (1)
2. **How likely is your child planning to participate with Crushers in 2025?**
 - Not sure (2)
 - Likely (6)
 - Unlikely (1)
3. **What role did you play in the games?**
 - I enjoyed watching the game (2)
 - Game Day Volunteer - diamond set up, pitch count, scorekeeper (4)
 - Manager (1)
 - Coach (1)
 - Other (1)
4. **Teams are selected each year to ensure a variety of skill level to balance out teams. If you could choose, what would you prefer:**
 - Keep the same players on teams, but maintain a balance of skill levels when replacing over age players with new players. (6)
 - Mix up teams every year, ensuring a balance of skill levels between teams. (3)
5. **The baseball season is short and weather can wreak havoc on the number and scheduling of games. This past season, in an effort to get more gems, weekend games/double headers were added to the schedule. What did you think?**
 - Loved it! The more ball, the better! (6)
 - Liked it, but it was challenging this year without more notice. (2)
 - Indifferent. Didn't love it or hate it. (1)
6. **How satisfied were you with the communication from the Crushers League?**
 - Satisfied (4)
 - Unsatisfied (2)
 - Neutral (3)

7. How satisfied were you with the communication from the Team Coaches and Managers?

- Satisfied (6)
- Unsatisfied (1)
- Neutral (2)

8. Please provide any additional comments, suggestions or elaborations on previous responses that may be helpful when planning and organizing future seasons.

- More organization all around. Answering emails and phone calls promptly. Seem to favor the softball league
- League organizers to be more available. At evaluations you should know how many teams each division will have by the numbers. Don't change and mix the divisions last minute without letting everyone know. It causes animosity.
- Our coaches this year were good. It's hard to get a close knit team with such a short season, new players each year and no tournaments.
- Provide the right colour jersey at the beginning so we don't waste money buying the wrong colour belt and socks.
- I felt that some of the parents and coaches were overly critical of the umpires. Having a son who umps, it's terribly intimidating for them to volunteer when the parents are so very competitive and making harsh comments towards them.

Crushers Little League 2024 Year End Coach/Managers Survey (Responses)

1. **What division did you coach or manage?**
 - Minors (5)
 - Majors (2)
2. **How likely are you to participate as coach or manager in 2025?**
 - Yes, Definitely (3)
 - Likely (2)
 - Undecided (2)
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 - Indifferent. Didn't love it or hate it (1)
 - Liked it, but it was challenging this year without more notice (1)
 - Not a preference, but would make it work (1)
5. **How satisfied were you with communication and support from the Crushers League and Board? Including the Coordinator.**
 - Very satisfied (3)
 - Satisfied. (3)
 - Dissatisfied (1)
6. **Was equipment provided in good enough condition and adequate for your team?**
 - Yes (6)
 - No (1)

7. If your answer previously was no, please explain.

- The bats were the wrong model and band. They need to be USA not USSA. The bag was torn and the chalk laying machine was broken.
- One of our coaches bought catchers pads which really helped

8. What equipment or accessories that were not provided, would have been helpful.

- Measuring tape for base/mound placement
- Pitch counters and strike, ball, inning counters.
- behind the knee pads for cathcers
- Access to a pitching machine / indoor cage.

9. Have you completed any umpire training?

- No (7)

10. Did you find the calls of umpires consistent across games?

- Yes (2)
- No (5)

11. Training - would you participate in coach training if offered?

- Yes (4)
- No (3)

12. What type of coach/manager training would you like to have?

- Training from certified coaches and managers
- Not sure. Would have to see what's offered.
- Couldn't offer the team much in the way of sliding or hitting techniques other than what I viewed on you tube

13. Please provide any additional comments, suggestions or elaborations on previous responses that may be helpful when planning and organizing future seasons.

- Although I thought this was a great season minus the crappy weather, I feel changes need to be made. I plan on sending a ""recommendation"" email to hopefully help eliminate some issues.
- It was a great season overall and we had a great Coach!!! Thank you Tamara!! "
- More confident (young) umpires who know the rules of the division they are umping. Consistency with rules and plate ump louder with calls
- Would like more home games in Chestermere and the umps need more training for strike calling and the rules a bit more.
- Practice drills would have been helpful but the Crushers community was great at providing anything when we asked