

White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association
Meeting Agenda: Weds, Jan 10th, 2018
Centennial Hockey Arena

DATE: Jan 10th, 2018
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Centennial Hockey Arena

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[NOTE: the notation below of AR (name) to indicate Action Required for a given person(s).]

Meeting Called to order at 7:06pm

Present: Glenn, Kevin, Jordan B, Jordan N, Steph, Mel, Heather, Erika, Steve K, Taylor, Randy, Malcolm, Vernon, Shawn, Wayne, Jeremy, Chris

Adoption of Minutes of Dec 6, motion to accept last month's minutes Motioned by Taylor;
Seconded by Randy.

New Business

- Field allocation/ SS60 modifications

Randy update:

Laronde

SSAP60 field mods

City will do mods

Wishlist includes increase height of fence

Centennial; work ceased due to weather, need to keep on City to resume.

Crescent Park and Bakerview : needs work to make it practice ready

Peace Arch Elementary: needs to be levelled, would share cost with Softball Assoc.

Glenn: working on deal with city to help out on Crescent Park

(Randy) Softball City: Friday nights under lights for Mosquito is possible (\$30/hr).

Laronde: nice to have: bleachers, request to put bin there (we have extra lawnmower)

AR (Steve K) request to city for bleachers at Laronde.

Glenn: Bantam field requires work (outfield floods), target for next year (\$100K repairs, on city's budget)

- Bantam AA coach

-Jordan B: some candidates identified (e.g. three ex Triton guys).

-Tritons OK with having team practice with Prep team.

-\$1500-\$3000 budget to hire someone for that role for entire season

-AR (Jordan B) formulate an email to last year's players (12-14 yr olds) to let them know we have a plan for their development and finding them a team.

- Bantam Coordinator
Still looking
Will have 3 A and one AA team (based on current reg levels)
AR (Heather) to send Glenn reg list
AR (Taylor) to email expected returning players
- Equipment update (Chris)
Balls ordered (\$33/dozen approx.) Glenn thinks we can get a better deal with other supplier (more like \$18/dozen)
AR (Mel): to give a breakdown of what Chris has to spend
Priority for catcher equipment
Glenn: replace 1/3 to 1/2 of catcher equipment
Coded lock box with keys for bins, need to equip all fields with that.
Will move forward with this initiative. Heather will drive it.
-Chris will buy wiffle balls for teams
- Coach development (Jordan B)
Coaches Training/Q&A session after spring break . Four Mondays (6-8pm) in a row after evals (same as last year)
Online video sessions being prepped for coaches
Certification/training fees will be covered by Assoc.
BC Minor has dropped certification requirements but may reverse it. Proposal is to allow Assoc. President to sign off to (waive requirement) for an experienced coach to be summer coach even if not meeting all requirements.
Regionally trained a requirement for Mosquito Head Coach summer (same as last year)
AR (Jordan B) to look into coach training "roadshow"
AR (Jordan B) to send out email to prospective coaches to let them know of upcoming training ASAP
Assoc will enforce Spring season coaching requirements.
AR (Heather) to get the guidelines from JB so these can be put on website.
- Umpire recruiting/training
Don will come on to work with Eddie. Eddie will be Sr Umpire.
Don will run some clinics before season starts even for those with Level 1 certification (PeeWee and above)
AR (Heather) put out ad in newspaper but has some questions for Eddie beforehand?
AR (Glen) to follow up with Eddie.
Look into Verizon (sp?) vs Assigner program for scheduling umpires.
Need someone to work with Don/Eddie to coordinate cost/requirement

Glenn: Heckling of umpires by parents/coaches/players has been a a real problem. Any coach who gets tossed from a game for harassment of umpire should be automatically disqualified from being a summer ball coach.
Suggestion to have coaches sign Code of Conduct type of form, pledging adherence to the BC Baseball rules regarding communication with umpires.
- Coordinator training date/meeting
AR (Jr and Sr VPs) to set it up.

Suggestion to bring in prev co-ordinators to help with lessons learned (things to avoid)
Younger teams need to be balanced, PRIORITY

Evaluations:

Glenn thinks evals are just a small part, previous coaches feedback and co-ordinator communication with Jordan B might be more important

AR (Heather/Jordan B) to come up with a fee for new player or re-evaluation

We are not going to do general winter evals

Glenn: Top five players from last year go through evaluations to set standard/benchmark that evaluators can use for remainder of players

Need to review gaps in evaluation data for a particular age group (2nd year Tadpole to 2nd Year PeeWee)

Need to improve communication to coaches and parent regarding May evaluations

AR (Baseball Committee) to decide on dates and re-evaluation policy, coordinate with Wayne

AR (Jordan B) to send out email to those kids with missing scores.

Challenger:

Steve submitted a budget.

Need to schedule some older teams to help

AR (JR/SR VPs) to communicate request via co-ordinators?

Old Business

LL/BC Minor

-LL Canada regarding prep teams

BC Minor tiering and travel teams are just on Mike S verbal agreement, but not in writing.

Glenn concerned nothing in writing from Baseball BC.

Glenn will put reach out to Mike to get clarification of the rules, the direction of BC Baseball on these rules

Bantam AAA vs Prep team – we will have Bantam AA – moving forward we will look at AAA

Uniform Update (Erika)

Prostock, Big Kahuna and SoCool vendors

Lead times are about 4 weeks

Allstar uniforms will be included in quote.

Coaches' dress code to be specified and enforced—Spring & Summer—Games only

Surrey turf field

Cost estimate of 250-280k

Tritons & WRSSBA will have to fundraise

Meeting with City to determine partnership & cost sharing

Gaming grant:

\$1000 flat fee for legal review to do gaming grant application properly.

New Business as Tabled

FYI from Glen regarding Blue Jays:

Little League Allstars (last year and from last 3 years) will go to UBC to train with some Blue Jays (Sanchez, Pillar, Smoak). This Saturday.

Motion to adjourn by Malcolm, Seconded by Jeremy

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm