

White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association
Executive Meeting Minutes
Wednesday Sept 19 2018 at 7:00pm

Present: Randy, Steve, Jordan N, Wayne, Kevin, Taylor, Dana, Erika, Mel, Jeremy, Todd, David, Bruce

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm

Motion to adopt May minutes

Motion Randy, 2nd Bruce

Action Items from May Minutes : Laronde bleachers in place
Centennial 1st and 3rd bases moved now complete

5U Update

Need better system for keeping equipment clean and separate how it is stored.

6-7U Update--Kevin

14 teams, registration 184 from 167 2017

Coaching shortage

Short of a backstop at Centennial upper field—always short 1 field

Would the city consider adding an additional backstop? Randy to address

Locks need to be changed on equipment box Randy to address

Feedback:

Need more helmets, parents weren't supplying, Mel's suggestion to order more—5-6 per team

Can afford to reduce Tadpole helmets as most kids bring their own

Registration issues—older kids showed up in younger division—can we filter better on the registration web site?

Extreme coaching shortage

Coach contact information wasn't accurate

Coaching development night with Jordan was great, could we do it before the season/

Coaching CRC difficult to have all completed on time

Bantam--Bruce

4 A teams, 1 AA team, 65 kids up from 51

Coaching shortage, Field shortage

Randy: Crescent Park will be available next year for at least practice

Summer—1 A team Qualified for provincials in Nanaimo.

Bantam AA Qualified for provincials and hosted

Feedback

Field shortage—what's the right amount of teams, do we cap registration next year based on field availability?

Tadpole—Jordan

Summer Season:

One 8U team -Four tournaments (lost in semi finals to Cloverdale in all of them Cloverdale in

Two 9U teams

Team 1 (HC Wayne Richter):

3 tournaments (3rd place Burnaby; 1st place in Ridge Meadows and Abbotsford)

Team 2 (HC Mark Finan):

4 tournaments: Newton (1st), Ridge Meadows (3rd), Cloverdale (1st)

Feedback:

Tournament registration was too late in some cases (due to late decision whether 1 or 2 all-star teams).

Want earlier tryouts and shortened regular season to allow for some practice time before the first tournament.

Overall very positive experience for all teams and coaches involved with Tadpole summer ball

Spring Season:

15 teams 50 coaches -- teams were balanced based on 1st and 2nd year and all-star players

4 baseball days per week (2 practices and 2 games, games only on the weekend)

Feedback

Perhaps too much baseball in the spring season (i.e. 2 practices and 2 games per week)

Burn-out may have been reason for low turnout for all-stars (only ~15 kids tried out)

Field conditions were poor, even dangerous in places (i.e. Bakerview –saw some kids get hurt by bad bounces due the uneven field surface)

Need a better way to balance teams in Tadpole. Coach evals would help. So we have a rough idea of skill level of kids coming up from Rally Cap, and certainly for kids moving to 2nd year of Tadpole.

Mark Finan ran development practice each week and Mark and Wayne doing that now in the fall. Great that they are doing that on their own but more would be better and having it driven by Association even better.

More development for kids at lower end of skill spectrum? Not just extra development for the best kids. That just increases the skill gap and increases likelihood that in 2-3 years those kids that never had a chance to make a summer ball team will give up on baseball.

Challenger—Steve

37 Players inaugural season

Consistent pool of volunteers

Plan in off-season to rent the training center to keep kids involved and engaged

Mosquito—Shawn

5 AL and 9 NL

MSET included

4 Summer Teams A, AA, AAAT1, AAAT2 -- 3 teams made BCs. **AAAT1 BC Champs !!**

Next Season:

Suggestion to create winning team banners and hang somewhere
Northshore Interlock didn't really work—needs review for next year
Softball city fields worked well with temporary mounds—can we get more field time?
MSET difficult to schedule games—not much development happened

NL coaching shortages only 3 head coaches for 9 teams.

NL needs a draft next year

Many conflicts with hockey, games cancelled. Need to use the call up list more effectively

Pee Wee – Todd

1st full division in BC minor 8A 3AA teams

Coach shortage

A division went well

AA played interlock and was competitive

Summer A, one tourney – AA, one tourney, narrowly missed BCs

AAA 4 tourneys, final 4 in BCs, **Western Canadian Champs !!**

Next Season:

Laronde needs higher level of maintenance for AA

Can we name rosters and coaches sooner in the year, get organized faster, schedule and set expectations with parents—logistics May 31 deadline

AA spring players can't play summer

Sponsorship – Jeremy

Very successful. 13 new sponsors and 15 new banners this year

\$16,346 includes pro-stock credits plus BK and Docksteaders close to \$21K total support

Equipment vendors offering to do a 'registration day' and offer deals on equipment for WR players then include a rebate as a league fundraiser—to consider.

Some signs are still up for companies who didn't renew—Jeremy will send out a volunteer list for Nov to do a takedown.

Volunteer Coordinator – Dana

Gary wants volunteers for help at SSAP concession

Fun Day was poorly attended by volunteers, caused issues on the day

Recommended to move to Centennial and on a Sunday and focus on younger kids only

Need to re-visit purpose of FUN DAY, why are we doing it????

Erika – Uniforms

Deficiency list for all summer and spring uniforms are required.

Fall uniforms have been distributed

Hat orders are placed for next year

Very little extra stock in inventory

Production issues with summer ball dry fits

There are 10 equipment bags in the uniform storage room

Need better system for equipment and uniforms drop off—still lots outstanding

Erika will not be continuing next season

VP Senior Divisions-- Taylor

AA Bantam a success

Strong recommendation to come up with a protocol and guidelines for handling parent complaints. Randy agrees—exec. to review and look to simplify.

BC Minor update -- Randy

NCCP no longer required

NCCP still required for Baseball BC events

New coaching certification coming from BC Minor

No bat changes for next year

VP Junior Divisions--Randy

Crescent Park was chosen to fix over Laronde

Centennial is now complete—dirt infield will firm up over winter

New fence at SSAP 60 required behind existing fence

Coaching shortage—looking for suggestions

Pre-paying tourneys for last year proved a challenge, needs update

Umpires--Randy

Lots of new umpires, a great sign.

Mentoring wasn't good, nor were evaluations in order to rate and provide feedback to umpires

Finance—Mel

For the record, on August 8, 2018 the following motion was made then then distributed **via email** to the executive on August 9th, 2018:

Motion: Melodie Tomiyama, WRSSBA treasurer, makes a motion to transfer \$75,000 from our general account to our capital account in the 2017/2018 fiscal year to pay for 2019 and/or 2020 South Surrey Athletic Park fields' upgrades and repairs, including an artificial infield turf.

Between Aug 9 and Aug 13, 2018 there were 21 Respondents--all 21 voted "Yes", in favor of transferring \$75,000 from WRSSBA's general account to our capital account in the 2017/2018 fiscal year to pay for 2019 and/or 2020 South Surrey Athletic Park fields' upgrades and repairs, including an artificial infield turf.

\$75,000 was then transferred into the capital account by Melodie Tomiyama on August 20, 2018.

2018 Gaming grant from province received

Full Financial review will be presented at the AGM in October

Fall Ball--Randy

Jordan running Mosquito, 40 kids, going well

Bruce runs one team Bantam

Pee Wee program requires review for next year—not attracting elite players. Does it make sense to continue?

WRSSBA AGM is October 24 at 7:30pm

Motion to Adjourn 9:43 Erika 1st Mel 2nd