

White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association
2017 Annual General Meeting
Thursday, Oct, 2017 at 7:30pm

Call to Order: Glenn Kirkpatrick-Chair

Attendees: 42 attendees (37 members)

Motion to accept minutes: Bob (Sr VP) moved, Ryan (Jr VP) seconded to adopt minutes of 2016 AGM.

Comments from the Chair, Presidents Report: Thanked everyone for coming out and Board Members for their contributions. Commented that one of the goals last year was to build more pride in our Association with initiatives like upgrading and adding additional signage to our fields and training centre and offering new, updated “swag” merchandise to our members which was received very well and was visible throughout the community. Projects worked on included a major lighting upgrade to the WRSSBA Training Centre, extensive work done on our fields at Centennial and SSAP, with plans to continue upgrades this season as well as making headway with the City to add turf to the infields at SSAP.

Finance Report, Mel Tomiyama: Provided attendees with financial reports. Commented that overall this was a very good very financially. Revenues were up in many areas, such as registration, volunteer fees collected, training centre revenues and sponsorship revenues. Noted that concession revenues were down, most likely attributable to the poor weather in the spring, uniform expenses were up, due in part to the new hats that were provided to all players were more expensive than previous ones and training centre expenses were up due to the lighting upgrade. Received provincial Gambling Grant again this year.

Program Devl Report: Jordan to raise his role with transparency and will continue with coach certification. Reports increased participation in camps. Profits from camps to fund further coach training. Plans to increase number of certification clinics offered this season. Plans to improve field allocation

VP Senior Report: Overall a successful year in senior divisions .13U division with 2 “A” teams, split evenly by skill level. Not enough interest or coach availability for post season. Players who were interested were directed to nearby associations offering summer program. LL Intermediate team was formed on a trial basis to explore Little League programming for older players. 10 players continued to summer ball in combined Fraser Valley teams. 15U division had 3 “A” teams. Not enough interest for summer season. Were not enough skilled players for “AA” or “AAA” team as many higher skilled players opted to play with new Tritons Prep Team. Landscape for baseball is changing in BC with many different options for senior players. 18U had 2 “AA” teams with large rosters to accommodate the needs of this

age group and they played in the interlocked west division for less travel. Some concern for lack of field space for this division and concern expressed over lack of qualified coaches in this age group.

VP Junior Report: Ryan thanked all the junior division coordinators for their work to make a successful year possible. Reports that 5U division had 81 participants on 9 teams (up from 60 the previous year); fantastic season with great enthusiasm and lots of coaches. 7U Division had 13 teams with 169 player; many contributors with a very high of player to coach/volunteer ratio. 9U Division had 195 players and 24 went on to participate in summer ball. 11U Division had 162 players. Division was divided into two tiers under pilot program. There were 5 American League teams and 8 National League teams. 36 players went on to post season play. WRSSBA has motioned to BC Minor to continue tiering at this level to keep “like” players playing together which proved to be very successful and would be the best way to support all of our players needs. WRSSBA has also motioned to BC Minor to enable players to participate in travel teams. WRSSBA has enacted policies to ensure that players’ arms will be protected from overuse, which is the main concern with participation in travel teams. The 11/12 Division had 114 players in two tiers (3 Majors teams and 6 Minors teams). Introduced combined team practices this year, along with individual team practices. This initiative was successful and aided in player development and camaraderie. There were 3 post-season teams. The 11/12 Selects played in a number of post-season tournaments and had a successful post-season. The 11 year old all star team also played in a number of tournaments including participation in the Cal Ripken World Series in Oregon. The 11/12 All-star team had a very successful post-season, including winning the Districts, Provincials and Nationals. This team went on to participate in the Little League World Series in Williamsport. VP Senior congratulates Ryan, 11/12 Team Coach and the entire team on their many successes in 2017 and commends them for representing our Association, community and country so well.

Registrar Report: Reports that registration went well, with enrolment increases in most divisions. (Increases in all divisions 13 yrs and under; decreases in over 14 yrs participants -some players in this age group moved to Tritons program). Registration was up overall 6 percent over 2016 with a total of 857 participants. Thanks to coordinators for their recruitment efforts in the community despite the challenges of competing spring sports programs. Noted that player development efforts were successful and that registration process was seamless.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

Executive Roles-Election of New Officers

President: Glenn Kirkpatrick

VP Sr Division: Taylor Clift

VP Jr Division: Randy McKinnon
Treasurer: Melanie Tomiyama
Co-Treasurer: Daniel Sember
Secretary: David Hughes
Registrar: Vernon D'Souza
Umpire In Chief: Eddie Dagg
Risk Manager: Rob Marshall
Safety Officer: Ray Boldt
Equipment manager: Chris Ashton
Sponsorship: Jeremy Reid
Field Manager: Paul Van Rengen
Uniform Manager: Erica Tibbe
5U Division Coordinator: Steph MacKenzie
7U Division Coordinator: Kevin Dalgetty
9U Division Coordinator: Jordan Nicol
11U Division Coordinator: Shawn Thomas
11/12LL /13U Division Coordinator: Todd Nadon
18U Division Coordinator: Malcolm McDougall
Fall Ball Coordinator: Steve Kokotailo

Chair thanked everyone for attending and expressed thanks to outgoing members for their contributions and welcomed and thanked new members for stepping up to volunteer.

Motion to adjourn at 9:20pm: Glenn and Bob