



## WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

### Executive Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** September 8, 2021

**Time:** 8:00 PM

**Place:** Remote Conference Call

**Present:** Randy McKinnon; Leo Connell; Matt MacDonald; Heather Melenchuk; Bruce Ng; Raymond Wu; Ray Persaud; Anne Marie Zemrau; Jeff Scotland; Sheridan Abells; Rick Mirabelli; Taylor Clift; David Hughes; Steph MacKenzie; ; Alex Barger; Jordan Broatch; Jeremy Reid; Kevin Dalgetty; Jeff Lewis; Bob Carpenter

**Absent:** Sharlyn Caryula; Adam; Vernon D'Souza; Jeremy Reid; Amy Phelps

**Chairperson:** Randy McKinnon

**Call To Order:** 8:01 pm

- **Adoption of Minutes of July 75, 2021 meeting**
  - **First:** Bruce      **Second:** Matt      **Passed**

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **Year in review - President's Update**

- Things we got done! Approval for new indoor facility by White Rock council and received \$50,000
  - Power washed and Painted bleachers and dugouts (Volunteers)
  - Installed permanent pitching rubbers and home plates in the SSAP bantam bullpens
  - Painted sea can at SSAP (Volunteers)
  - Painted outside concession at SSAP (Volunteers)
  - Painted indoor facility (Volunteers)
  - Reinforced walls in the indoor facility for med ball throwing
  - Repaired our 3 tractors to good working condition
  - Repaired nail dragger (Semiahmoo High School)
  - Cleaned concession at SSAP for opening for baseball summer season (Volunteers)
  - Weeded Centennial bleachers and bullpens (Volunteers)
  - Redo Laronde infield, in progress
  - Cabinet for umpire gear

#### **Member's Recaps / Comments / Suggestions**

- Mosquitos (Rick)
  - Good season, coaches committed, umpiring was phenomenal
  - Summer ball went like a normal year
  - Centennial could use a little love and less geese, otherwise great to have dedicated fields
- Tadpole (Kevin)
  - Went great
  - Good idea to add another weekly field time next season (maybe 2 practice 1 game to start, switch as season progresses)

- Suggest better planning/strategy around team building. Extremely challenging to deal with placement requests.
- Suggest guidelines around summer ball, coaches named earlier, clear expectations around number of teams
- Dividing 8/9U into two divisions worked well
- Could we explore fall ball for 9U?
- Can we get rid of the GEESE!!!?
- PeeWee (Taylor)
  - Tiering was challenging with respect to mixed competition.
  - Maybe less games and more development
  - Laronde upgrades are welcome.
- Bantam A & Midget (Bruce)
  - Bantam A no spring season, 8 exhibition between our own two teams
  - One team for summer, had a good run
  - Midget 2 teams for spring, same scenario
  - Midget AA had one 15 kid team in summer, did "alright"
  - Suggest more practices at Crescent, more games at SSAP
- Bantam AA (Randy)
  - Issues with coach changes and coaching philosophy
  - Looking for a new AA coach
- Equipment (Bob)
  - More effort needed for proper inventory checking
  - Some equipment needs to be updated as it is way past best before date
  - Each division could assign one person to manage Seacans
  - Update lime machines to painting machines
  - Field maintenance was occasionally challenging. Do we need a separate position for that?
- 7U (Matt)
  - Hard to plan for 7U in Covid season
  - That said, registration was relatively high
  - Involving parents in practices was useful
- Umpiring (Sheridan)
  - Year one of 3 year plan to have best Umpire team in Province
  - 30 active umpires (maybe a little down but workable)
  - Most games had 2 umps, Mentored 60 games!
  - Coach support was appreciated and valuable
- Indoor Facility (Ray)
  - Surveys done and lots of questions with detailed design Netting is complicated
  - About 80% done with design pre-permit submission
  - Waiting for gaming grant before completing and moving beyond design stage
- Finance (Dave)
  - Expenses were lower than last year while revenue was up, in part due to increased enrollment
  - Able to put \$100k into capital fund in anticipation of building indoor facility
- Volunteers (Stef)
  - Lots of volunteer opportunities and much got done
  - Would like better communication around reporting of team volunteer credits
- Jordan report
  - Thanks all for working diligently to keep the community connected through baseball
  - 10 week program of Hitting/Pitching for fall training starts after Thanksgiving
- Senior (Jeff)
  - Complaints and issues with process around evaluations and team selections
  - Would additional evaluations make a significant difference?
- Sponsorship (Jeremy)
  - Jeremy is retiring!

- Raised over \$18K this past year in a difficult Covid year.
- Play it again added \$3K

#### **AGM Update**

- September 16, 2021
- Let Heather know if you are interested in staying on the board
- Let others know there are roles to fill

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:25 pm

First: Jeremy

2nd: Jordan

**Accepted**