

White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association Annual General Meeting Minutes Wednesday, Nov 6th, 2019 at 7:30pm

Chair --Meeting called to order: 7:32pm

Motion to Adopt 2018 AGM minutes 1st Randy, 2nd Bruce. All in favour—motion passed.

President's Report—Glenn Kirkpatrick -Presented by Chair, Randy McKinnon

Dear members, thank you for attending our 2019 AGM.

As you will see tonight from our budget, our Association continues to be financially healthy. The Executive membership is strong with have a good mix of long-term members as well as newer members with younger children in the association.

For the past few years there has been an emphasis on athlete safety with strong enforcement of Criminal record checks for coaches.

We have tried to fill the indoor facility with our own members and teams and have done a good job in accomplishing that goal.

Objectives for 2020 - We want to take a bigger role in high end athlete development and we need to support our coaches with a strong coaching program.

A big thanks to the board, Heather, Jordan and Wayne for the past year of service.

Just to add

Next year one of the main priorities will be to decide how to spend the money we have set aside for capital projects.

A few ideas have been to turf the bantam field, redo the Centennial cages, expand the indoor facility. This will require further discussion to decide on the best course of action.

Finance Report Highlights—Treasurer, David Hughes

Revenue from Operations

\$304K – down by \$8K from 2018

- Registration fees down by 10K (volunteer fees included in this total)
- Sponsorship revenue up by \$10K—kudos to Jeremy Reid, Sponsorship Coordinator

- Training centre revenue down due to flood/closure in Jan and Feb

NOTE: the 2019 Gaming Grant from BC Government \$50,000 was received in September 2019, so after fiscal year end and not included on these statements.

Operating Expenses (General plus Gaming accounts—Depreciation not included)

\$292K—up by \$11K from 2018

- Fall & Winter coaching expenses up \$10K due to player enrollment
- WRSSBA hosted a regional coaching clinic for \$5K
- BC Minor affiliation charges down
- Uniforms lower by \$8K from 2018
 - All Pee Wee uniforms replaced in 2019, Mosquito 2018—Bantam 2020
- Bantam AA trial project this year with hired coaches. Parents contributed \$5400, WRSSBA contributed \$3500—evaluation required for 2020

Finance Summary

\$62K cash added from 2019 Operations, a large portion of which will be allocated towards improvements to the baseball program such as field improvements and equipment and some larger projects now in consideration

\$235K now built up in our capital fund. Executive has established a Capital Projects sub-Committee to evaluate and decide where the funds will best support WR baseball.

VP Jr Report—Randy McKinnon

Rally Cap – Steph Mackenzie

5U –

There were a total of 91 players in 2019, which was up from 80 in 2018 . Each team had 3-4 coaches and they played twice week

This year we went had 3 teams on the field at one time. It worked well as 2 teams played a game while the other teams' practice and they would just rotate.

7U –

193 players, (16 teams), up from 182 in 2018. Teams played twice week. In this division 2 teams played/practiced at the same time. Each team divided into 2 groups, one played a game and the other practiced. Each team had 2-3 coaches, which really isn't enough for this age group with this format.

The highlight of the season for the kids were the two rally cap days.

Tadpole 9u – Jeff Lewis

165 players for the spring season, (13 teams), slightly down from 183 in 2018. This year we divide the league into 8 yr old and 9 yr old to make it more manageable and to advance the rules at the 9yr old level (pitching end of season).

Teams had 2 games and 1 practice per week during the spring.

Summer season – we had 1 - 8yr old team and 18 players for the 9yr old, which rotated 12 for each game, they all practiced together.

The 8u team entered 3 tournaments as well played a handful of exhibition games.

The 9 yr old summer team entered 5 tournaments including the year end Tadpole event, which they finished 2nd.

Mosquito 11u – Carson Isfeld

168 players down from 174 in 2018. In spring we tiered this division with 5 teams in the upper tier and 9 teams in the lower tier. Each team played 1 -2 times per week and had 1-2 practices per week. We also introduced an ice breaker tournament at the start of the spring which we will continue to do. In addition, we had some exhibition games with North shore, who also tiers their mosquito division. For summer ball we had 4 teams.

All 4 teams had their own summer division to play in through the month of July and tried to compete for a provincial title and all 4 teams qualified for provincials

AAA Tier 1 - won the Provincial Championship, which makes 4 years in a row that WR has won the Mosquito AAA Tier 1 provincials!

VP Sr Report—Todd Nadon

Senior Divisions Summary

Peewee Division

Managed by Bruce Ng

Spring Season

A Division - 8 teams, 14 league games plus playoffs, playoffs won by the Rays coached by Brian Young

AA Division - 3 teams competed in Delta / Richmond Interlock. 14 game regular season, Tritons Black coached by Randy Mckinnon were reg season champs.

Summer Season

A Team coached by Brian Young. Strong regular season qualified the team for provincials. Narrowly missed semi final berth.

No AA team

AAA Team coached by Randy Mckinnon. Strong regular season qualified for both Baseball BC and BC Minor provincials where they narrowly missed qualifying for the finals in both tournaments.

Bantam Division

Managed by Vernon D'Souza

Spring Season

Bantam A had 4 teams that participated in interlock regular season Dodgers (Dave Pino) were regular season champs and won a tournament in Newton. Phillies (Jay Hauca) participated in a tournament in Kelowna. Mariners (Bruce Copp) won the tier 2 playoffs.

Summer Season

Bantam A team was coached by Pino & Hauca. Strong regular season, won a tournament in Burnaby and did well in Newton AA tournament. Qualified for provincials.

Bantam AA

Compete full season, 36 regular season games and tournaments in Kamloops and Surrey. Paid coach was utilized for the first time (Larry Turko and Matt Paculan) with this team to emulate the Tritons experience. More interaction with the Tritons needed and development of the AA model needed to be improved for the future to remain a good alternative for players hoping to transition to the Tritons or have a competitive, high quality experience if full commitment to Tritons is not possible.

Midget Division

Managed by Malcolm McDougall

Spring Season - Registration had awkward number at 18 so the group was merged with Surrey to make 2 teams. One was coaches by WR coaches, one with Surrey to compete in interlock schedule.

Summer Season - 1 team was coached by the Surrey group. Team did not qualify for provincials

Registrar Report—Vernon D'Souza

This year we had 841 players registered for the Spring Season. That was a slight drop from 2018 when we had 853 players. Divisions seeing a drop in registered players were 18U, 13U 11U and 9U.

5U saw an increase of 13.8% over 2018, 7U an increase of 9.0% and 15U an increase of 9.2%. We see 5U and 7U continue to drive growth at WRSSBA as our 5U numbers have increased by 50% in the last 3 years. With more kids playing at the younger ages, this will drive growth at the older ages over time.

Summer Ball interest this year was great, with families also continue to register for our training programs as well, which often sell out quickly.

Given that more young families continue to move into our community, I anticipate next year to see increased overall numbers as baseball continues to grow in popularity in our White Rock/South Surrey community. The only barrier to this year's inability to grow our numbers over last year was the lack of enough parent coach volunteers at some age groups which saw a drop from 2018. Continued efforts to encourage more coaches, more volunteers will see us achieve higher numbers. I expect 9U, 11U and 13U to exceed this year's total numbers.

I look forward to continuing my efforts to support our community as the Registrar.

Program Development Report—Jordan Broatch

As years past, we continued with our two-tiered Fall Training and Winter Training programs, Fall being mid-October to mid-December, and the Winter sessions from January until early March. These programs continue to be a foundation of all our off-season training for our youth community baseball athletes. Sessions are for players as young as Tadpole, and as old as Midget.

The two-tier system is 'High Performance' and 'non-HP', and this is to better create detailed and appropriate development skill programs for the various ages and levels our community. Using Coach evaluations, spring/summer generals, and coach/instructor feedback, we pool as much information as we can year-to-year to track growth and development throughout years of baseball.

Moving away from the Fall and Winter Training, we have begun to remove our 'General Evaluations' in February due to previous years of poor weather and inaccurate scoring results and thus poor spring team balancing, we have moved to the end-of-season Summer Evaluations. Continued execution of this plan is to help balance spring teams by gathering more information from our players, putting into a database with our instructors' feedback as well, to provide more information to spring coaches prior to drafting.

Currently we as a community follow the Sport Canada and Baseball BC recommendations of the NCCP Coaching Path. NCCP is for National Coaching Certification Program and is a branch off of Sport Canada and Fitness for Youth Canada. Within this program there are various stages, and levels that a coach can reach by attending clinics, completing online lectures, and by gaining accreditation through experience. In addition to the NCCP program, Coach Development and Online Resources/Tools is the newest and most progressive program we are currently developing and adding to our association within our own terms. Yes, we will continue NCCP, however WRSSBA will begin to establish an online library of videos, resources, tools, and tidbits of information that will help coaches with any task/topic from practice planning, to field prep, to teaching cuts/relays for team defence. This program will be in addition to all other programs already being offered at WRSSBA; Fall training, Winter Training, Spring Baseball, Summer Baseball, and continue with camp partnerships with Baseball BC, BC Minor, and Tritons Baseball.

Elections For 2020 Season

President	Glenn Kirkpatrick
Senior VP	Randy McKinnon
Junior VP	Carson Isfeld
Treasurer	David Hughes
Secretary	Leo Connell
Registrar	Vernon D'Souza
Umpire in Chief	
Risk Manager	Bridget Saundry
Sponsorship	Jeremy Reid
Field Mgr	Ray Persaud
Equipment Mgr	
Uniform Mgr	Anne Marie Zemrau
Rally Cap Coordinator	Steph MacKenzie
9U Coordinator	Matt MacDonald
11U Coordinator	Rick Mirabelli
13U Coordinator	Jeff Lewis
15U Coordinator	Vernon D'Souza
18U Coordinator	Bruce Ng
Tournament	
Volunteer	Dana Robertson
Fun Day	

New Business None

Meeting Adjourned by Chair 8:30pm

29 in attendance (25 voting Members, 4 non-voting Members)