

# 2019 CSLL Annual General Meeting

## MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Location: Centennial Park Fieldhouse

**ATTENDANCE:**  Morley Wittman,  Dave Glynn,  Marti Redman,  Carolyn Wowchuk,  Andrew McIlveen,  John Robertson,  Melinda Andrews-Wittman,  Kevin Reilly,  Niki Post,  Stuart Neilson,  Kimberley Aitken,  Mary Wolske,  Liana Tupper,  Megan Anderson,  Ryan Tilden,  Clint Murgatroyd,  Cory Shearer,  Dave Lougheed,  Jennifer Hodgkinson,  Carolyn Wowchuk,  Heather Alexander,  Jane Bassett,  Jennifer Wanless  
 Aly Dahl,  Kelly Wingerter,  Kevin Salmons  
Darren Redman, Niall Paltiel, Jim McIvor, Heather Stretch

**Call to Order –7:05 PM** by Moe, second by Liana

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion** to approve agenda by Cory, second by Jennifer – Carried

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion** to approve October 2018 minutes by Cory, second by Jennifer – Carried

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- None

### NEW BUSINESS

- Elect Board of Directors

**Motion** to elect Board of Directors as posted by Kevin, second by Cory - carried

- Elect Board Officers

**Motion** to elect Board Officers as posted by Aly, second by Melinda - carried

Role	Nominations
President	Morley Wittman
Past President	Dave Glynn
VP- Players and Coaches	Cory Shearer
VP - Facilities	Dave Lougheed
Players Agent	Clint Murgatroyd
Treasurer	Marti Redman
Secretary	Liana Tupper
Registrar	<b>VACANT</b>
Umpire in Chief	Kevin Reilly
Equipment/Safety	Andrew McIlveen
Sponsorship	Niki Post
Uniforms	Melinda Andrews-Wittman
Scheduling	<b>VACANT</b>
Website/Social Media	Stuart Neilson
	Kimberley Aitken-Salmons
<b>Concession</b>	
Concession Lead	<b>VACANT</b>
Staff Coordinator	Jennifer Hodgkinson
Purchasing	<b>VACANT</b>
	Carolyn Wowchuk

<b>Division Coordinators</b>	
Jun/Sen Coordinator	Morley Wittman
Majors Coordinator	Kimberley Aitken
Minors Coordinator	<b>VACANT</b>
Rookies Coordinator	Heather Alexander
Mini Minors	<b>VACANT</b>
Tball Coordinator	Jane Bassett
Blastball coordinator	Jennifer Wanless
<b>Members at Large</b>	
	Ryan Tilden

- Discuss proposed bylaw amendments
  - Revisions incl statement regarding use of league assets

**Motion** to approve bylaw amendments by Cory, second by Clint – Carried

- Review District 7 vacant positions for expressions of interest. ADA Softball, Director at Large & Safety Officer
  - Moe will vacate president position next year due to conflict with D7 DA role
- Acknowledge District 7 Administrator, Al Jansen

## Reports

### President's Report

- 2019 State of the League (attached)
  - Board to determine future direction for Capitals
- Little League Canada – fee structure changes having little impact to CSLL in 2020 for charter fees
  - CSLL pays District & Provincial entry fees. Tournament teams pay the Regional Fee

<b>CHARTER PRICING</b>				
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>TB</b>	11	15	16	17
<b>MIN</b>	33	42	46	50
<b>MAJ</b>	33	42	46	50
<b>INT</b>	38	48	53	55
<b>JUN</b>	38	48	53	55
<b>SEN</b>	38	48	53	55
<b>TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES</b>				
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>DISTRICT</b>	330	400	440	450
<b>PROVINCIAL</b>	440	535	588.50	600
<b>REGIONAL</b>	1,375	1,665	1,831.50	1,900

- 2020 Registration
  - Proposed increase in player fees to cover lack of support to training centre (see attached form)
    - Certain division fees have been paired to facilitate movement due to player assessments

**Motion** to amend annual fees as presented by Aly, second by Heather - carried

- Bring a friend discount to continue? Agreed (except softball)
- Softball fee to cover equipment, uniform and charter fee if a MAJ team is formed

Division	2019					2020 Expectations				
	CS Players	HAM	LH	NAT	TOTAL	CS Players	LAY	LH	NAT	TOTAL
BB	38				38	40				40
TB	82				82	80				80
MM	48				48	54				54
RM	34				34	22				22
MI	33				33	44				44
MA	46				46	44				44
IN	8		1		9	0				0
JU	11			2	13	22				22
SE	11	2	1		14	10		1	2	13
SOFTBALL					0	12				12
	<b>311</b>				<b>317</b>	<b>328</b>				<b>331</b>

- Divisions
  - BB – looking for ideas to make the time more fun. Mascots, different activities like soccer, games, ideas? Coaches looking for greater variety of activities (eg: California Kickball, water balloons), consider pre-scheduling activities for entire season
  - TB – running 3 teams per diamond worked well. More work needed at start of season to direct Managers what to do. Attend 1<sup>st</sup> team meeting or email members to set expectations
  - MM – add another team as evaluating RM first to make sure of placement
  - RM – evaluations. Must be able to play catch at 40'. No player moves back to MM from 2019 RM
  - MIN – 54 players aged 9-10 from 2019 if all return. A few may move to MAJ. Should have 4 teams
  - MAJ – More games needed? Only played 14-15 games per team in MIN and MAJ
  - INT – eliminating regular season program as not enough interest from other leagues to play
  - JUN – CS should have enough players for 2 teams. Capitals South expects at least 1 team
    - Interlock with Vancouver teams again. Schedule through one person or separate ourselves?
    - If we separate from South do we keep name/uniforms? (defer discussion to next Board mtg)
    - Junior South team plays at Royal Athletic Park
  - SEN – CS should field 1 team. Capitals South should field 1 team
    - Catchments now set at CS/LAY/LH (plus 2 NAT players) and BH/HAM/NAT
    - Senior South team plays at Royal Athletic Park

### Treasurer's Report

- Approval of 2018-2019 Financials - 2018-19 Net Income \$(12,268.57) due to higher training facility costs.

**Motion** to approve 2018-19 Financials by Cory, second by Jennifer - carried

- Volunteers
  - Sign up sheet for next season already available online
    - Volunteer deposit or exemption fee has to be paid at registration regardless of stated intention to coach
    - coaches not exempt from volunteer duties for add'l children
  - 50/50: looking to eliminate Wednesday shift to increase pots on Saturdays
  - 320 kids - 40 BB - 110 managers/coaches/coordinators/board = 170. Approx 40 pay exemption = 130 (x 2 shifts) net to work
    - Concession volunteers = Run 11 weeks x Mon, Tue, Wed(2), Thu, Fri, Sat(4), Sun(4) = 154 shifts (each concession volunteer saves org \$13.65/hr, >\$50/shift cost)
    - Add 50-50(44), PHR/HRD(16), clothing(4), fun days(8), closing(4), tournament (30) etc = 106
    - Total required: 154 + 106 = 260
- Approval of 2019-2020 Budget
  - Increase Trophies & Pennants budget to \$3200 to accommodate discussion on medals

**Motion** to approve adjusted 2019-20 Budget by Cory, second by Kimberley - carried

## Facilities Committee Report

- Training facility update
  - Timelines
  - Budget
  - Fundraising (Royals tix, bottle drive)
  - Leases and implications to membership times
  - Scheduling (Scheduler and VP Players/Coaches). Teams, clinics or lessee only. No individual entry (safety/liability concerns)
  - Policy for safety – two deep adult policy. Coach must have up-to-date CRC on file with CSLL
- D1 infield – skimming and extending infield complete
- D5 outfield – reseeding grass where needed
- D6 infield – still looking to have infield extended and rounded plus add new scoreboard
- D2 dedication for George Tiessen approved by District. Will dedicate at opening ceremonies,
- Clubhouse lease agreements will consolidate/protect both clubhouses and backstop storage

## Development Model

- Batters Box - \$4,430 for 2020 includes 5 winter clinics, wk 2 TB and MM jamborees, pitching and catcher clinics for RM thru SEN. Trade time in training facility for this value. Vote to accept, reject or modify
  - Concerns raised over trading services for facility time, desire to keep business separate
  - Defer decision to next Board mtg
- VP Players/Coaches still responsible for roles including pre-season parent meetings, pre-season coach meetings and week 6 TB and MM jamborees
- Pre-season scorekeeping clinics to be done by Morley
- Umpire clinics for various ages to be done by Kevin Rielly and Jim Gibson
- Pitch counts for players
  - Review of 2019 season where all managers to carry Pitching Affidavits
- Fun Days
  - Rotary and Panorama can provide games/face painting for BB thru MM (cost to be confirmed – believe around \$1,000 per day for both) They may include some sponsorship?

## Equipment

- All new bats for TB (24) - \$1,000
- 48 new helmets - \$1,150 (same order as 2019)
- 65 doz baseballs - \$3,500
- New bags - \$400
- Some more new catchers gear - \$1,000
- **IF** a softball team is added we will require another \$1,000 added to budget to equip team

## Uniforms

- Add a set of uniforms for MM division so 6 sets
- Add a set of uniforms for 2<sup>nd</sup> JUN team. Charcoal or Black Capitals (see attached) (defer to next Board mtg)
- Budget incl replacement pants for RM

## Tournaments

- Hosting 2020 Minors Districts Jun 27 – Jul 5
- Would like to promote the Victoria May long weekend tournaments for MIN (HAM) and MAJ (BH) as CS has been absent for years at these. A chance to play Vancouver teams

## Roundtable

- Need more notice for coaching clinics with invitation to non-coach parents, and ensure change in format is communicated to encourage return participation
- Consider additional team volunteer exemption for 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant coach
- Can fees be incurred to factor in cost for medals for lower divisions (TB-RM) to ensure each child gets something. May also require volunteer to coordinate

- Change how message to coordinators is portrayed to eliminate expectation for participation medals
  - Older kids typically want to pick items like shirts or logo baseballs
- Sidney Sparkles parade requires coordination in advance of next Board mtg, need volunteers to decorate, hand out candy

## **Adjourn**

**NEXT MEETING** – November 5, 2019 7pm Prairie Inn

**Motion** to adjourn by Moe

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

## 2019 Central Saanich Little League Presidents State of the League

That's another amazing year in the books! Together we have worked hard to set this league up for the next 20 years.

- We've kept our registration numbers strong with continued growth in the younger age groups.
- Equipment – added another \$3,200 in bats last year plus another \$1,200 in helmets. That takes our 5 year equipment purchases to just under \$42,000 of which \$13,000 were baseballs.
- Facilities – our new training facility was approved by council in October 2018 but it took until February 2019 to receive the building permit. In 7 months, we've been able to complete the foundation work and we are ready to erect the structure.
- Development – we marketed winter clinics involving Batters Box & the Premier League Mariners to help our coaches understand drills to use for their teams. Ran multiple nights of Jamborees for the Tball and Mini Minor divisions. We held pitching and catcher clinics, run by the Victoria Mariners, for coaches in Rookies thru Seniors.
- Tournaments – our Minor and Major teams placed well at Districts. Our Intermediate and Junior teams did not do very well due to various reasons including a poor turnout at assessments. The Senior team won Provincials and represented Victoria well at Canadians.
- Umpires – we had 143 games this year compared to 149 last year and 99 the year before. Adult umpires volunteered for 60 shifts compared to 71 shifts last year saving us near \$2,000.
- Events – held fun based events such as the Pitch, Hit & Run plus Home Run Derby competitions at opening ceremonies, multiple fun days for the Blastball thru Mini-Minor divisions and the dry/water park events at closing ceremonies.

Next season will bring some big challenges also. We are focused on completing the training facility this fall/winter but we still have some fundraising to do. Member contributions have been VERY discouraging. We will continue to expand our social media presence in the community. Our role will be to show the community the values of Little League and how this program is vital to creating and sustaining good citizens. This along with an increase in population should allow our program to grow in registration. We remain committed to increasing player and coach retention.

Goals to accomplish in 2019-20 include:

- Coach mentorship – we want to work with new managers and coaches (BB thru MM) to make sure they understand their roles. Assist them with setting parent/player expectations at the start of the season and how to setup/run practices appropriate for their level.
- The Rookie-Minor program has been watered down. It is meant for strong 7-8 yr olds who are ready to play the game at a higher level/pace. We will assess players before they are confirmed in the division. If they cannot play catch with another player from 40-50' then they should not be playing in RM.
- Intermediate program – we will remove the Intermediate regular season program and allow for more Junior players/teams. If there is interest to create an Intermediate tournament team at the end of regular season we will support that.
- Junior/Senior teams had great success interlocking with the Vancouver teams. We expect to have 2 Junior teams and 1 Senior team play ball at CSLL. Travel was limited to 3 trips to Vancouver. We want to build on this success by adding more island BC Minor teams into the schedule.
- We continue to strive for a 7 month baseball season with spring baseball (Apr-Jun) being 7 days a week. Work with the other District 7 leagues has proven fruitful in developing a Summer baseball program for

tournament teams who do not advance to provincials. This program was trial run in Minors this year with great success. We anticipate the Majors division to do the same this season.

- Winter clinics – maintain high profile clinics offering a free program for our coaches in the Rookie-Minor to Senior divisions.
- Development – continue a strong development model teaching basic skills (muscle memory and repetition) to coaches using a paid Development Coordinator. This position will run the winter clinics, the TB and MM jamborees in week 2 as well as pitching and catcher clinics for the RM thru Senior programs including instructors from the Victoria Mariners organization. Our VP Players/Coaches will begin taking over the jamborees for week 6 and next year. They will also hold parent meetings, coach meetings, and setup clinics using both CSLL and outside instructors.
- Umpires – we want to host umpire clinics in the new training centre this off season. We expect to host 3 separate age groups including 11-12 yr olds, 13-16 yr olds and adult umpires. We need to focus better on making youth umpires realize they need to put in more effort as many go to the first clinic then forget positioning and rules quickly. We hope to attract more adults by hosting adult only clinics. Both of our District UIC's have committed to teach all these clinics.
- We want CSLL players from the Junior and Senior divisions to continue to mentor the TB, MM and RM divisions.
- Equipment – add another set of uniforms for the MM and Junior divisions, replace all the TB bats, purchase another 48 new helmets, add another \$1,500 worth of catcher's gear plus other equipment so that our kids have the best chance at success.
- Facilities – work with the District of CS to redo the infield on D6. Punch it out to fit the Junior and Senior division dimensions. Add a new scoreboard to D6. Intentions would be for both initiatives to be paid for through grants if successful.
- Events – continue expanding on fun-based events such as the Pitch, Hit & Run competition and the Jr Home Run Derby at opening ceremonies. Continue with Blastball and TBall fun days but change it up to add in more fun activities. Keep the dry/water park events at closing ceremonies.
- Committees – introduce a volunteer committee approach to events so that the workload is spread out. Make it eligible towards a player's volunteer exemption.
- Succession – update our board responsibilities so that those who take over can quickly identify their roles.

I believe that our program at Central Saanich encourages the core Little League values. We have developed a sense of community excitement and pride to be involved with CSLL. Our development model, new equipment and training centre should allow us to see both better player retention and attract new players. We will offer programs that encourage players who wish to play regular season (house ball) only plus those who want to work hard, develop skills and compete in an extended tournament baseball season. We hope all will be stronger baseball players having more fun. We must continue supporting our coaches by providing them with quality training and a support network.