

CSLL Board Meeting

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

Location: Teleconference

ATTENDANCE: ☒ Morley Wittman, ☐ Dave Glynn, ☒ Marti Redman, ☒ Andrew McIlveen, ☒ Melinda Andrews-Wittman, ☐ Kevin Reilly, ☐ Joe Scalzo, ☐ Jill Medeiros, ☒ Liana Tupper, ☒ Clint Murgatroyd, ☒ Cory Shearer, ☒ Jennifer Wanless, ☐ Heather Alexander, ☒ Jane Bassett, ☐ Dave Lougheed, ☐ Michelle Griffin, ☐ Andrew Naysmith, ☒ Adrienne Murdoch, ☒ Rebecca Mellett, ☒ Niki McIlveen, ☐ Megan Parrish, ☒ Teresa Conner, ☒ Jennifer Booty
Guests: Christine Culham, Britt Burnham

Call to Order – 7:01 by Moe

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve April 2021 minutes by Cory, second by **Melinda** – Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- District of Central Saanich
 - D6 field allocation policies
 - Good working relationship and strong respect for Community Services and Parks departments
 - Background: since 2016 league has expanded significantly largely in younger divisions, expected to continue, have addressed by doubling up fields; older divisions require larger field & more space
 - Concerns relate to field allocation policies that create unnecessary tensions with other leagues (eg: PBSA claims field time but either doesn't use it or rents out their own private fields for profit), where unused field isn't voluntarily opened up
 - Process: submissions are placed early in year; certain organizations are prioritized (eg: Panorama, youth non-profit team sports) and are invited to pre-meet for collaborative agreements; decisions are based on information within Central Saanich boundaries/control
 - Other users are asked to demonstrate need when queried – PBSA satisfied concerns: has Central Saanich ties and is not generating profit they say
 - Leagues use is tracked where concerns are raised – pandemic has created challenges in maintaining visibility
 - All leagues are experiencing growth and have increasing demands on field space, and should all begin to explore other avenues
 - CSLL still has room to grow in younger divisions, but is experiencing constraints in older divisions notwithstanding use of Training Facility
 - Dedicated use of Alexander would accommodate current registrations and allow full team practices (2hr vs reduced play time)
 - PBSA size is not comparable and proportion of CS kids is much lower, and the league is known to rent out field or leave it vacant
 - School fields would require league grounds maintenance, and only fields of sufficient size would require diamonds to be installed (at cost)
 - District has embarked on strategic review of field allocation policies and is open to receiving ongoing input and feedback

- Member has requested Board support to petition District Central Saanich to install a car charging station(s) in the parking lot
 - Could potentially enhance relationship with DCS, and could speak to improving accessibility for CSLL families
 - CSLL has previously opted not to support non-baseball related initiatives (ie: skate-park)
 - DCS has recently hired climate action coordinator so anticipate strong eco-mandate
 - Individual member correspondence encouraged

Reports

President's Report

- Game scheduling
 - COVID protocol/enforcement (no spectator rule) – discuss whether TB should be shut down temporarily to address persistent spectators
 - Avg 9 spectators/team in addition to coaches, ViaSport protocol specifically requires 0 spectators although no limit on coaches
 - Potential to permit spectators as early as 15Jun, depending on progression through province stages
 - Communication to parents today has clearly laid out expectations and provided safe options to both support young players and observe restrictions
 - Suggestion that recent issues are resulting from the lift of earlier restrictions and convenient interpretations, and should improve following reasserted messaging about what's permissible
- Tournament team
 - No Canadian or US tournament, will find out whether BC tournament will be held, intention to move forward with District tournaments
 - Info pending on JR/SR team tournaments
 - Manager/coach selection
 - Only one applicant for MAJ, Bryan Rowan acclaimed
 - Anticipate only one applicant for MIN (Andrew Naysmith), will be acclaimed
 - Assessment dates/times/process in place – Clint
 - Formats to be determined at District 7 mtg June 3rd
- Rookie Minor 2022
 - Discussion surrounding value of program and player retention
 - Successes/failures
 - Originally introduced to provide higher level of play for more skilled kids, but experienced decline in skill level, engagement and registration numbers until a few years ago where more skilled children entered division
 - Removing the program would require splitting children according to skill level between MM & MIN
 - To be determined if keeping program at AGM in October
- Equipment
 - Pool noodles/courses a big hit in TB/MM
 - Water balloons/bubbles for BB/TB/MM a cheap way to entertain kids and switch things up
 - 2022 budget being worked out around \$16,000 (normally \$8-10K)
 - Add 3 JUGS Lite Flight pitching machines and balls for D1, D2 and D5 (\$2,500 total) for TB/MM
 - Finalize new catchers gear for all teams (\$3,500)
 - New bats for MIN thru SR (\$2,600)
 - 2nd Hack Attack Jr recommended (\$3,500)
 - Some additional consideration for Training Facility bats, to be determined
- 68 doz baseballs (\$3,400)

Treasurer's Report

- 2022 Budget for AGM
 - Wish lists for 2022 to Marti/Moe by end of June

- Grant now received, also anticipating donation tied to Training Facility landscaping
- Anticipate \$12K in costs to end-season with little further revenues (fundraising, etc)

Motion to approve YTD May 2021 Financials by Cory, second by Niki – Carried

NET INCOME: \$22,210.15

- Volunteer records have typically been compiled on honour system (parent > team coordinator > division coordinator > volunteer coordinator) – site reporting is not easy to generate for each team
 - Niki can identify opportunities for those still seeking shifts, including weeding at Training Facility
 - Weeding should be done around tree beds and surrounding areas at Training Centre, four hours/shift

Facilities Committee Report

- Training Centre
 - Issues with MAJ coaches using composite (light and thin wall) bats in Training Facility, now resolved
 - Issues with coaches using equipment (Batters Box) and bats from inside the storage room
 - Requested storage keys be returned and proper equipment be left out all the time for teams to use
 - Dents in training facility
 - Big kids crushing balls on D5 should be asked to move to reduce accidents
 - Ensure nets are put up behind bat catchers outside of D5 3rd baseline
 - Facility cleaning – coaches not doing regularly
- Clubhouse repairs
 - Awaiting word from District CS on replacing boards under eaves at clubhouses and repainting buildings
- Quotes on D5 lights are still outstanding (anticipate \$60-80K cost)

Round Table

- Concession is requesting more signage about physical distancing and use of masks
- Anticipate having concession process/needs worked out by end-season, and looking to understand whether we're considering summer season
 - Summer season would not require concession after 20 Jun as District planning food trucks
- Seeking support for player recognition items (eg: branded flashlights, bubble gum, water bottles, stickers), coordinated purchasing to reduce parent cost
 - Hasn't been organized by CSLL for a number of years, as budget was reallocated to support fun days
 - We do have window stickers available, but paper stickers would probably go over well with kids
- Cory expressed appreciation for Marti's contribution as Treasurer over the years
- Anticipate more dented/damaged team bats than originally expected, and may require alternate solution for Training Facility equipment
- Jen expressed appreciation for Marti's contribution
- Distancing signage or tape across restricted areas may help with spectator concerns
- Rebecca expressed appreciation for Moe's and Board's contribution
- Encouragement for new board members to join

NEXT MEETING – September (TBD)

Motion to adjourn by Cory

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM