

# CSLL Board Meeting

## MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Location: Training Facility/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:** Dustin Oliver, Mark Alexander

**Call to Order – 7:10** by Moe

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion to approve June 2021 minutes** by **Jen W**, second by **Jennifer B** – Carried

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- RM 2022
  - Discussion of 2021 season success/failures with RM coaches
    - RM program creates good transition from MM given range of player skill levels (eg: need to focus more on kid pitch @ MM level in preparation for MIN), lower skill levels may be retention risk but higher skill levels kids would welcome MIN opportunity
    - Too many kids were put into RM that realistically could/should? have been assessed @ MIN
      - If RMs were eliminated would require more skills focus at MM level to prepare for advanced skill level
    - COVID seasons will create additional challenges for MM players expecting to level up, increased pressure to meet MIN skill level
      - Consider putting off program changes until next year to allow kids to catch up
    - Challenging to find coaches @ RM level due to feelings of inadequacy, would require coach skills training focus @ MM level
      - Eliminating the RM program would cause the bulk of the MM coaches to remain at the lower level where they could continue to work on their skills
    - This year will see the lowest number of kids making the transition from MM which could be beneficial for managing a program change
      - MIN teams would not expand much, most players would remain down in MM
      - Need more clear parent guidance for registration
    - Other leagues aren't consistent in running RM programs each year, and habitually alter placement rules to accommodate registration pressures
      - Desire to ensure a good variety of game play without relying on interlock
    - Program works well when there's a large group of kids at a consistent skill level, but is challenging when skill levels range
  - Input from MM coordinator on anticipated player retention
    - The season went well enough
  - Program decision at AGM

### NEW BUSINESS

- Returning board members/vacancies
  - Concession, player agent roles will be vacated, Treasurer willing to accommodate transition if replacement can be found, JR/SR role never properly filled and still available

- Jennifer B will stay as MIN coordinator
- League trading pin design contest submissions
  - Vote was supposed to happen @ AGM, but only two entries received – maintain original plan
  - Interest in keeping existing design, potential to use winning design as specialty edition
- Vaccination requirements for Training Facility youth
  - Further clarification from BC government regarding indoor sports/facilities, suggest youth and supporting adults not required to show proof of vaccination at this time
  - Option to strengthen PHO requirements if not doing so causes impact to youth participation rates
  - Consider policies for Fall Ball, Batter's Box
    - Support for requiring minimum first dose vaccination for adults up to 24Oct, two doses required afterward

**Motion for everyone over 21 yrs using training facility during fall/winter to show proof of vaccination, 13Sep for 1<sup>st</sup> dose, 24Oct for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose by Melinda, second by Joe – Carried**

## Reports

### President's Report

- 2021 summer season debrief
  - Discuss combining with tournament baseball teams, fees
    - In the past we have run summer season following tournament play, typically automatically includes tournament team and then opened for other players to participate, fees charged independently
    - 2019 ran for MIN, 2020 didn't proceed due to COVID, 2021 ran with MIN/MAJ
      - Teams weren't all notified of \$50 fees, so only six players have remitted payment
      - Managers have suggested fees shouldn't be charged due to challenges with season (pandemic restrictions were lifted and suddenly family plans effected player availability/participation), and anticipate trouble collecting outstanding balances
      - The six players will be credited \$50 against next season registration
      - Maintain separate fees structure for next year, provide better clarity including tournament fees
- Fall Ball – Prospects
  - Dates Sep 17 - Dec 19
  - Fri – MAJ, Sat am – JR, Sat aft – MIN, Sun pm - SR
  - Player interest so far
    - 19 MIN, 18 MAJ, 6 JR, 3 SR
  - Coaches meeting/goals
    - Bryan Rowan has tournament bag, training facility equipped (not locked up in storage) – anything outside of netting is not for league use (belongs to Batters' Box)
- Equipment
  - 10 BB, 12 TB and 10 MM bags ready for 2022 (a few bats/catchers sets on order to complete)
  - MIN, MAJ, JR, SR to be done next
  - Catchers gear and baseballs ordered
  - Bat order for MAJ/JR needed, will move old bats into facility for use there
  - Lite Flite pitching machines, balls and cords for D1, D2 and D5 needed but will seek budget approval at AGM first
- Uniforms
  - Will need to order 2 more sets of TB and 2 more sets of MM uniforms plus a few more pants
  - A few cheques cashed again this year for uniforms not returned or damaged
- Clothing
  - Capitals South has 'spirit wear', hoodies/t-shirt/long-sleeve/hats with 2 heat-press logos done by TeamWorks, option to replace current merchandise lines – charge for logo set up, first \$1,500 sales paid to TeamWorks to pay for website development, remaining ongoing sales generate 12-15% for league
    - Would have options both for Capitals and regular league styles
    - Discuss further once price lists avail (logos charge, merchandise, customization)
- Concession

- Volunteer update from 2021
- We need a better way to convince team coordinators to follow up with their sign-ups for their team – very few teams submitted volunteer reports
  - Might be helpful for team coordinator to check registration list for which families have pre-paid volunteer fees

## Treasurer's Report

**Motion to approve 2020/21 Financials** by Liana, second by Jen – Carried

**NET INCOME: \$32,250.24** (less \$250 Summer Ball fees to be refunded)

- YTD September 2021 financials
- 2021/22 draft budget
  - Anticipate higher revenues for registrations, concession, training facility rentals and sponsorship, increased expenses for more players, equipment and expanded concession schedule

## Facilities Committee Report

- Dave installed new lights at D6 plus new sensor/lights at D5
- Dave fixed light on D5 scoreboard after being hit again
- Moe contacted fabricator to build cage for D5 scoreboard (Jim Lavich, who did D6)
- District of Central Saanich supposed to paint outside of clubhouses this month
- DCS wants to plant trees at D5 outside 3rd baseline, waterline already in place but will use tree wells
- Moe to discuss D6 dugouts with DCS to keep enclosed structure but lock up to keep problems out
- Moe still working to get quotes for D5 lights (C1, Don Mann, Netex, Michell's, ITC, Edwards Electric) and DCS support ahead of AGM approval and public consultation
  - Recommend seeking a capital grant for the D5 lights

## Round Table

- Consider putting up field schedules on weatherproof board at concession
- Bottle drive efforts ongoing – drop off with Moe
- Potential to begin advertising on D6 fence line
- Consider banquet for MIN+ include player/team awards since fun days efforts etc are more geared toward younger divisions but older kids don't have anything age-appropriate
- Consider volunteer appreciation event (movie night, BBQ) – increase celebrations budget

**NEXT MEETING** – October 19, 2021 6pm dinner, 7pm AGM @ Fieldhouse

**Motion to adjourn** by Moe

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM