



# MINUTES

## Monthly Board Meeting

**Date:** February 20, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 PM

**Location:** via Zoom

### **In Attendance:**

Russ Sawyer, President (Chair)  
Matt McLean, Past President  
Karen Ryall, FB Umpire Scheduler  
Shane Edison, Equipment Manager  
Sudhi Dixit, Treasurer  
Christine Barry, Sponsorship Coordinator  
Blake Tessier, Manager of Registration  
Ko William, Fastball Uniform Manager  
Emma Tessier, Player Agent  
Steph Baird, VP Admin  
Steve Chapman, VP Fastball  
Jessica Bradford, Baseball Uniform Manager  
Chris Kachanoski, FB Scheduler  
Trevor Barry, Policy and Governance  
Angela Sawyer, VP Baseball  
Anita Carreiro, Event Coordinator  
Derek Lind, VP Operations

### **Not In Attendance:**

Ernie Westle, Ground Manager  
Matt Playle, Web Manager  
Cory Wood, BB Umpire Scheduler

### **Regrets:**

Lori Zehr, Secretary  
Steve Gillan, BB Scheduler

### **1. ~~CALL TO ORDER~~**

~~The Chair called the meeting to order at X:XX PM.~~

## **~~2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA~~**

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by ??**

**Seconded by ??**

~~That the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.~~

## **~~3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES~~**

### **~~3.1 Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting held January 21, 2025~~**

### **MOTION:**

**Moved by ??**

**Seconded by ??**

~~That the Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting held January 21 be approved as circulated.~~

**Carried.**

## **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1 Action Items – Ongoing List**

The Action List was updated.

## **5. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Financial Update (Sudhi)**

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b> | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Nothing noted.                     |                    |                          |

### **6.2 Fastball Program Update (Steve C)**

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b>  | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Winter clinic is ongoing and conclude on March 16th.<br>U11 rep assessments were held, and team selections are nearly complete.<br>Registration numbers are strong, with 152 players across 12 teams, which is higher than in recent years.<br>Key dates include board and declare on March 12th, scheduling on March 21st-22nd, and the regular season beginning the week of April 5th.<br>There is a potential issue with U15 C teams having 21 players, which is being addressed by exploring options with Carnarvon.<br>Most divisions are now waitlisting except for U9, which has 12 registrations and room for more players. |                    |                          |

### 6.3 Baseball Program Update (Angela)

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b>   | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Significant drop in player numbers, particularly in the majors and minors divisions - partly due to boundary issues and players moving to other leagues.<br>Need for umpires for the upcoming season and plans to reach out to past umpires and parents to fill this need; working on organizing clinics for umpires.<br>Little League Baseball game vs Nationals at Royal Athletic in partnerships with Harbour Cats in July.<br>Assessments March 8th<br>CRCs - baseball likely moving towards an every year requirement. Fastball likely to follow. |                    |                          |

### 6.4 Operations Update (Derek)

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b>   | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Arrival of D2 scoreboard next month.<br>Field cleanup March 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Work on D4 (skinned except mound or perhaps mobile mound) and D3 (levelled out) |                    |                          |

### 6.5 Admin Update (Steph)

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b>  | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Website updates - website revamp is needed. For now, please send me any website updates, edits or news and I'll add them to my ongoing list for Matt. Then remind him :)<br>Blake to assist?<br><br>I'd also like to add anticipated schedules as that's what I get the most question about right now. Chris K. wants to get scheduling organized soon and will discuss with VPs. Blake to assist with TeamSnap portion of scheduling.<br><br>Social media - scheduled post for pink shirt day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, quotes to go out sporadically, and Christine will create some as needed and as she has time.<br>In the works: Opening ceremonies, umpires needed, |                    |                          |

## 6.6 UIC's Update (BB- vacant; FB - vacant)

| <b><i>Discussion included:</i></b>   | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Umpires - we need to advertise for umpires (no more u13 fastball umpires are needed). Baseball umpires and u15/17 fastball are needed. |                    |                          |

## 7 NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 Wayne Cannon Memorial Award (Russ)

| <b>Discussion included:</b>  | <b>Responsible</b> | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Creating a Wayne Cannon Memorial Award for the fastball umpire of the year - coaches provide feedback to determine the recipient. Unanimous support.<br>Combining this with the existing Doug Hudlin award for baseball umpires. |                    |                          |

### 7.2 Opening/Closing Ceremonies (Russ)

| <b>Discussion included:</b>   | <b>Responsible</b>          | <b>Date<br/>mm/dd/yy</b> |
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| Reynolds band, Harvey from the Harbor Cats, and an indigenous drummer are set to perform.<br>Fun time inflatables will return, and Thrifty foods will volunteer their managers to provide food for the players. Pictures will be taken on opening ceremonies, with a new photographer named Kyle.<br>A raffle and 50/50 draw are also planned for the opening ceremonies<br><br>Anita proposed the idea of a closing ceremony for the season, similar to the opening ceremony, to appreciate the efforts throughout the season. Jess suggested that this could be particularly beneficial for children who weren't part of the all-star teams, as they often felt forgotten at the end of the season. The team agreed to consider this idea for the closing ceremony.<br><br>Additionally, Russ and Angela invited the board members to a party at their house the night before the opening ceremony to celebrate their hard work | Closing Ceremonies Planning | February 20, 2025        |

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| and camaraderie. The team agreed to this idea and looked forward to the party on April 4th. |  |  |
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### 7.3 Registration (Russ)

| Discussion included:  | Responsible   | Date<br>mm/dd/yy  |
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| <p>Registration numbers:<br/>Softball is the same as last year - could use more u9s (12 currently registered)<br/>Two 15c teams are planned now instead of one.<br/>Baseball is down by about 100 kids - could use more kids especially in older divisions.</p> <p>Russ is thinking of going to neighborhood schools to do fastball/baseball demo at lunch hour to ignite interest. Parents to support connection to school principal to organize.</p> <p>Sandwich boards, social media and school newsletters have been sent out. We can do a reminder on Instagram.</p> <p>Another email blast suggesting last call for registration?</p> | <p>Promotion:<br/><br/>Christine/Russ<br/>Rogers Elementary<br/><br/>Emma to Lakehill<br/>Elementary<br/><br/>Jessica other local<br/>schools<br/><br/>Steph/Hazel social<br/>media</p> | February 20, 2025 |

### 7.4 Volunteer Duties (Russ)

| Discussion included:   | Responsible                 | Date<br>mm/dd/yy  |
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| <p>The idea of recording volunteer hours at the team level was explored, as was the possibility of reducing the required volunteer hours from 4 to 2.<br/>Team managers to track club volunteer duties.<br/>Prepaid opt out instead of volunteer hours?</p> <p>Bathrooms - teams to clean 1-2x per season<br/>Offering come kind of bribe/treat to teams for doing this.<br/>Consider having cleaners come on weekends after high traffic like opening ceremonies etc)</p> | Bathroom Cleaning Schedule? | February 20, 2025 |

## ADJOURNMENT

~~The Board meeting of February 20, 2025, was adjourned at X:XX pm~~