

NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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NDBA AGM Agenda

Date: Wednesday June 29th 2022

Time: 6:20pm

Location: Mackie Clubhouse & Videoconference

Present: Angela Crowther, Brent Dingsdale, Carey Dingsdale, Chris Adams, Cheryl Vaz, Clayton Gosnell, Daniella Filby, Debbie McMurray, Graeme McMurray, Jen Bernabe, Lisa Ormston, L.J. Eiben, Kathy McDougall, Michael Stoochnoff, Paul Goumans, Sheryl Gray, Steve Ormston.

Not Present: Brad Woof, Cary Boyce, Lauren Buick, Michelle Miller, Terry Ferndan, Tracy Lindale.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 2021 NDBA AGM moved by Angela Crowther and second by Kathy McDougall. All in favor.

1. Correspondence

2. Old Business

1. Executive Reports

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
President	Vacant	
Vice President	Chris Adams (also Acting President)	Report attached
Past President		

Secretary	Jen Bernabe	Report attached
ACTING Treasurer	Michelle Miller	<i>Not present.</i> <u>Current balance:</u> \$39,088.81 \$51, 259.06 Term deposit City has not deposited an \$11,000 cheque.
Registrar	Carey Dingsdale	Report attached
Director At Large (Inclusive Programs Rep)	Sheryl Gray	Report attached <i>Will continue as Director At Large (Inclusive Programs Rep) unless there someone else interested.</i>
Umpire-In-Chief	Brad Woof	<i>Not present.</i> <i>Graeme passed along a message from Brad saying Midget and Jr Men's season went well.</i>
Director at Large (Umpires)	Graeme McMurray	Report attached <i>Plan to continue as Director at Large (Umpires)</i>
Coaching Director	Vacant	
Field Manager	Brent Dingsdale	Report attached
Concession Manager	Daniella Filby	Report attached <i>Will continue as Concession Manager</i>
Publicity Director	Vacant	
Marketing Director	Angela Crowther	Report attached <i>Would like to continue as Marketing Director unless someone else really wants it.</i>
Equipment Manager	Steve Ormstron	Some teams have returned their equipment bags if they are not coaching through the summer season. Some coaches that are coaching through the summer season have reached out for additional baseballs. From the few bags that I have received back so far, used baseballs have been very slim compared to what was handed out and for some reason 8 out of 10 sets of throw down bases are basically destroyed, lol, I guess they are used more than I thought. I also sent an email out to Brad (umpire) 2 days after our last meeting to try and assist with re stocking any umpiring gear for the summer

		season and as of Wednesday June 22nd, no response back.
Uniform Manager	Tracy Lindale	<i>Not present.</i> Report attached
Tournament Director	Kathy McDougall	Report attached <i>Will stay on as Tournament Director unless someone else volunteers</i>
Scheduler	Cary Boyce	<i>Not present.</i> <i>Resigning as Scheduler but will mentor the next person that takes on the role.</i>
Social Director	Vacant	
Yearbook Director	Lisa Ormston	Yearbooks were well received by parents and players, we had many positive comments about the black front cover with the new 60 th Anniversary logo. We distributed yearbooks to all teams except for one prior to closing day (Challenger will be handing theirs out on their last session day). The return to traditional team photos was very welcome as the group photo makes it easier to see players' faces. Two teams unfortunately did not make the deadline to provide player roster. 400 books were printed at a cost of \$1448. Surrey Digital did the printing for us this year, as their turn around time was significantly shorter than our previous supplier. Around 50 additional books remain, and will be delivered to Annieville and Gunderson concessions as extras to hand out. <i>Will continue as Yearbook Director unless there someone else interested.</i>
Fundraising Director	Vacant	
5U Representative	Lauren Buick	<i>Not present.</i> Report attached
6U Representative	Clayton Gosnell	Report attached <i>Would like to move into the 7U Rep position</i>
7U Representative	Lisa Ormstron	Report attached <i>Would like to move into the 9U Rep position unless there someone else interested.</i>
9U Representative	L.J. Eiben	The tadpole season went well. We were able to hold our Victoria Day Tournament and get in a

		<p>full season. We had 5 full teams this year and all teams got along well and the kids made huge improvements. Thanks to all the volunteers and coaches for their help. We also were able to field both an 8U and 9U summer ball team. We will be hosting the 8U tournament this year and have 8 teams, including NDBA. 8U is also in the Boulanger tournament in Cloverdale and 9U will be participating in the Rumble in the Ridge and the Andrews tourney in Cloverdale. Good luck to both summer ball teams!</p> <p><i>Plan to continue as an executive member but run for VP</i></p>
11U Representative	Angela Crowther	<p>Report attached</p> <p><i>Would like to move up to 13U Rep if position is vacant.</i></p>
13U Representative	Terri Farnden	<p><i>Not present.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 players registered and played in the 13U Division • We ran three 13U A teams coached by: Chris Adams (Cubs), Eugene Lin (Athletics), James Lee (Angels) and one 13U AA team coached by: Steve Farnden (Rays) • 13U AA team won the May long weekend Newton/Surrey Ross Tournament • 13U A Angels won the regular season play-offs • 13U AA team won the playoffs for the Spring Season. • We will field two Summerball teams: 13U A coached by Chris Adams and 13U AA will continue their season coached by Steve Farnden
15U Representative	Cheryl Vaz	<p>Filling a team with the help of coach Jeff Stebbings went smooth this year. Unfortunately, we had to cut kids when filling the team for Bantam A due to only having one head coach. The 2 kids that were cut went to Newton and had a great season.</p> <p>Summer ball our Bantam AA continues Our 4 kids from ND have merged with Newton and made up a summer ball A team.</p> <p>It has been a journey with the Bantam group. We</p>

		<p>have had some ups and downs but overall happy kids playing ball.</p> <p><i>Would like to continue as the 15u Rep</i></p>
18U Representative	Kathy McDougall	<p>Report attached</p> <p><i>Would like to continue as the 18U Rep</i></p>

4. New Business

June 29 th 2022	<p>Paul Goumans:</p> <p>Mackie field issue solution - Proposal to the city to twin Westview into a college field. Measured it and the numbers work.</p> <p>Midget rules – fair play is a good way to go during Spring season. Summer ball is a competitive season should run a 9-man ball.</p> <p>Fundraising rules – This needs to be re looked at. The need gets greater as the kids get older.</p>

5. Motion to adjourn at 9pm by Sheryl Gray and seconded by Clayton Gosnell.

Next Executive meeting Wednesday September 7th @ 7pm @ Virtually. Please arrive on time, thank you.

Vice President Report **Chris Adams**

My name is Chris Adams and I served as your 2022 VP for North Delta Baseball. I also assumed the duties of the president and the day-to-day duties of the treasurer. 2022 in a metaphor was like starting up an old truck that had sat dormant in the garage. Many things we had not been permitted to operate since 2019 were back in play. We held our first Opening Ceremony and were able to finally induct Alex McKay into our Hall of Fame. We were also able to present and hang our three provincial banners from that 2019 season as well. Spring Play returned in all divisions from 5U Blastball to 18U Midget and it was a joy to see all those younger ages return. Our Challenger Division also returned with big numbers which was most encouraging. There were definitely some logistical challenges due to the loss of 2 Spring seasons. The transfer of common knowledge and procedures from year to year had been interrupted and extra attention was needed. A big thanks to all volunteers for persevering through these added challenges

and making up for the lost time. We were able to make some improvements in function from previous seasons such as umpire payroll occurring bi-weekly instead of once a season. While our executive roster has become smaller since 2019 we had great contributions from all members and it was a pleasure to serve on the board with them. I believe our biggest priority for the club's future is to recruit new members to the board while some of our older 10 years plus members are still here to make a smooth transition. There are many adaptations and improvements we can make but this won't happen while so many roles are vacant and others soon to be vacant. I believe youth baseball has the ability to connect our community in so many positive ways. I wish to see it grow and improve for all our youth playing now and years in the future. I am committed to ensuring the club transfers into good hands when the time comes.

Secretary Report

Jen Bernabe

This is my 4th year as Secretary for NDBA. I have learned a lot, and am still learning, of what it takes to run a successful baseball season from many of you still currently sitting on the board and some that have retired. I appreciate that we have access to knowledgeable members with years of experience that we can lean on for advice or seek answers. I have realized there are a lot of people (especially behind the scene) that truly put their heart and soul and have been generous with their time into giving the kids in the community an opportunity to play baseball. I want to thank each one of you that took on a small or large role on executive or as a coach in the past, present and those that will in the future.

It was really nice to have a more normal year of baseball compared to the last 2 years due to covid. It made for a memorable season for both parents and kids.

We had a few new members step up and take on an executive role during the year, which has been a huge benefit for NDBA. My wish is that all current members will want to continue with their role into next year. We have some empty roles that we will need to fill, if you know someone that would like to give back and would be a great fit, please have them apply.

We still offer bookings for Mackie Clubhouse to host coaches training, coach/parent meetings, uniform pick up etc. You can contact me by email or phone anytime.

Registrar Report

Carey Dingsdale

Phew - what a season. This is a new role to me, and it required a lot of learning, self-teaching, and understanding tech and I by no means am a tech person. By November I was able to figure out Sports Engine and how to create registrations and make edits to our website - not really the registrar's role but it kind of goes along with the territory – and we really have only a handful of us with access.

I managed to create winter training for 9U, 11U, and 13U – and although we had a few gym closures due to janitorial staffing shortages we were successful in offering some sort of training for our grass roots programs. We unfortunately could not secure a space to offer winter training for our 15U players and had no coaching resources for the younger players.

I had connected with Delta KidSport and created a visual application format for families who are applying. We had approx. 5 families who were able to access Kidsport funding so their child can play ball this season. Understanding the process took some time but they are lovely to work with.

As we are coming out of covid NDBA is still working with a young and small executive board. I wanted to extend my gratitude to all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes learning their roles as

new board members – and as returning board members who most have stepped into new roles or working under “a more normal season” and learning their roles in this pretense. As a board we have had some tough decisions and conversations, these are never easy but having a dedicated group keeping the grass roots program in the forefront will only better serve our membership for years to come.

I was able to be a mentor to Daniela our concession manager and we are happily slinging burgers and hotdogs at the NDBA concessions. We had hoped to get the square machine up and running for May Long weekend – but with the horrible Spring weather it just never got completed. (goals for the fall maybe).

I also held a successful online team parent meeting. It was very important to host this as we have so many new families to the association, and we have many who needed the refresher. I believe we had approx. 35 people in attendance – and this helped (or at least I hope it helped) those on the field and managing the bench.

Time for a few shout outs:

I wanted to personally thank Cary Boyce for all his efforts at the fields and scheduling the interlock along with Brent Dingsdale. Cary is one of those executive members who is always working, and no one really realises all his efforts.

Jen Bernabe – a new mom to Miles, a seasoned ball parent to Tyler, and a mom to a graduate Kayla. There was a lot on your plate this season and you still have time to keep us organized, booking the gyms in the crazy Omnicom times and stepped in to help with the umpire payroll. Thanks, 😊

Lisa Ostrom thank you for joining the executive as a director at large and taking on 3 roles for us this year. Not only are you taking on the yearbook, but you also were the mastermind behind the 60th Anniversary hoodies (they look awesome), you also stepped in the Super T division rep. You recognized the void and jumped in with 2 feet. Thank you for your time and dedication to the board.

Brent Dingsdale (I feel like I am forever thanking him 😊), the amount of time you have given the NDBA is remarkable. Hours on the field as a coach in the early days coaching all 3 of our children, stepping into your 1st year on the executive way back in 2010 (I think), working your way up to President of the association and staying in this role for 4 or 5 years. There have been many conversations in our home surrounding the NDBA – how do we make it better, how can we expand the grass roots program; how can we encourage more to be involved. I could go on and on about all the wonderful accomplishments you have personally achieved, but I know this is not necessary. Your passion for community baseball is outstanding and it shows by everything you encompass. This season you have taken on as past president, field manager, and interlock coordinator. Working alongside the city issuing field permits, time slicing Mackie field between PLB and our 3 other grass root programs, building a turtle, ordering pads for the fences, getting lock boxes painted, pumping out the lake at Mackie on a Friday night to try and get the field ready for the weekend, and finally getting the 2019 provincial banners in their permanent home. Thank you for your guidance, your dedication, your time, and for caring so greatly about this association.

Sheryl Gray – your passion and dedication to making a difference and offering an adaptive program for our association is inspiring. On top of having 3 children, in multiple sporting activities, a husband who coaches, working fulltime, a fur-mom to 2 puppies; Sheryl has managed to create a program for the under privileged athletes in our community. Not only during the ball season, but in the off season as well. She has tirelessly worked to create a community network of volunteers including multiple sport associations

and city officials. She has advocated for the importance of such programs in our community presenting to higher officials in local government, and aligned herself with allies who understand the importance of these programs. Sherly has done this with little to no help from others and created a unique family bond with some other community leaders. I feel this is only the beginning of these types of programs. With you behind the role I am excited to see what you have planned next.

Chris Adams - "Leadership is not about titles, positions, or work hours. Its about relationships." Whether you wanted this or not – you took on many roles this season. It started by just a VP acting as president, but as we got further into the season (and covid restrictions were removed) the void of executive positions resulted in you filling these roles personally. As acting President you had to host all the meetings, ensure all executive positions were working effectively, mentor new executive members in their roles, and plan a "normal" season after 2 years off. Many people contacted you personally and this volunteer role became another full time job. You took this on, you didn't complain, and you moved us forward. I think for your sanity you should have placed "boundaries" as to when you can be contacted (and tried to push back some of the requests to division reps) but I know that is not who you are. You are about relationships and always offering that helping hand – a trait I personally love about and can not fault you for. Thank you for taking all the hard conversations and the difficult decisions. I am hopeful for the few executive board and hope these positions are secured with volunteers who are actively engaged and willing to continue to make a difference.

AS for me – I have not made a final decision if this will be my last on the NDBA executive. I have sat on this board for almost 10 years now, have watched people come and go, managed a pandemic, and met some pretty fantastic volunteers along the way. I have not had a child play in NDBA for 2 seasons and feel that maybe it's time to hang up my hat. I will have the summer to ponder this. If anyone would like to take on this role I will certainly step aside and train them up.

Take aways – executive members and coaches need to know the rules and abide by them. When we deviate from them it causes much confusion and sets presidents to what should now be the new rule or way of operating. If we need rules updates – this needs to occur in the off season by a rules committee. Budgets – Ex. Members need to make their budget and stick to them. Things come up sure, but if you know you are planning something for the season – increase in ordering, hosting tournaments, field upgrades etc... plan for it and place it in the budget at the beginning of the season. Then use that entire budget – we are non-profit and have the funds to better the association for our community. Kids playing up – I firmly believe it should not happen. I am sure I have many who will disagree. In my almost 10 years of NDBA we have had 6 kids play up and I looking back only 1 of those 6 kids has stayed playing up and furthered their development. The others – it might have been justified in the younger years as one could argue they were above the normal development physically, but we know ball is 25% physical abilities and 75% mental. By the time these kids got to the higher levels everything evened out and they were back into the divisions they needed to be in. (either high performance or grass roots). When we move kids up it's a domino effect, creating more work and changes to our programming. Let the kids play with their friends, let them be a leader, a mentor, a stud (if you will). It will far serve them as a person and athlete. By the time they are 11 years old they have options to play at a higher level for summer ball – and are playing for provincial banners. They will get to where they ultimately end up on their own merit.

Have a wonderful summer everyone 😊

Director at Large (Inclusive Programs Representative) Report
Sheryl Gray

As of June 2022, this Board portfolio is now known as Inclusive Programs (rather than Challenger Division). This change recognizes the need for diverse programs to better meet the needs of the North Delta community, and supports additional year-round programming in addition to the ongoing spring Challenger program. There is a strong need for these programs to be viewed as an essential part of the overall NDBA programming, and included by all board functions including field bookings, uniform ordering, equipment ordering, etc., same as all other divisions.

The new Adaptive Multi-Sport Program (AMP) was run from September to December and again from January to March, in collaboration with North Delta Football Club. This program was run as a partnership with the City of Delta (gymnasium space at the North Delta Recreation Centre) and sponsored by the A Team real estate group. This program was run weekly for two separate age groups, offering a variety of sports/activity opportunities for children and youth with disabilities. Participants were supported primarily by teenaged 1-1 volunteer buddies. The program was highly successful with between 22-28 participants per season. It will run again for 2022/23, same format, for up to 36 participants per season (18 for each time slot, divided by age).

Challenger Baseball was held in the Spring, with 30 athletes registered, and several inquiries continuing into the season (registration was capped at 30). 20+ volunteers were available on a weekly basis, many teenagers and also some adults trained as educational assistants, who were invaluable in getting some of our younger participants engaged in the weekly program. Jerseys were provided at a subsidized cost by Fourteen Athletics. The season was somewhat limited by inclement weather, and there's some discussion underway with the City of Delta to provide an indoor back-up location of the dry curling surface, to avoid cancellation of programs.

Highlights of the Challenger season included a shared week with the Delta Blue Jays' Bantam team, a visit from the Jays Care staff team, and a Closing Day medal ceremony with MLA Ravi Kahlon.

In August, a girls' baseball event is in the planning stages, to be held in collaboration with BC Girls' Baseball and open to girls aged 6-12. They will take care of registration. We will need ads/social media to get the word out, will get the dates out once it's firmed up and will be held at Mackie.

Director at Large (Umpires) Report Graeme McMurray

Hi my name is Graeme McMurray and I am the Umpire Director for the NDBA. This year has overall gone really well. We started in late February with our umpire clinics which rolled into our online clinics which were run by the BCBUA in conjunction with Baseball Canada. The allocation was done using a spreadsheet for Mosquito to Bantam. We had an umpire at every single game throughout the season which included our Tadpole tournament. We also ran a jamboree tournament for Mosquito which we were able to showcase the umpires in our association and how well they have progressed. We are currently looking at getting another person to help with Allocation, which will be looked at more closely in the coming months.

For summer we are hoping to purchase new umpire equipment which will loosely round up to approximately \$1000 dollars, this will include a new chest protector, new shin guards and a new mask for Westview. We plan to move the chest protector from Westview to Annieville and purchase another chest protector for Gunderson as some umpires have expressed they do not like using the bubble.

I would also like to thank Angela Crowther for doing a big media push for the umpires at the start of the season

Overall, I would like to express my appreciation for the umpires during this season and how well they did throughout the year. I would also like to thank Brad Woof for his continued support in training me for this role.

Field Manager Report Brent Dingsdale

Field maintenance has been challenging this year with the record rainfall and poor weather.

The City added lights and an electrical outlet to the Annieville batting cage. Both are big improvements to the cage. We also purchased a new pitching machine for Annieville park.

The City replaced the backstop fencing on two of the Tball backstops at Annieville Elementary.

The Annieville pavilion was closed for many months this offseason for mold clean-up. All our equipment was moved from our equipment room to the 2nd floor. However, when the City reopened the building our equipment was not returned to the 1st floor. Ironically, we've had reoccurring water leaking into our equipment room since the reopening of the pavilion. The 2nd floor equipment clean-up is in a holding pattern waiting for the water leak source to get resolved by the City.

The new turtle for Mackie Park was a bit of an adventure. Our shipment was short multiple boxes and took 2 additional shipments before we received all the parts. A big thank you to Cary Boyce, Chris Adams, and Carey Dingsdale for helping with the installation. It took many 10s of hours to complete the installation.

Padding was ordered for the short fences at Mackie. That install was a challenge as the pad sizes weren't customized for the length of our fence. Cary Boyce came up with some creative ideas and after many visits we finally completed the install.

We fielded 2 Midget AA teams and a Jr Mens team this Spring. That coupled with the Delta Blue Jays Jr and Sr teams put a huge amount of pressure on Mackie. If 2023 projections are accurate, we'll likely have 2 Midget AA teams again next Spring. We'll need to work with the Blue Jays to tweak the historic practice day schedule to free up more time for the Midget AA teams.

The Sunbury drainage work turned into a much bigger project for the City. We have not had access to the Sunbury park all season. Sunbury is a critical park for Peewee practices. Turf has just recently been installed and we're hoping by July we can get access to the park.

Newly painted jobsite boxes were installed at Delsom (for the Challenger division) and at Upper Annieville.

Cary Boyce (scheduler) and I (Coordinator) ran the Fraser Delta Interlock for the 13U A, 13U AA, 15U A and 18U AA divisions. Running that interlock requires a lot of hours and patience. I do find it rewarding though! TBD if Cary and I will return to run it again in 2023.

Looking to next season many of the pitching mounds at our parks need to be reworked (clay bricks, etc). It's a time-consuming job and this season the time just wasn't there to address it. The plexiglass on the Mackie scoreboard needs to be replaced.

I would like to end with, thanking Cary Boyce for all the help this season and the countless, selfless volunteer hours he puts in. A consider him a friend and would love to see his years of service recognized with an induction into the NDBA Hall of Fame in the near future.

Concession Manager Report

Daniela Filby

I am Daniela Filby and I am the Concession Manager. This was my first year however I have helped Carey Dingsdale in the past. She has also been available this year as a mentor. I will continue next year in my position.

I opened the concession and ran opening day along with closing day ceremonies with Mary Moore. We handed out Free coffee to the parents on opening day as well as Candy bags to all the players that were in attendance. For closing Day ceremonies we handed out candy bags to the challenger division.

Need coaches to be aware that the umpires are paid from the concession funds so it is important that it is opened when North Delta is playing at Gunderson and Annieville. Team parents need to schedule this as a duty. I also need to know when games are rained out and rescheduled.

I was apart of the online team parent meeting with Carey and will take that role on next year. Thanks Carey for being so helpful. We should be encouraging every team to have someone represented at the team parent meeting at the beginning of the year. There is a lot of valuable information in that night.

For Gunderson we purchased a new BBQ this year. Thanks Carey Boyce for making that happen.

I kept both concessions stocked for the year with teams having to pick up items if they ran out during their games.

Candy Bags: This year coming out of Covid I had made the decision to make all the candy bags along with amazing helper Mary Moore. I think I will keep it that way for next year as well because we have no wastage and can monitor it more successfully.

Thanks to Brent Crowther's team for pulling in a large profit on their Gymboree. They brought in \$1657. Your parents worked hard.

My position is not concluded for the year as we have summerball and fall ball to still come. Our permits are extended at Bob Bunnett to stay open for fall ball. Can I please have schedules so that I am aware of what days I need to be fully stocked.

For next year:

1. I would like to propose that we purchase a new cooler for Annieville as it is terribly noisy or have it looked at and see if it is fixable.
2. Look into new items at the concession (air fryer? Popcorn machine? Slush machine?)
3. Debit Machine (looking into it with RBC)

Marketing Report

Angela Crowther

In my first year as the Marketing Director, I tried to make a point of posting on social media more often to grow our following audience and encourage engagement. Our pages are up to 148 followers on Facebook, 461 followers on Instagram and 415 followers on Twitter. I cannot take full credit for all the posts on the

channel – Chris Adams and Sheryl Gray are also admins and have done a great job contributing content as well.

We placed a ¼ page ad in the North Delta Reporter for two different weeks to help promote spring registration. It's hard to say if it was effective as it's difficult to track results from print. I'm not sure it's worth investment.

We did try some paid Facebook ads as well. We spent \$68 over 7 days in January and reach 5,128 people with 62 link clicks. I think this is a much more effective and cost-efficient way to promote baseball registration and would recommend sticking with a small budget for it again in the future. We were also able to get a message up on the digital board in North Delta.

Finally, we tried our first fundraiser in some time with the club, partnering with truLOCAL. Partial proceeds from each meat box sold was donated back to the club. We raised \$300 from this initiative.

Uniform Manager Report

Tracy Lindale

This is my first year as the uniform manager for NDBA. I stepped in right after the spring uniforms were ordered and I am still trying to figure out the correct formula for ordering!

I did find the position to be challenging but I have started to develop my own system. A big thank you to Kathy for coming out and helping me, and to Karen for all the questions I have asked of her.

There were lots of supply issues with pants for the summer orders, and there was a limited stock pile from previous years, perhaps due to covid but I am working through this issue still. There is a back order of pants (adult medium and youth large) which arriving July 8. We now have a good supply of adult pants for the fall and next spring.

In the future I will work more with the reps than the coaches and will schedule a date for summer uniform pick up, too time consuming with the exchanges. I found it difficult to order summer ball uniforms for players who were not even registered yet so there was a bit of a guessing game involved.

Undecided if will return next year as the uniform manager but will definitely assist anyone taking on this role or split the role with someone. I really appreciate all the hard work, time and dedication everyone has given to NDBA, you don't really know what is involved until you are the one doing it.

127 kids still need to return uniforms, scheduled for Wed June 29th from 6-8pm. I have 2 parents from U13AA, my husband and Karen assisting with this as I didn't realize it was the AGM meeting.

Tournament Director Report

Kathy McDougall

The NDBA has only held one tournament so far this year, the Victoria Day Tadpole tournament. LJ did a fantastic job putting the schedule together and the it sounds like all the kids had a blast. Mother Nature cooperated and we finally got to experience so much need decent baseball weather.

Sadly, the Jeff Francis Mosquito tournament was cancelled as the only other teams besides our 4 North Delta teams to register were not eligible to play due to the tiering system. The coaches felt it wouldn't be much of a tournament to play against the same teams they had been playing against all spring and the event was cancelled. Hopefully next year we will have more interest, as this is a much-cherished long

standing tournament for the association and an amazing experience for the players to compete. Brent Crowther organized a tournament with Tsawwassen in lieu so the 2022 Mosquito players didn't miss out entirely. He also organized a pre-summer season jamboree.

The 8U Tadpole summer season wrap up tournament is currently full at 8 teams with the possibility of opening up for a couple more teams if there is interest.

Thank you to everyone who has made these tournaments happen by organizing the games, umpires, concessions, medals and making it a memorable experience. If someone is interested, I would be happy for someone to take this position, but will stay if we don't have a volunteer step up.

5U Representative Report

Lauren Buick

Room for improvement:

Awareness

- Low player enrollment
- Coaches were difficult to get thus only three teams of 7 and no room for late registrants (I think that the role of "coach" was daunting to new parents to Blastball (or baseball altogether). A brief overview of the role might help (could this be added in the registration process?)
- Post vacant executive positions and description of role also during the registration process

Field conditions

- Backstop had a huge hole and was jagged and dangerous. It was patched up more than halfway through the season but was eventually completely replaced by June 8
- There is a hole between pitcher and 2nd base which could have been dangerous (it was also distracting for 4-year old's)
- The batters box often had a huge puddle but I guess that's to be expected when the weather was so terrible

Meetings

- It was great that meetings were able to be held virtually and I support that moving forward (I understand the AGM meeting needs to be in person).
- Meetings got really long in fact they seem to get longer and longer as the season progressed instead of getting shorter.
- Would it be possible to have a timekeeper to ensure meetings are moving forward instead of getting hung up on one issue just to be tabled until next meeting or next season?

Closing Day Ceremonies

Some parents weren't happy that the final game changed days and once it was changed to Sunday it changed times x3 (due to the closing ceremonies being very short, the coaches decided to start early and some players did not attend the Closing Ceremonies so they were scrambling to get to the field).

Positives:

- Players, coaches, team parents and spectators were engaged and having fun.
- Adding 2nd and 3rd base helped keep the players entertained (especially with 7 players on each team)
- Honking bases are great!...and should be used at the next level too.
- No rainouts (there was one day that should have been cancelled but players wanted to play).
- Coaches were great and treated everyone fairly.

- It was a great learning experience. Players learned the basics and started implementing their skills (they even started to make outs even though they didn't count)
- I believe most players will return next season

6U Representative Report

Clayton Gosnell

36 players participated in our 2022 6U Spring TBall season. We practiced every Tuesday and had 10 scheduled games. There were a couple rain outs. We developed hits off the tee with a little coach pitch action near the end of the season. The 6U All Star game was a hit. Fielded two teams and played 4 innings. Fun had by all.

A few issues with the Annieville grass fields. South backstop was completely replaced just before the season. While the North backstop had a dangerous hole in it. Brent Dingsdale contacted the City/School District to have it replaced as promised. They did a repair patch 4'x4' over the hole in the chain link. 2 weeks before the end of the season the North backstop was replaced. Old posts were reused for the North backstop. There is big craters where the home plate is supposed to be on both diamonds. Hoping to fill and seed during the off season.

No complaints from our membership that I am aware of. Looking forward to developing this age group next Spring 2023. Mark me down to run 7U next Spring. Thanks to our executive for all your help and support.

7U Representative Report

Lisa Ormstron

7U SuperT this year had three teams with a total of 25 kids. Two head coaches returned from 6U last year, and a third new coach stepped up. It was excellent to start the season with games beginning right away, unlike the last two years. We ran practices on Thursday nights rotating around the Annieville school fields, and on Saturdays rotated between two teams playing a game, and the third team having a bonus practice on the upper Annieville diamond. I provided coaches some online resources to assist with practice plans etc., and they all did an excellent job developing players with minimal input from me. Steve Ormston gave all coaches instruction on using the pitching machine, and two teams brought it out during their practice times. Although we had planned to bring out the machine for games, not all players were readily confident to attempt it, so we stuck with using the tee. One area to focus on for next year would be getting the machine out early enough for all players to see and attempt it to ready them for 9U. Only two players were ready and willing to be called-up to 9U, and both played several games including at the long weekend Tadpole Tournament. The one conflict that comes up year after year is that 7U games are often at 1:00pm on Saturdays, and some 9U games start at 12:00pm – making the call-up requests problematic. 7U players own games must take precedence over being called-up to 9U games. I am not sure there is any solution to this seeing this is how the schedule always plays out, but it was worth mentioning as it came up this season, and one or two 9U call-up requests were denied. Lastly, I would like to request that the weather be improved for next year; it felt like such a short season due to the number of rainouts!

11U Representative Report

Angela Crowther

The Mosquito division had four teams for the 2022 spring season – the Blue Jays, Giants, Rockies, and White Sox – with a total registration of 49 players. We played a full schedule of games starting in early April through to closing day on June 19. The schedule included some interlock games with Tsawwassen as well.

Unfortunately, we did not host the Jeff Francis tournament on the May long weekend this year as there no outside teams that registered. I'm hopeful that this annual institution will return in 2023.

In lieu of the Jeff Francis, we did play a year end tournament that incorporated our four NDBA teams and four teams from Tsawwassen. All four NDBA teams advanced to the semi-finals, with the Giants clinching the spring championship in the final game vs. the Blue Jays.

I'd like to thank the coaches who volunteered this year. We are fortunate to have some very talented and dedicated individuals who are committed to developing these players and ensuring they enjoy their experience playing baseball.

11U summer ball tryouts were held on May 26 and despite the lower registration numbers than in past years, NDBA will have both AAA and AA teams selected for the 2021 summer season.

I would like to note that the rules concerning players who are playing up a division should be reviewed prior to the start of next season. The draft rules currently state: "Any reference to a "2nd year player" refers to players who are at or above the maximum age (based on birth year) for the division, regardless of the number of years they may have played. Any other player will be considered to be a "1st year player"." I believe this should be revised so that a player is referred to a 2nd year player if they have already played a year in that division.

18U Representative Report

Kathy McDougall

Midget had a great year. We had a VERY wet fall ball season, but despite the weather a lot of fun was had. Thank you Myro for stepping up and coaching despite his school schedule.

For the first time in many years there were enough players (28) to form 2 teams. With the majority of players at the youngest age group, I hope that this is a sign that Midget will be successful in retaining our association's players.

The spring was VERY wet and the Mackie field was a real challenge to get ready after a couple of days of rain. Lakes forming in right field caused both Paul and Myro to have to cancel games due to the unplayable field conditions. Cary Boyce, Brent Dingsdale and Myro Damaso all devoted countless hours trying to drain the water on an all too regular basis. Thank you for the tireless effort!

The Gold team was coached by Paul Goumans, and supported by Michael Stoochnoff, Marco Sallinen, Lloyd Bernabe and Brent Valente. They had a fabulously successful season on the field coming in 2nd in the Kathy Thomas Tournament losing their 1st game in the finals and finishing 2nd in the Tier 1. The Black team was coached by Myro Damaso and NDBA Hall of Fame inductee Craig White came back to assist him. They also came in 2nd in the Ross Tournament, again losing their first game in the final and finishing 2nd in Tier 2. A special thanks to these 2 coaches as neither of them have players on the team but volunteer their time purely for the love of the game. Some of the highlights for the player, parents and coaches alike was having 2 international students play for our association, Maximillian Homberg from Germany and Yuki Saito from Japan. It was a great experience for all involved.

This summer Craig White is our head coach, assisted by Myro and Paul with a blend of the 2 spring teams. It will be an exciting season to watch! I am sad that my oldest son has had his last year playing but excited that my younger son is moving up into the Midget division. I would like to stay on as Midget Division Rep. Will be run a Fall Ball program for this division.

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