



CENTRAL OKANAGAN MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
AGM
November 15, 2023

Present: Darren Kautz, Curtis Orton, Cara Fischer, Gillian Sprovieri, Jeremy Jardine, Daryle Assman, ,Plus Membership (sign in sheet attached) ***Quorum was Present***

Called to order at 7:08pm Motion: Darren Seconded: Gillian

REVIEW OF 2022 AGM MINUTES

1. **Approval of Minutes of AGM, 2022**– Motioned: Darren; Seconded: Gillian APPROVED
2. **Approval of 2023 AGM Agenda**: Motioned: Darren; Seconded: Curtis APPROVED

PRESIDENTS REPORT DARREN KAUTZ

From the President's Desk

Hello Kelowna Sun Devils (COMBA) Membership,

The Kelowna Sun Devils organization had a successful 2023 across the divisions with some new banners hanging at Edith Gay. Congratulations to our 11UAAAT1 for their 2nd place placing at Provincials and to our 13UAAA for their 2nd place placing at provincials and their 3rd place showing at Westerns.

Our grassroots program saw many successes and growth in 2023. Our goal is to provide as much support as needed to grow baseball in the Okanagan, which also saw COMBA registrations at a record high. We had tremendous growth from 5U all the way to CP.

However my report for the 2023 season is not a happy tale. We struggled immensely with a lack of volunteers and those that did volunteer, I applaud you. When I look around the room I see a lot of you that have given their time and effort for free which we appreciate. Without you and the Board Members that volunteer we cannot run this association. The Association has grown at its fastest pace ever and the current volunteer base cannot manage the demands. We need more volunteers, we also need you to step up onto the board, we cannot continue as we are, we just can't.

I am also dismayed at the lack of respect that we encountered in 2023. The lack of respect for volunteers has to be the worst that I have ever seen. This is completely unacceptable, COMBA runs on volunteers and without the respect shown to volunteers this association will fail. I want to emphasize to everyone that the Board is made of unpaid volunteers with full time jobs, kids, spouses and many even coach. They are exhausted and frustrated and if you are here today and think that you can do better then please run for one of the many positions open. The board needs

help. I would be deeply saddened if the association was to fail because the board is tired and demeaned with the lack of respect. I fear we are on the verge of a crisis. The lack of volunteers and respect for those that have agreed to give their precious time for free to this association is frankly some of the worst behaviour I have ever seen, and that is saying a lot because my kids play hockey.

I have been involved in coaching with COMBA since 2016 and on the board for the last few years. I accepted the role of both interim president and president when originally the prior president left the role.

Those volunteers present and unpresent are the unsung heroes who permit our kids to play the great game of baseball. I applaud you if you have volunteered. Without volunteers there will be no baseball in 2024. Before you say or do anything to a volunteer your first self reflective thought should be; will this help the kids and players? Can this help our association? I would like you to spread that around in 2024 please. If the members continue there will be no baseball in 2024.

For me personally this has been a fun but a sad year, my son has chosen not to continue baseball but to pursue and play Tier 1 hockey. My intention is to help the new board during the transition and then pass the torch onto the 1st VP Daryle Assman to hopefully keep on providing baseball in the central Okanagan.

I ask that you all remember that we are here to ensure the players from 5U to College Prep can play baseball. We are not here for the parents. I wish the new board success and COMBA many wins, growth and improvement going forward. I would like to thank you all for having me as your president, for having me as a volunteer, and for having me as a coach for many years.

TREASURERS REPORT Prepared by JEFF MITCHELL, CPA, CMA (presented by Jeremy)

1. – attached 2023 Profit Loss Statement and 2023 Balance Sheet year end August 31, 2022

- \$20,000 Loss due to:
- Hosted Westerns but were cancelled due to the wildfires but we still incurred expenses.
- Lack of accountability of Coaches in regards to baseballs and equipment increase costs substantially. Equipment costs substantially over budget
- Over budget at HP levels absorbed by COMBA (15UAAA \$8,000; 18UAAA \$2,000) Bags not paid for, 1 Player fees
- Summerball \$5,000 loss due to unpaid registrations and overage on gear, facility rentals
- Lock replacements
- Have asked for an increased gaming grant to help offset the shortage.

We should have had a bit of a surplus but ended up with another loss which was absorbed by the project account which is now almost fully depleted.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Why are the Coaching Costs at \$90,000 if the Association is based solely on volunteers?**
 - This expense is from the HP Programs that are self funded by the Parents of Players

- 2. Why is Accounts receivable at \$55,000**
 - Majority is unpaid Registrations from 5U - CP. Also receiving Equipment return credit from Chevy's. We will get more information from Jeff.

- 3. Why the Loss this season?**
 - As explained some of our budgets at the HP levels did not account for overages experienced as well as cancelled Westerns and equipment loss.

- 4. High field rental costs, will these increase more next year?**
 - City fields are a reasonable cost but we do rent between 15 to 17 fields almost every day all season. The indoor facility costs are huge expenses for COMBA and they do seem to be rising each year.

- 5. Do registrations increase yearly?**
 - We have had gradual increases each season, with the exception of 2020. This year we had 923 members

- 6. How will the budgets improve next season?**
 - We will be reviewing where our overages have been in the past and lockdown and set our budgets at projected costs.

- 7. Why were Coaching expenses overbudget?**
 - Budgets were calculated before finalized schedules were received from BC Minor.
 - Increased games for teams this season
 - fluctuating increased hotel and travel costs

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT:

MOTIONED: Daryle **Seconded:** Dave Gilbert **ALL IN FAVOUR**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Votes will be tallied by 2 board members, either Ken Simpson/Cara Fischer/Gillian Sprovieri if more than 1 person is nominated**

2nd VICE PRESIDENT:

Gillian Sprovieri lets her name stand

Cara Fischer 2nds

No other nominations

Gillian Sprovieri elected by acclimation.

TREASURER: Lei Zhang nominated by Paul Williams

Brayden Harrison 2nds

Lei Accepts

Chelsea Bitgood nominated by Gillian Sprovieri

Ken Simpson 2nds

Chelsea accepts

Chelsea Bitgood elected by secret ballot

MEMBER AT LARGE (6 POSITIONS):

1. **Ken Simpson** nominated by Burton Fischer - accepts
2. **Kelli Anne Drummond** nominated by Jeremy Jardine - accepts
3. **Sean Fairhurst** nominated by Gillian Sprovieri – accepts
4. **Jeremy Jardine** nominated by Chelsea Bitgood – accepts
5. **David Gilbert** nominated by Curtis Orton – accepts
6. **Jim Langill** nominated by Curtis Orton – accepts
7. **Carl Paddock** nominated by Daryle Assman – accepts
8. **Lei Zhang** nominated by Paul Williams - accepts
9. **Danielle Courtoreille** nominated by Kris Courtoreille - accepts
10. **Steve Gibbon** nominated by Ken Simpson - accepts

Membership to vote for 6 Members at Large.

Jeremy Jardine, Steve Gibbon, Sean Fairhurst, Danielle Courtoreille, Carl Paddock and Ken Simpson have been elected

Daryle motions to destroy the ballots.

Norm Caig 2nds

Motion approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

- **Need help with fields, equipment, sponsorships, tournaments, scheduling**
- **Opportunities to be on many committees to help**

Emails will be sent out for all positions needed

- In conjunction with the City of Kelowna we have applied for a Jays Care Grant. We would have to contribute \$50,000, City \$50,000 and Jays care \$100,000 to be used for upgrades to Edith Gay Fields. Grass infields, Playground netting, wood backstops... will find out in December if we are shortlisted.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Kelli Anne would like to Thank everyone for their support of the concession this last year!

Member: Fundraising looks to be a definite area of improvement?.

For sure. We are looking at putting a committee together to spearhead this as 1 of our most important goals for 2024. This number does not include the individual team fundraising.

Member: Are there any “perks” for being on the Board?

This year was the first year that the board members received up to 2 free house spring registrations. A few members donated those registrations to families in need.

Member: Will we have use of the new fields being built in the Mission?

We have been told we may get use out of it. There are mound issues due to it being a multi purpose diamond. so it may look like a few days a week access. we will know more once the field is complete and the mound is purchased. There may also be issues with the base paths the City will need to work on.

Member: How can we get more fields?

It is going to take the public to push for them. we may look at forming a committee with other baseball organizations to push this through. Baseball has been overlooked for many years by the City of Kelowna.

Norm (field equipment volunteer): Field Maintenance and Equipment have been abused more and more every year. We need to take a hard look at how we are treating the fields and the equipment we use to maintain them. Tractors and quad have been run fry, left on, not properly stored and no accountability for any of those. Lost keys and left open facilities have led to over \$4000 in theft alone this season. start being responsible.

- There will be mandatory on field meetings with all teams in the spring

Member: How do we organize and request volunteers as a team?

Most of those items can be scheduled in Team snap teams.

Member: How does COMBA request volunteers?

Right now it has been done through blog posts or Team Snap emails. but we need to find

a better method.

Sean Glendinning (WKMBBA guest): What is COMBA's stance on the VOC's?

We love the tournament, its great to be involved.

Volunteer wise, we have communicated to the VOC's that volunteers are an issue and we will always provide what we can for when we can.

We need to remember that COMBA used to be 2 organizations with double the teams at VOC's, but now we are only 1 organization with 1 team at those divisions of play.

Member: Should COMBA just takeover the VOC's? Keep the profit?

The amount of organizing behind the scenes is tremendous work, we are short on volunteers as it is now.

Darcy Rysz (COBUA President): Provided a handout to COMBA Board in regard to what they are looking for this season. Recruitment, mentorship, Clinics, schedules of HP teams.

Member: What % of COBUA's business does COMBA provide?

About 50-60%

Member: to Darcy: Besides West Kelowna will other associations be asked to help in recruitment and mentorship? It would be a good opportunity for OC and the A's.

That may be a good idea. We haven't discussed that aspect.

- tabled so the Board can discuss.

Member: Did Darren resign when he left?

No he hasn't. This will be his last year as President and will be mentoring Daryle.

Member: With Dino gone do we not need to vote Daryle in as 1st VP?

Not at this time as our Bylaws state that the Board could vote for an interim 1st VP to finish out his term.

EDITH GAY AWARD

Daryle Assman presents **Burton Fischer** with the Edith Gay Award. Thank you for your years of dedication and commitment.

Meeting Adjourned 9:25PM

***Motioned by Daryle Seconded by Gillian: APPROVED**

**Balance Sheet
Central Okanagan Minor Baseball Association
As at 31 August 2023**

31 AUG 2023

Assets

Bank

COMBA - Consession (#5274055) 8,365.32

COMBA - Gaming (#5274144) 5,413.81

COMBA - Operating (#5274152) 33,331.12

COMBA - Project (#5274136) 6,398.22

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Total Bank 54,139.26

Current Assets

Accounts Receivable 55,303.54

Prepaid expenses (3,283.00)

Total Current Assets 52,020.54

Total Assets 106,159.80

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities 11,111.65

Rounding (0.34)

Total Current Liabilities 11,111.31

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Net Assets 95,048.49

Equity

Current Year Earnings (20,846.64)

Retained Earnings 115,895.13

Total Equity 95,048.49

**Profit and Loss
Central Okanagan Minor Baseball Association
For the year ended 31 August 2023**

2023

Trading Income

**Ad Revenue 700.00
BC Community Gaming Grant 55,000.00
Concession 7,073.21
Fundraising 23.07
Merchandise 7,489.63
Registration - Winter 45,125.47
Registration - Fall 70,902.00
Registration - Spring 356,411.04
Registration - Summer 66,891.86
Sponsorships 2,344.18
Tournaments 14,950.00
Total Trading Income 626,910.46**

Gross Profit 626,910.46

Operating Expenses

**Advertising, awards, recognition 13,854.27
Association dues 21,233.50
Bank charges 1,980.71
Board meetings 261.45
Building Maintenance 4,562.68
Coaching 91,650.94
Equipment 82,229.91
Field maintenance 5,439.79
Field rentals 146,867.93
Insurance 1,676.00
Merchandise 4,210.80
Office supplies 1,874.25
Team photos 5,386.08
Tournaments - Away 15,067.25
Tournaments - Home 7,559.24
Umpires 44,753.21
Uniforms 190,626.12
Utilities 3,195.92
Website 5,327.05
Total Operating Expenses 647,757.10
Net Profit (20,846.64)**

