

# Jericho Baseball - 2023 AGM

Sunday October 29, 2023, 7pm

## **A. Board and Society Members Present (constituting a quorum):**

Victoria Bonn, Co-president  
Kevin Gourlay, Co-president  
Dean Murray, Vice President  
Casey Weeks, Sponsorship Coordinator  
Rob Kwan, Tournament Coordinator  
Vanessa Kay, Secretary  
Kristen Haase, Majors Player Agent

Tony Coabrarro  
Sandra Nelson  
Michelle Cheong  
Brian W  
Manjot Hallen  
Brad Johnson  
Bo Ma  
Helene Love  
Cathy Sun  
Cylena Stern  
Erin Sweeney

## **B. Staff Present:**

Staff: Tanja Reinkens

**Call to Order:** Kevin Gourlay called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

### **1. Land Acknowledgement**

### **2. Season Summary:**

- Kevin Gourlay provided a summary of the successful 2023 season, including:
  - 160 Coaches/Managers and over 250 volunteers
  - First annual Bat-A-Thon
  - Minors Assessments & Play-offs implemented, improving parity among teams
  - District wide Girls at Bat program launched, supporting girls in baseball
    - UBC has offered to run the all-girl practices through their coaching next year. This will require a volunteer coordinator from the league.
  - Major concession stand improvements
    - Someone with FoodSafe certification is required on site whenever the concession is open. This has been a challenge.
  - All-Star & Select Teams: Jericho Baseball teams in every division (age 7-12)
    - Hosted District 1 11-12 All-star Tournament, and the 10 finals
    - JB 8 selects were Candy Cup Champions

- 10 All-stars District 1 Champions, came in 3rd at BC Provincials.
- Appreciation to Tanja Reinkens, who makes everything run as the league's only employee.

### **3. Registrar's Report**

- Kevin reported that 468 children were registered in the 2023 season
- Registration is down from 2022, particularly in the Minors age groups
- Families are encouraged to reach out and invite friends to register in 2024.

### **4. Financial Summary**

- Kevin reported that the Society has a stronger financial position than in 2022
  - Cash balance of ~\$67K does not reflect 12K in pending transactions.
  - Appreciation for Jennifer Jones who led a successful application for \$25,000.67 in BC Gaming Grant funding.
- A balanced budget is projected for 2024
  - Capital projects for the next fiscal year may include expanding the Cararvon batting cage, potentially into a year-round facility

### **5. Sponsorship and Bat-a-Thon**

- Casey Weeks reported that the first annual Bat-a-Thon netted \$10,000
  - Appreciation for David Duizer for coordination and awareness raising.
  - Considering a more carnival atmosphere for the Bat-a-Thon in 2024
- Several teams were sponsored this season, raising \$12,000, with potential to expand next year. Most sponsorship comes from engaging families.

### **6. Umpire/Rule Update**

- Kevin noted the ongoing challenge to train and secure enough umpires for all games
- Appreciation for Marbrey Nienaber-Stephen, awarded Umpire of the Year
- Update on Little League Rule for Tournament Team coach training.

### **7. Board of Directors**

- The following board members have expressed interest in continuing on the board:
  - Victoria Bonn, Co-President
  - Kevin Gourlay, Co-President
  - Bonnie Louise Lussier, Safety Officer
  - Casey Weeks, Sponsorship Coordinator
- The following board members are graduating/resigning this year:
  - Vanessa Kay, Secretary
  - Minors Players Agent, Maureen Campbell
  - Mandy Hillier, Treasurer
  - Kristen Haase, Majors Player Agent
  - Dean Murray, Vice President
- Motion to approve resignation for graduating resigning board members (unanimously approved)

- Motion to increase board size to add two new roles: Director of Coach Development, and Director of Fields (unanimously approved)
- Discussion: Kevin invited members to self nominate for the Board of Directors
- Motion to Appoint new board members, as follows: (Unanimously approved)
 

- President	Kevin Gourlay/ Victoria Bonn
- Vice President	Tony Colabraro
- Treasurer	Sandra Nelson
- Secretary	Ally Colina
- Safety Officer	Bonnie Louise Lussier
- Majors Players Agent	<i>Vacant</i>
- Minors Players Agent	<i>Vacant</i>
- Sponsorship Coordinator	Casey Weeks
- **Director of Coach Development	<i>Vacant</i>
- **Director of Fields	Eugene Bouthot
- In addition to board members, volunteers are needed for essential ongoing roles:
  - Appreciation for regular volunteers for taking on ongoing tasks like chairing the Bat-a-Thon, organising Concession, scheduling, tournament coordinator, skills assessment organiser, and stats manager.
  - Volunteers are still needed for key positions in 2024:
    - Players Agent
    - Coaching Coordinator
    - Volunteer Coordinator
    - Umpire Coordinator
    - Majors Division Coordinators
    - Girls at Bat Coordinator
    - Junior Announcer Coordinator
    - Concession Leads
- Kevin encouraged all parents to come forward for roles, especially parents of younger children who can offer some continuity in the years ahead.
  - Tanja explained the ability to customise roles to maximise opportunities for all volunteers.

## 8. Discussion and Questions

- Kevin opened the floor for general discussion and suggestions
  - Suggestion to update the website with photos including teams that win divisions, winners of player awards, etc.
  - Opportunities to maximise use of the Carnarvon and Trimble batting cages, including for revenue generation
  - Appreciation for the fall skill sessions (and for the volunteer parents who make them possible)
  - Observation that knowing schedules earlier in the season would support higher minor registration
    - Tanja sets the schedule for the younger ages, combining field availability, coach availability, and determining number of teams.

- Division Coordinators arrange older ages.
- A coach availability form was introduced last year to speed the process

**Adjournment:** Motion to close the 2023 AGM at 7:53pm