

Jericho Baseball AGM - October 27, 2024 @ 7pm

Attendees:

Kevin Gourlay
Tony Colabraro
Sandra Nelson
Michael Johnson
Kevin Love
Tanja Reinkens
Dave Moloney
Alex Chan
Stu Lyster
Keven Goodearle
Chris Allen
Cylena Stern
Michelle Cheong
Kristen Haase
Noah Seligman
Cathy Sun
Brad Johnson
Lawrence Black
Manjot Hallen
Sonia Di Trapani
Brian Tsuji
Frank Wood
Christine Palka
Joe Palka

Introduction and welcome provided by Kevin Gourlay

- called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- offered a welcome and thank you to all of the volunteers
- outline of meeting and expressed the purpose of AGM as it relates to Jericho Baseball Little League
- emphasised the top priority of Jericho Baseball is to have fun, community, love of baseball and excellence

Season Summary and Registration Report presented by Kevin Gourlay

- 158 Coaches/Team Managers
- 247 regular season games and 56 postseason games played
- 216 volunteer deposits refunded
- outlined the number of teams/players in comparison to previous years.

Financial Report provided by Sandra Nelson

- General Account balance @ end of FY2024 - \$71,494.69
- Gaming Account balance @ end of FY2024 - \$3.67

- FY2024 budget review
- presentation of FY2025 budget (see attached)
- Sandra Nelson highlighted item lines which varied substantially from previous years and gave explanations as to why they differed.
- noted that we received a Gaming Grant of \$25,000 this year
- Kevin Gourlay motioned to approve FY2025 budget, 2nd by David Moloney

Sponsorship & Bat-A-Thon presented by Kevin Gourlay

- review of past season
- goal to increase involvement in both fundraising initiatives

Umpires presented by Kevin Gourlay

- review of past season, noting Sonia Di Trapani will take on the role of scheduling the umpires in 2025
- looking at the possibility of adding Thomas Westlake as a paid Umpire in Chief - with the main objective of providing our umpires with training and mentorship

Little League Canada Rule Changes presented by Kevin Gourlay

- players baseball age 7 and under may register in any Little League program without respect to any geography or school related eligibility requirements
- players will have full tournament eligibility in the program in which they are registered provided they have continuous and unbroken participation within the specific league

Provincials Host presented by Kevin Gourlay

- Jericho Baseball to host 2027 Majors Provincials (Trout Lake 2025, Trail 2026)
- 7 teams, 24 games over 10 days
- suggested that we start looking at required improvements and the possibility of a volunteer to spearhead that

Board of Directors presented by Kevin Gourlay

- Kristen Haase expressed an interest in creating a new Board position: Girls Development Coordinator and put her name forward for the role
- Casey Weeks to depart from the role of Sponsorship Coordinator
- Cathy Sun put her name forward for Sponsorship Coordinator
- President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Coordinator, Players Agent roles are all being renewed by past individuals
- Manjot Hallen motioned to approve 2025 proposed Board of Directors, 2nd by Michelle Cheong

Other Business opened up by Kevin Gourlay

- Chris Allen - expressed concern over getting new uniforms each year due to the high cost and excess, suggesting that we look at buying some which are returned at the end of each season. Alternatively suggested that we take back the jersey's in good condition to be repurposed or to supplement future supplies.
- Kevin Gourlay noted that this topic is reviewed each season, and there are pros and cons to each scenario. We will revisit this idea for the 2026 season.

-Noah Seligman - asked about Team Sponsorship and why teams aren't named after said sponsors. Felt that there was a missed opportunity.

-Tanja Reinkens noted that name selection is already a part of the Team Sponsorship package and is possible as long as it's done prior to the ordering of uniforms.

-Tony Colobraro - raised concerns/awareness of some field improvement/capital projects requirements and the desire to raise funds

-Kevin Gourlay confirmed that the City is responsible to have the field in suitable 'playing condition' at the beginning of the season, and then it becomes Jericho Baseball's responsibility to maintain it throughout the season.

-Michelle Cheong - would like to see an increase in social media presence and expressed that there was positive feedback on the limited amount of social media done for the 7 Selects in the off season.

-Tanja Reinkens noted that the concern and struggle with social media is that consent to post photos/content regarding players must be obtained and that's not always easy to track/manage. Other leagues force a blanket consent policy paired with their registration, but Jericho Baseball has left it as an option thus far.

-Christine Palka responded and also doesn't like the idea of a blanket policy for photo consent - but suggested implementing a system to identify players with stickers to indicate who would like to participate to manage/increase social media presence.

-Manjot Hallen - expressed disappointment over the short (often rainy) season and hoped that we could accommodate a longer season (specifically in the younger divisions).

-Tanja Reinkens noted that in the past the postseason (for any division) is dependent on parent volunteer interest and support and historically there isn't enough interest in the younger divisions. Additionally, post season permits aren't included in our historical permits and are often more difficult to obtain for the fields in which the younger divisions use (Trimble).

-It was decided that if there was interest from enough players/parents to extend the season we would look into obtaining additional permits to accommodate.

Kevin Gourlay motioned to adjourn the meeting, Manjot Hallen to 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm