



## **Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes, Post-2022 Season**

**DATE:** December 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

**LOCATION:** Centennial Centre (Rotary Room) - 204 Community Way, Okotoks

**PRESENT:** *Matt Troolines (President), Rob Padget (VP), Scott deBoer (Treasurer), Waylon Helman (Sr. House), Nathan Thrift (Outlaws), Sonja Perrault (Events), Jason Barth (Secretary)*

**ABSENT:** *VACANT (Jr. House)*

**COMMENCED:** 7:07pm

**Attendees:** Steve Lloyd (Technical Director); and eight (8) others (parents/public)

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

Welcome, AGM Slide Overview, Presentation(s), Slides Presentation, Board Vacancy Nominations, Q&A

### **Previous Minutes:**

Post-2021 Season, AGM Minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 – **APPROVED**

### **Matt**

- Welcome
- Slide Overview
- Thank You (outgoing Board Members; Jenny Sekulich for umpire coordination during 2022 season)
- Introductions and acknowledgement of each current Board Member

## **Waylon**

- Presented Jenny with flowers and an FMBA sweatshirt hoody
- Hugely successful volunteer umpire coordinator role during 2022 season

## **Rob**

- Presented outgoing members with thank-you, and gift cards
- Matt, outgoing President, led the FMBA in a great direction, bringing FMBA to become recognized as a large association with Baseball Alberta
- Scott, outgoing Treasurer, took on major task of organizing poor prior bookkeeping, and mess of inventory; set up neat and tidy bookkeeping system to move forward with

## **Matt**

- 2022 registration numbers up from previous seasons, +500 members lends to large association recognition by Baseball Alberta
- RallyCap and Tykes are important to keep numbers high, for future membership in older age groups
- Older age groups hold importance for progression/improvement of the organization
- What's happening in 2023: A) RAMP transition to TeamSnap happening ASAP, multi-faceted features/benefits for Board Members and end-user membership; B) Building brand recognition in the community, promoting Dawgs and FMBA scholarship awards

## **Waylon**

- Large association benefits at Baseball Alberta, gets us a seat at the table with voting privilege
- Introduced Steve Lloyd as newly hired Technical Director; Technical Board position now collapsed
- Technical Director position shall lead to organization consistency, and expose the membership/coaches to a higher level of technical baseball expertise

## **Steve Lloyd**

- Thank you for the opportunity, excited to work with Board and membership moving forward
- Brief overview of personal/professional life experience
- Healthy background in baseball skills/knowledge, program building, and teaching/education

## **Matt**

- Thank you, Steve, and welcome to the FMBA
- House league at 3 nights/week was a success based on feedback, will keep the same for 2023
- Mounds improved and/or built from new at some diamonds, plans for more at other locations for 2023
- Town of Okotoks significantly improved maintenance at (and around) diamond locations this year compared to prior; much better communications
- Scholarship overview and recipients (Dawgs gave to Outlaws player; FMBA gave the same to House player); awards given based on heart/hustle and citizenship characteristics
- Dates of note for 2023 (Outlaws and House evals, registration opening, upcoming camps/clinics, etc.)
- Outlaws AA evaluations overview: players scheduled for plenty of time/opportunity allotment, vs just few minutes of minimal reps; Team Genius scores entered via Dawgs Academy staff (creates orange/blue teams; eliminates any Board or parent involvement); 3 weeks of evaluation, skills x2 weeks, gameplay for final week
- House A evaluations overview: teams created equally based on evaluations scores; lends to season-long fun/safety with balanced skills among all teams; 9U was tiered simply because the quantity of players allowed this (expected to carry forward for 11U in 2023 season); Dawgs staff also eliminates the Board/parent bias during evaluations for House

## **Scott**

- Reviewed financials at a basic level; breakdown of funds in, versus breakdown of expenses
- Donations for Outlaws split evenly among all teams (ie. bottle drives)
- Town increased facility/field rental costs, FMBA pressured town on accountability for increased costs
- Casino --> IMPORTANT --> large revenue generated, can be used for spends meeting certain criteria
- QUESTION from attendee: Q: Harvest Fest revenue? A: Approx \$2500, questionable whether this is worth the effort/time of all the players/parent volunteers from dollars point of view; but it also comes with community building, brand recognition, team building, etc.
- 2023 BUDGET: Technical Director position anticipated to be revenue neutral; Casino date bumped to June; no other significant changes anticipated for budgeting 2023 season

## **Matt**

- President nominations: no show of hands, no nominations
- Treasurer nominations: attendee Jenny Sekulich, no others; **MOTION** to approve Jenny as new Treasurer – **ALL IN FAVOUR**
- Jr. House Director nomination: attendee Ryan Olson, no others; **MOTION** to approve Ryan as new Jr House Director – **ALL IN FAVOUR**
- Events Director nominations: no show of hands, Sonja nominated; **MOTION** to approve Sonja as Events Director – **ALL IN FAVOUR**

## **Q&A**

- No questions
- Attendees reminded questions are accepted at any time of the year
- Board members always open to discussions, any time of the year

**ADJOURNED: 7:55 pm**