



Board-Volunteer Board Meeting
February 26, 2024

Opening/Review upcoming season:

- Our overall numbers are a little lower than last year.
- Now that the website is up and running, we want to direct as much traffic to it as possible. Johnny has been doing a great job keeping the website up to date with upcoming schedules and any other relevant information.
- Things to talk to the city about:
 - o Getting a sea can at grant park to hold all the challengers ball stuff.
 - o This year we need to make sure we are tight with tracking field usage. Coaches need to make sure they cancel the games/practise in team snap so that we know what fields are not being used otherwise we will still get charged for them. Commissioners need to make sure they communicate this well with the coaches at the beginning of the season.
 - o We need to track light usage for 13U, 15U and 18U. The city would like to know these numbers monthly.
 - o We have approximately 4500 hours of field time book for this season.
- Coaches caravan will be at the end of March or beginning of April
- Financial assistance – We are hoping to have 10 sponsors that give 5K each and out of that we would be able to provide financial assistance for families that may need it in order for their child to play ball. It would be easier if we donate the money directly to jumpstart or kids sport and then have the families go through them to streamline the process. Johnny can put a link on the website and we can direct families to the website.
- NCCP training – Reminder to commissioners to let your coaches know that we will reimburse them.
- Umpire training - Association will cover the fee as well.
- Grant park field is reserved every Saturday from 10-11 am for challengers.

Update on each division:

5U

- 38 Kids registered.
- All the kids will have the same uniform - cotton t-shirt (red/white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve) and Angels hat.
- We will have 4 teams of 10. So we will need 4 coordinators as well.
- Games will most likely be at grant. Program will run for 10 weeks. Each session will be 45-50 minutes. Fields and teams will be different each week.
- Squeaky bases have been ordered.

7U/8U

- 78 players registered.
- We may need to look at having joint practises on set nights
- Field location Grant Park

9U

- 62 players registered
- All coaches/assistant coaches are in place.
- All evaluation slots confirmed, they will be done in one night.
- Field location- little delair.

11U

- 134 players registered
- Need 8 head coaches and 5 assistants. All kids booked in for Tuesday and Thursday evaluations. 2 kids that will be playing up.
- Field location Lions, Centennial and Babich

13U

- 100 players registered
- Tryouts are done, positive feedback from players and parents. Environment overall was great.
- House evaluations are March 5th and hoping to have draft done by the 15th.

15U

- 44 Players registered
- Rep tryouts are done now.

18U

- 16 kids registered.
- No coaches or assistants yet.
- Going back in to interlock this year.

Junior men's team 26U – won't work for Abbotsford but they still want to try to get a team together even combined with mission or Chilliwack.

Tournaments:

- John main - for 13UAA. Our only job is concessions.
- Midsummer classic – Steph Deglan is working with the city for permits for exhibition park. 8U/9U/11U filled, 13U one spot and 15U 8 spots. Taiwan will come back again.
- Kelowna VOC booked two hotels side by side at airport.
- We have a bank account set up for tournaments now. We have 3 credit cards and would like to try and have all purchases for tournament expense to go on the credit card rather than trying to reimburse people. This will make it much easier to track our expenses.

- Cloverdale Boulanger booked for AA/AAA
- Provincials - 13UAAA North Cowichan, 13UAA Burnaby, 15UAA looking to cohost with Chilliwack for provincials.

Uniforms

- We don't have any uniforms left from last year, so we are starting fresh. We added a couple extras teams per division to make sure we have enough. Leftovers we can roll over to the next year.
- Bantam, Midget and blast ball will all have all Angels gear and the rest will have MLB with matching hat
- We would like to have angels brand socks for the rep teams.
- Team store will not be up and running till after March first.
- For all rep teams we want the branding to be the same, if a coach chooses to have a different practise shirt that is fine, but all game day gear should be the same and consistent.
- We would like to provide a discount code for our volunteers. We want them to represent our brand.
- This year we would like to have volunteer shirts for our volunteers at the tournaments. This is something the tournament committee can talk about at the first meeting.

Equipment / Fields

- Pretty good on equipment, we still need to order one pallet of Lyme.
- Joe and Hoyt we be going through all the rest of the sea cans this weekend to make sure everything is stalked up and good to go for the spring season.
- It would be a good idea for each team to have their own set of catcher gear.
- We need make sure we are tossing all the old and damaged equipment as this could become a safety issue.
- Wiffles for each division would be nice, we need to try and find a colour that is different from the rest so we know they are association balls.
- Hoyt will post the equipment's email inside each sea-can so that coaches can message as soon as something gets low. We have sheets to keep track of all our inventory.

Social Media/Marketing

- We would like to have more signage out for next year.
- Possibly try to get a Booth at berry fest or Agrifair.
- Pay for some Facebook or Instagram adds.
- We need to make sure are communicating with Agata so she knows what she needs to post on social media to keep it consistent and up to date.
- We need to make sure we are still up to date with media release forms and which kids are allowed in photos.