



## **AMBA All Volunteers Meeting**

**Apr 7, 2025 @ 7:30 – 9:30 PM – ARC Mezz**

**Call to Order:** 7:50 PM  
1st Chelsey, 2nd Joe

### **Welcome**

**In Attendance:** Rob Brandsma, Steph Ingwersen, Steph Deglan, Lauren Meinen, Joe Meleg, Chelsey Iwama, Brad Nedimovich, Colin Dawes, Derek Geisbricht

### **Not in Attendance:**

**Additions to Agenda** – Interview w/ Kevin Allen re: Director 4 / Ontario Blue Jays coming to play Apr 17, 2025 in Abby, Angels involvement / upcoming Delegation at Council Mtg.

**1st Derek, 2nd Chelsey**

### **Adoption of Agenda**

**1st Chelsey, 2nd Brad**

Chelsey put forward a motion to dismiss the assistant treasurer position as the scope of work is no longer required.

**1st Chelsey, 2nd Derek -  
Motion Approved**

### **Treasurer's Report**

On the budget so far. Our expenses are on track and projected expenses are looking to be on budget as well. We have money in a short-term GIC that we will leave in there for now. **Gaming Grant Update** – Gaming Grant has been submitted but we have to wait until the end of August to find out if we get it or not. Field usage has to be paid for every month or we are not able to use our fields. Fences are \$0.30 per foot; these have to be paid for monthly as well. We are able to put this on the association credit card. We are going to see if we can up the limit as we have many monthly bills that need to be paid through the credit card.

## **Other Reports:**

VP1 (Chelsey)  
VP2 (Brad N.)

Director #1 (Colin D.)  
Director #2 (Derek)

Director #3 (Joe M.)  
Director #4 (Vacant)

Director #5 (Lauren)

### **VP1 (Chelsey) –**

*Discipline:* Todd will be working with some of the new coaches to work on coaching styles and behaviors. *Mid-Summer Classic Tourney* – Planning is underway. We still need a lot more volunteers to make this tournament successful. Hopefully, once the spring season is underway and we have started the MSET programs, we will be able to get more buy-in from some of the parents. We will have the tournaments coordinator come to one of the MSETs to let the parents know the commitment that needs to be involved from them if they are playing summer ball. This year, we have decided to get rid of the swag bags as they are too costly. 13U AAA Provincials will be hosted in Abbotsford – details will be discussed later.

### **VP2 (Brad N.) –**

Summer coach applications are now open, as well as summer tryouts registrations. We have had a lot of player registration so far. Brad is working on putting together player/parent expectations for summer ball, and we will have this put on the website.

### **Director #1 (Colin D.) –**

MSET is almost rostered and we're just waiting on field availability.

- 9U new pitching rules have been implemented. Working well so far but makes for long games.
- Currently, 9U plays 2 games, 1 practice. We cannot change this now as scheduling has already been done. Next year, it would be better to have 2 practices and only 1 game. Or have one game that is a hybrid (half instructional and half game).
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### **Director #2 (Derek) –**

18U AA spring team will be merging with Aldergrove, which will solve some of the catchment issues and allow more kids to play.

### **Director #3 (Joe M.) –**

Fields / Equipment / Uniforms update. Field lime – everything is good to go.

### **Director #4 (Vacant)**

### **Director #5 (Lauren) –**

1st aid supplies are all good at each field.

Head and Assistant Coach need a criminal record check for each division. Coaches must contact Lauren for the link.

Any team that plans to travel into the US will have to be in charge of their own insurance.

**Business:**

- Sponsorship Package: Heard back from the city, signed the “advertising banner” agreement. We can put this up at every field for the duration of our season.
- All Volunteers Meeting – next meeting on Monday, May 5th
- Painting contractor to paint over graffiti on sea cans – Hoyt will work on getting 3 quotes. Would be nice if we could find a painter willing to paint it in exchange for free advertising.
- Do we plan a spring swap? Or do this next Fall / Winter at the first barn session next season? We will look to doing this next season at one of the first barn sessions.
- Ontario Blue Jays will be in Abbotsford next week. Do we want to get involved? A few teams will be going – that has been arranged outside of the association. We will send an email out to the 11U families inviting them out.
- Upcoming Delegation at Council Mtg – We have a parent who is willing to take lead on doing some research into what other communities are doing with their fields and how much usage they are getting, and coming up with something we can present to the City on how we can improve our fields.
- Kevin Allen met with the Board at the beginning of the meeting about the Director 4 position. Board voted in favor of Kevin filling this role and the vote was unanimous. Rob will reach out to Kevin to see if he is willing to accept the position. This would be a Sponsorship / Community Engagement position. This would have to be updated in the constitution. It would require volunteers underneath as well.
- Steph D will get a copy of our constitution from the BC Societies Act as the current one is not formatted properly.
- Rob will reach out about fences for the Mid-Summer Classic.
- Wrap-up meetings – Open forum discussions to help eliminate “Meetings after Meetings.”

**Next Board Meeting:**

All Volunteer Meeting – Monday, May 5th, 2025

**Adjournment:** 9:16 PM

**1st Joe, 2nd Lauren**