



AMBA Board Meeting
June 16, 2025 @ 7:30 - 9:30pm - ARC Mezz

Call to Order: 7:34 PM

Welcome

In Attendance: Rob Brandsma, Derek Giesbrecht, Joe Meleg, Colin Dawes, Chelsey Iwama, Steph Deglan, Steph Ingwersen, Brad Nedimovich

Not in Attendance: Lauren Meinen, Kevin Allan

Additions to the Agenda:

- Artist request to set up shop at Mid-Summer Classic

Adoption of Agenda: 1st Joe, 2nd Derek

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1st Colin, 2nd Brad

Treasurer's Report

- Budget is tracking as expected so far. Awaiting Gaming Grant update in August.
- Budgets and fees for summer teams have been sent to coaches and managers; accounts should be finalized by the end of the week.
- Fees include:
 - Field costs
 - Umpires
 - Uniform package (2 jerseys, 1 pair of socks, 1 hat)
 - Baseballs
 - 2 hours with Technical Director
 - 2 tournaments
 - 50% of provincial team fees

Other Reports

VP1 – Chelsey Iwama

Mid-Summer Classic Tournament / 13U AAA Provincial Tournament

- Rob will connect with summer coaches post-team meetings to coordinate parent involvement.
- Steph D is finalizing the game schedules.

- No swag bags or t-shirts this year. Payment Squares will be used for concession and team payments. Joe will collect cash boxes.
- **13U AAA Provincials:**
 - Received the tournament package from BC Minor.
 - Total fees: \$6,200 – half will go toward umpire costs.
 - BC Minor will provide Gold/Silver/Bronze medals.
 - We are responsible for MVP prizes (suggested MVP gift cards) and welcome bags (keep simple if done).
 - Rob will lead opening ceremonies, including team introductions and skills competitions.
 - Colin will coordinate the coaches' meeting, which BC Minor will run.
 - Plan to rent the curling club for use by umpires, volunteers, and coaches.
 - Concessions: Main hub at McMillan, smaller one at Berry Park. Exploring food truck options.
- Multiple discipline and ejection issues were reported this past week. We need a clear framework outlining division-specific rules (spring and summer) to present at the AGM.
- **Artist for Mid-Summer Classic:**
 - A local artist is interested in setting up a mural booth featuring custom player/parent art.
 - Best location: Ex-Park.
 - Jeremy will reach out to Sabrina to coordinate.

VP2 – Brad Nedimovich

Summer Teams Tryouts / Coach Selection

- Coach selection went smoothly; Brad is confirming that all coaches meet accreditation requirements before the season starts.
- Rosters must be submitted by **July 1st**.
- Brad will reach out to Emily Kasper regarding the 9U Commissioner role.

Director #1 – Colin Dawes

- Address correction needed at Berry Park after 911 incident; current city sign is incorrect. City will be contacted for update.
- **9U Rule Changes:**
 - Players can play each position for a max of 2 innings (3 for catcher).
 - Pitchers may exceed 2 innings but must follow BC Minor pitch count rules.
 - These rules will be posted on the website.
- Development Program in the works for players who didn't make summer teams.

- Open to 9U & 11U.
- Twice-a-week practice; kids must register.
- Steph D will look into renting Babich field.

Director #2 – Derek Giesbrecht

- *(No updates provided.)*

Director #3 – Joe Meleg

Fields / Equipment / Uniforms / Lime

- Spring season gear has started to come in; Joe will email remaining teams to return gear and keys.
- **Summer uniforms will be delayed** and may not arrive in time for the Boulanger Tournament.
- Lime supplies are good; will restock for summer season and Mid-Summer Classic.

Director #4 – Kevin Allan

Sponsorships

- Draft league sponsorship template complete.
- General sponsorship letter sent for 13U AAA Provincials.
- Three targeted letters created for Mid-Summer Classic.
- **Hit House Summer Team Sponsorships:** Strong uptake; most teams have booked.
- All summer teams have received sponsorship packages, banner info, and fundraising opportunities.
- Outdated logos have been removed from the website.

Director #5 – Lauren Meinen

- First Aid kits have been restocked for summer teams and the Mid-Summer Classic.
- Currently processing **criminal record checks for assistant coaches.**

Business Items

- Sponsorship packages: Association / Summer Teams / Mid-Summer Classic
- Reschedule **All Volunteers Meeting** to the next board meeting in **mid-September**
- **Graffiti at Seacans:** Contractor meeting this week for painting
- **Ejections:** Ongoing concerns involving both coaches and players

- **Cybersecurity:** Reminder to regularly update Drive passwords; check policy for mandatory 2FA
 - **Volunteer Workload:** Discussed increasing engagement to distribute workload more evenly (board & coaches, especially those coaching multiple teams)
 - Suggested Rule changes to bring to BC minor AGM. - Wood bats / Playing independent teams.
 - Positive feedback on **5U** and **M-Set** programs
 - Wrap-up meetings should include open forums to reduce “meetings after meetings”
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Next Board Meeting

Date: Monday, July 14, 2025

Format: Zoom

Adjournment: 9:45 PM

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Derek, 2nd Brad