



**AMBA Board Meeting**  
**July 14, 2025 @ 8:00 - 9:30pm - Zoom**

**Date:** July 14, 2025

**Time:** 8:00 – 9:30 PM

**Location:** Zoom

**Call to Order: 8:01 PM**

**Welcome**

**In Attendance:**

Rob Brandsma, Kevin Allen, Derek Geisbrecht, Chelsey Iwama, Joe Meleg, Brad Nedimovich, Steph Ingwersen

**Not in Attendance:**

Lauren Meinen

**Additions to Agenda:**

1. 15U AAA Program for Next Season – Considerations around the Cardinals running a Development Team
2. Concession Trailer – Storage, Upkeep, and Maintenance

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Motioned: Derek

Seconded: Chelsey

**Adoption of Last Meeting Minutes:**

Motioned: Steph D.

Seconded: Kevin

**Treasurer's Report (Stephanie D.)**

- **Mid-Summer Classic Financial Follow-Up:**
  - Profit: \$9,145
  - Concession: \$6,200
  - Cutting swag bags helped significantly.

- Only one sponsor this year – lots of opportunity for growth.
  - Keeping things simple and using only two locations was effective.
  - Consider adding 50/50 next year.
- **Gaming Grant:**
  - No update yet – expected in August.
- **Fall Ball Registration:**
  - Opens: July 20
  - Closes: September 1
  - Need more volunteers if 15U is going to run.
  - 15U will be waitlisted based on signups and available help. Possibly Combine 15U and 18U
  - Send email seeking Fall Ball coaches before determining final numbers.
  - Age group caps:
    - 9U: 26
    - 11U: 52
    - 13U: 50
  - Steph D. will provide a fixed schedule to post on the website.
  - Registration email will go out this weekend.
- **Budget:**
  - On track for the year.

## **Secretary's Report (Stephanie I.)**

- Responding to email inquiries.
- Need clearer parameters for sponsorship shoutouts to ensure fairness.

## **Other Reports**

### **VP1 – Chelsey Iwama**

- **Mid-Summer Classic Wrap-Up:**
  - Smaller format and two-location structure worked well.
  - 15U team had difficulty finding volunteers.
  - Consider dropping 15U and reintroducing 8U.
  - Sabrina (tournament coordinator) is willing to help next year.
  - Discuss volunteer commitment at the AGM – consider mandatory hours or a non-volunteer fee.
- **13U AAA Provincials:**

- Medals are taken care of and Lindsey will handle the T-Shirts
- Sponsorship: Kevin has already secured some sponsorship for the tournament.
- Drinks: Paz
- Still needed:
  - Concession lead
  - Scorekeeping & pitch count lead
- Concession hub: McMillan
- Skills comp: McMillan
- UIC for the weekend: Jim (will have a stand-in while umpiring)
- Steph D. is creating a program; potential help from Bourquin
- Skill comp prizes: Wood bat (home run derby), Around the Horn prize, potential Canadians game + first pitch package

## **VP2 – Brad Nedimovich**

- **Coaching Certifications:**
  - One issue noted, but the team in question won't be advancing to provincials.
- **Single Season Tryouts:**
  - May adjust depending on Cardinals' plans.
  - Todd stepping down – need to confirm new Technical Director before evaluations.
  - Key Dates:
    - Coaching Applications: August 1
    - Player Applications: October 1 (may open earlier)

## **Director #1 – Colin D.**

- **Player Development:**
  - Todd has been assisting with 9U & 11U
  - MSET generally positive
  - Need more volunteers for development sessions

## **Director #2 – Derek G.**

- **Challenger Division:**
  - Went well – scheduling effective
  - Looking forward to continuing next year
  - Looking to expand to Chilliwack as well.

## **Director #3 – Joe M.**

- **Fields, Equipment, Fall Ball Uniforms:**
  - Equipment in good shape
  - Fall uniforms need to be ordered soon.
  - Clarify communication:
    - Coaches → Commissioners → Directors
    - Coaches should not contact MVP directly

#### **Director #4 – Kevin A.**

- **Sponsorship:**
  - Launching association-wide sponsorship program
  - Need a dedicated sponsor page on the website to highlight sponsors

#### **Director #5 – Lauren M. (*not in attendance*)**

- **First Aid:**
  - Supplies topped up for summer teams
  - Fall Ball preparation underway

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### **Business**

- **Fall Ball Preparations:**
  - Same format as last year for House divisions
  - Registration details covered above
- **Spring 2026 Registration Advertising:**
  - Flyers, bulletin boards, lawn signs, rec centers
  - Adam Iwama creating promotional materials. We will have Bourquin print this.
  - Instagram/Facebook promotion. Kevin & Agata will take lead on this.
- **Mid-Summer Classic Summary:**
  - Identify what worked and what to improve on. See details in VP1 Report
  - Reschedule Volunteers Meeting for September Board Meeting
- **Tech Director Transition:**
  - Todd B. stepping down
  - Brad, Colin, and Rob will be meeting with potential replacement
  - Role to be clearly defined before formal announcement
- **Community Events Coordinator:**
  - Jacqueline Demkes (former assistant treasurer) interested

- Still need a Scheduler to take over from Steph D.
- **AGM:**
  - Tentative Date: November 17, 2025
  - Positions up for re-election:
    - VP1
    - Secretary
    - Director 2
    - Director 4
    - Director 5
  - Let board know if you're stepping down or continuing
- **Volunteer Roles:**
  - Melissa to take over uniforms from Jenni R.
- **Concession Trailer:**
  - Stored for free – Gift cards will be given as our token of appreciation.
  - To be serviced after 13U AAA Provincials
  - May be used at future community events
- **15U AAA/AA Program:**
  - Need clarity around future direction. Tryout process and development.
  - We need to make sure we align with other associations and PBL
  - Cardinals launching a Fall development program. Rob and Brad will meet with them to discuss what this will look like and what it will mean for our program.
  - We will inform the association in the coming weeks
- **Wrap-Up Meetings:**
  - Open forum discussions encouraged to avoid “meetings after meetings”

### **Next Board Meeting:**

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

### **Adjournment:**

Motioned: Joe

Seconded: Derek

**Time:** 10:17 PM