



AMBA Board Meeting
August 18, 2025 @ 8:00 - 9:30pm - Zoom

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2025

Time: 8:00 – 9:30 PM (Zoom)

Call to Order: 8:03 PM

In Attendance

Present: Steph Ingwersen, Rob Brandsma, Chelsey Iwama, Joe Meleg, Steph Deglan, Colin Dawes, Derek Geisbrecht

Absent: Kevin Allen, Brad Nedimovich, Lauren Meinen

Additions to Agenda: [none noted]

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Derek, seconded by Joe. Carried.

Adoption of Previous Minutes: Moved by Chelsey, seconded by Derek. Carried.

Treasurer's Report (Stephanie D.)

- **Budget:** On budget year-to-date. Still need to order uniforms and equipment for spring.
- **13U AAA Provincials:** Revenue of \$5,400 (including \$3,000 sponsorship and \$500 from Abbotsford Tourism). Event was successful. Unclaimed 50/50 remains an issue—need a better posting process next year.
- **Summer Team Accounts:** Need improved tracking of income/expenses with receipts. Steph to create a manager reporting form for submission to the Treasurer.
- **Coaches Banquet:** To be discussed at next All-Volunteers meeting.
- **Gaming Grant:** Awaiting response; decisions may be announced by September 30.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie I.)

- Quiet month, mainly inquiries about Fall Ball and Rep tryouts.
- Resend Gantt chart for volunteers that need clarifications on tasks and deadlines.

Other Reports

VP1 – Chelsey I.

- **13U AAA Provincials:** Mostly positive feedback from parents and coaches. Heavy volunteer needs due to scorekeeping and pitch count requirements or home team for every game.
- **Feedback Form:** To be sent to all 2025 Spring registrants. JA Challenger-specific form will be made and sent out as well.
- **Volunteer Points System:** For summer/single season teams (e.g., Mid-Summer Classic), may be managed at the team level by managers. To be discussed further at the next All-Volunteers meeting.

VP2 – Brad N.

- **Coach Applications:** 2026 Single-Season (13U/15U) coach applications open until Sept. 1.
- **Tryouts:** 2026 Single-Season player registration opens Sept. 1 (or sooner).
- **Coach Selection Committee:** No applications received yet; may need to proactively recruit coaches, especially for AA teams (ideally 1st-year coaches). Committee meeting to be scheduled this week.
- **Evaluations:** Still finalizing details for 13U AA/AAA and 15U AA/AAA. Need to coordinate with new Technical Director and then we will book facilities/fields. We will update the website with details by the time player registration opens.
- **Fall Ball Registration (as of Aug 18):**
 - 9U – 32
 - 11U – 48
 - 13U – 38
 - 15U – 17 (waitlisted; can now open as a coach is available)
 - 18U – 0 (inquiries received; players may practice with 15U, reduced fee, no games)
- **Fall Ball Coaches:** Good progress in securing head and volunteer coaches.

Director #1 – Colin D.

- Need to fill 9U Commissioner role (we will include a list of all open positions in AGM package).
- Strong coaching numbers for Fall Ball so far.
- **13U Tryouts:** 4 sessions (different skills each session), plus scrimmage day planned for October.

Director #2 – Derek G.

- Need more coaches for 13U Fall Ball practices.
- Hoping to field two 13U teams for Fall Ball tournament.

Director #3 – Joe M.

- Fall Ball uniforms and baseballs ordered.
- Equipment bags being prepared for Fall Ball. Coaches to contact Joe for pickup.

Director #4 – Kevin A.

- Working on sponsor landing pages for website.
- Coordinating with Social Media (Agata).

Director #5 – Lauren M.

- Preparing First Aid supplies for Fall Ball.

7. Business

- Congratulations to 13U A on their Provincial Championship win!
- 2026 plans: 1 x 13U AAA team and 2 x 13U AA teams. 1 x 15U AAA and 1 x 15U AA
- **Fall Ball Preparations:** Registration update provided.
- **Advertising/Promotion:** Flyers, school bulletin boards, lawn signs, and banners to promote Nov. 1 registration.
- **Technical Director:** Steve Coleman has accepted the role.
- **Volunteers Meeting:** To be held in conjunction with September Board Meeting (aiming for Sunday, Sept. 14, 3–5 PM). Location to be confirmed and email sent.
- **Community Events Coordinator:** Jacqueline Demkes (former Assistant Treasurer) sent outline/description.
- **Annual General Meeting:**
 - Date: Nov. 17, 2025, 6:30–8:30 PM at Ag-Rec Gallery.
 - Positions up for election: VP1, Secretary, Director #2, Director #4, Director #5.
 - Members asked to confirm if they wish to stay on or step down so recruitment can begin if necessary.
 - Notice to be posted on website.
- **Commissioner Roles:** Still need a 9U Commissioner.
- **Wrap-Up Meetings:** Open forum style to reduce “meetings after meetings.”

8. Next Meeting

- **Date:** Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025
- **Time:** 3:00–5:00 PM
- **Format:** In-person

9. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

- Motion to adjourn: Joe, seconded by Derek.