
***Aurora King Baseball Association
2016 AGM Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2016 @ 2:00 pm***

Location: Aurora Legion – Industrial Parkway

Attendees: Bill Katsavos (Treasurer); Allen Wilson (President); Andrew Backer (Director – Equipment); Rene Rojas (Director – Junior Rookie); Ben Kitagawa (Director – Select); Lyndon Edwards (Director – Peewee); Monica Fusco (Director – Midget); Ken White (Director – Mosquito); Shaun McGuire (VP – Operations); Wayne Rudnitski (Secretary); David Long (VP – House); Pam Brown (Budget Director); Matt Giesen (Past President); Jamie Cole; Sarah Cole (Scheduler Director); Jason; Irene; Linda; plus others

Regrets:

Meeting Commenced: 2:20pm

1. Treasurer’s Report

Bill mentioned that the registrations were way up in 2016.

2. President’s Report

- 1) YSIBA is talking about a 20% growth in 2017 registrations. AKBA cannot accommodate this growth due to lack of facilities.
- 2) King Township is working on King Lower improvements (\$1M in budget).
- 3) Need to try and move Men’s/Women’s/Coed baseball/softball to a later timeslot than 8:00pm. AKBA pays the same diamond rate as Men’s/Women’s/Coed yet AKBA does a lot of grounds keeping for their own games. There is a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss diamond allocations. In 2016 AKBA had 82% of available diamond slots in Aurora and 90 in King Township.
- 4) Talk of 4:30pm start time for games – difficult for AKBA families due to commuting times for parents. The Town of Aurora will not share timeslot availability and usage data due to privacy concerns.
- 5) AKBA insurance covers “permit diamonds” only – it does not cover school diamonds. AKBA uses certain school diamonds where the field level has been maintained. Possibility of an Executive Meeting to discuss diamond usage and availability.

3. 2017 AKBA Executive

- 1) President Allen Wilson is stepping down. David Long (VP – House) is stepping down. Bill Katsavos (Treasurer) intends to return. Shaun McGuire (VP – Operations) intends to return.

- 2) Motion put forward by Allen Wilson to defer all 2017 AKBA Elections to a subsequent meeting in a couple of weeks. Allen will set up this meeting. The motion was seconded by Greg Davidson (Rep coach).

4. Other Business - Growth

A question was raised concerning how many players of the approx. 1,000 registered in 2016 were non-residents of Aurora or King Township.

5. Other Business – Selection Process for Minor Mosquito Rep

- 1) There was an additional tryout that was not communicated (was to be 3 tryouts).
- 2) The selection process is being questioned.
- 3) Aurora players were cut and Newmarket players added to the team.
- 4) YSBA rules allow Minor Mosquito to have up to 3 non-residents on a team.
- 5) After September 15th, if a player is released they can try out with other teams.
- 6) If you have played 3 consecutive years with a team, you are grandfathered and not considered an import (ie you are considered an Aurora player).
- 7) Teams are set on June 15th for Rep.
- 8) A player must try out for their own association before they may try out for another association.
- 9) Select is a two year program, Rep is a single year program.
- 10) Idea raised if “other coaches” could assist in the Rep player selection process.
- 11) Question raised about having a 2nd Rep team from Aurora at certain levels. This is possible but diamond time is needed as well as qualified coaches. Other leagues with 2nd Rep teams often are very weak from the TBA and other areas.
- 12) Aurora players that have been cut are free to try out with other Rep teams in Ontario.
- 13) It was suggested that there should be more transparency about internal tryouts and the import tryout process.
- 14) Rep coach certification – has to have 7 NCCP courses.
- 15) Rep assistant coach certification – has to have 5 NCCP courses.

6. Other Business – Sub-Meetings

Greg Davidson is willing to participate in sub-meetings around diamond discussion and the selection process for Rep/Select.

7. Next Meeting – 2016 AKBA AGM

Date: TBD (Allen Wilson)

Time: TBD (Allen Wilson)

Place: TBD (Allen Wilson)

8. Meeting Adjourned @ 4:00 pm