
***Aurora King Baseball Association
Executive Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2015 @ 7:30 pm***

Location: David Long's house - #44 Watch Hill Road (King City)

Attendees: Matthew Giesen, David Long, Bill Katsavos, Wayne Rudnitski, Allen Wilson

Regrets: Dave Giroux

Meeting Commenced: 8:00pm

1. Note from “unnamed” person to AKBA Executive & Sponsors

Note raised concerns about the fairness of AKBA Coach and Sponsorship Director Craig Deasley.

Action Item – Send a “thank you” note from President of AKBA to all sponsors.

Action Item – Dave L. will ask Craig for his key documentation from his Peewee Director role.

Action Item – Matt will respond to note which is suspected of coming from a Josh Sprague and forward a copy of this note to the AKBA Executive. The reason Mr. Sprague is believed to be the author is that there was a very similar note sent to Matt by Mr, Sprague at the start of the current season.

2. Bantam House League Issue

Wayne identified that it was reported to him by a parent of one of the King Township Bantam house teams than an Aurora team they played against in regular season August play used blatant delay of game tactics. This involved switching pitchers on every pitch among other tactics.

Action Item – Wayne to contact Pam Brown to get the date, Aurora team name/colour and other details and provide to Allen Wilson.

Action Item – Allen to have the Bantam House Director speak to the Aurora coach in question about fair play/unnecessary delays.

3. Select Program Changes for 2016

The concept (as agreed upon at a previous AKBA Executive meeting this year) is that Select teams are to be formed in the fall going forward – via tryouts – after Rep teams are formed. This will enable Select teams to develop over the fall/winter seasons.

It was also agreed by the Executive that there are insufficient numbers to have dedicated Select teams.

Allen & Dave G. to put a rule together to ensure that Select players cannot be AP'd to Rep. The rationale is this would constitute too much baseball for a young player – being involved in House, Select and Rep commitments.

It was proposed by a Peewee Select coach for the AKBA to run Minor Peewee and Major Peewee teams next year. This was discussed and it was resolved to maintain one team only per Select level (not 2 as proposed).

4. Year End Awards Event

Photos, individual player awards, Rookie Rep OBA awards need to be distributed. The Tom Gray Memorial Award – top baseball person for each Rep team needs to be distributed. The Lifetime Achievement Award (given out on an as needed basis) may need to be distributed.

Action Item – Matt to coordinate with coaches and order all necessary awards

Action Item – Allen to check with the Aurora Legion on dates for Awards Day (Oct.17) and the AKBA AGM (Oct.24).

5. Financial Update

Bill advised there was about \$32,000 in the bank. The diamond bookings are still to be paid. The individual awards are still to be paid. There is \$10,000 to \$12,000 outstanding on umpire fees.

The Rookie Rep team won the OBA championship. It was agreed that the AKBA will pay for engraved bats for all the players.

Matt will check with Sport Savvy to see if any additional registration revenue is yet to come to AKBA.

6. Coach of the Year Awards

It was discussed and decided to maintain the status quo on the distribution of these awards for 2015 – one each for the Rep, Select and House leagues.

It was agreed that a 'Junior Umpire of the Year' award will be handed out.

It was agreed that a 'Senior Umpire of the Year' award will be handed out.

7. Rep Update

Bantam, Minor Midget and Midget will not have coaches or enough players for 2016.

Action Item – Allen to speak to Stan Simons about possibly coaching Bantam Rep next year.

8. North Country Fundraiser

Wayne reported that the August Fundraiser had \$5574 in sales and \$1103 (less prizes to the 3 top sellers). This was a little over a third of what was sold in the May Fundraiser. Potential reasons for the sales drop are: similar fundraisers by other organizations, no visibility on the AKBA website concerning the fundraiser, not having Coaches or Team Liaisons involved to help promote the Fundraiser.

Action Item – Wayne to reassess for next year on timing, frequency and promotion vehicles.

9. New Logo/Nickname

There are 3 themes with respect to a new logo and nickname for the AKBA teams.

- i) One logo and nickname for all teams
- ii) Jays logo/nickname for Rep, King Cobras logo/nickname for Select & House
- iii) Jays logo/nickname for Rep, King Cobras logo/nickname for Select, NEW logo/nickname for House

It was agreed this is a very important decision and further discussion is required.

Action Item – the next AKBA Executive meeting will be solely a Marketing/Logo discussion. The AKBA Executive plus selected individuals with a Marketing background will be invited – Christine Johnston-Irwin and Michele Baird from King Township plus other as the AKBA Executive members see fit. It was agreed this meeting will be held on Sep.23.

10. Executive Meeting Format

It was agreed by all that more inclusion from the greater AKBA Executive (beyond the named six) is required. The way this should occur requires further discussion.

Action Item – it was agreed to have a meeting with the greater executive before the AGM to discuss the need for greater involvement beyond the named six in order to run more effectively and better distribute the workload. Matt to schedule this meeting.

11. Next Meeting Date

Date: September 23, 2015

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Bill Katsavos house – Newmarket – 1220 Stuffles Crescent

12. Meeting Adjourned @ 11:10 pm