
***Aurora King Baseball Association
Executive Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2016 @ 1:00 pm***

Location: Aurora Legion – Industrial Parkway

Attendees: Jen Marchese (Director - Tball); 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)

Regrets: David Long

Meeting Commenced: 1:10pm

1. 2016 AGM

To be held October 23 @ Aurora Legion. Awards commence at 1:00pm.

2. Executive Positions

David Long is stepping down as VP – House League. Monica Fusco is not returning as Director – Midget. Communications Officer position is important for 2017. Craig Deasley may be stepping down as Director – Sponsorship.

3. Sponsorship

- 1) Tim Horton's has stepped away from Baseball in Ontario. Need to find Tball sponsorship for 2017. \$4,000 to sponsor entire division.
- 2) Action Item - Bill will send out a list of sponsors (paid/unpaid) for 2016. 77 teams at \$600 each sponsorship.

4. Registration

Some registrations still have not been paid.
Action Item – Bill will send out a list of outstanding registration fees.

5. Budget

- 1) Pam Brown was underutilized as Director - Budget. It is hoped she will continue in 2017 but with more support and direction.
- 2) Treasurer and VP's need to be involved at an initial budget meeting for 2017.
- 3) David Long was checking into increase in King Township diamond usage fees.
- 4) Bill to send out the 2016 Actual Financial Update to the AKBA Executive.

6. Executive Meetings

There was concern about the lack of Executive meetings and the decision making process (much done through email). By the constitution, Executive meetings should be held monthly. Members are looking for a change in how the AKBA operates. There was some concern about the Rep tryout schedules in September.

7. 2017 Outlook

- 1) Some frustration in Peewee – will players return?
- 2) Can AKBA accommodate more growth in 2017? Currently no discussions underway with Aurora Council for diamonds.
- 3) Town Park – concerns that baseball diamonds will be pushed 10 years out.
- 4) Sport Aurora – “Fit for Life” program. Requires places to play to support the program.
- 5) Allen – has offered to expand a couple of existing diamonds and request a couple of smaller diamonds.

8. Diamonds

- 1) King Township diamonds Nobleton East and King Upper/King Lower have maintenance improvements in budget by King Township Council.
- 2) Seneca campus to have a sports complex with 4 baseball diamonds. Concern over what the user fees will be charged.

9. Equipment

- 1) Silverstar was concerned when Dave Giroux left the AKBA organization.
- 2) Some concerns over sizing distribution of uniforms by coaches.

10. Registration

- 1) Newmarket house league fees may be lower than Aurora. Is this a concern given the AKBA had to turn away players in 2016?
- 2) King Township grew from 183 to 234 players (2015 to 2016) with 3,500 more homes to be added in 2017. How will this affect numbers for registration?

11. Junior Rookie

- 1) Idea proposed – whether to combine 1 hour practices with 1 hour games (1-2 innings) on same night to help players develop. This would provide more touches on the ball.

12. Coaching

- 1) Coaches aids (practice plans) would be valuable for coaches/volunteers.
- 2) Player evaluations could be more structured to improve assessments.

13. Senior Rookie Situations

- 1) Richmond Hill / Oak Ridges / Pottageville (1 player) combined team. Paid a person to coach. Also entered a tournament without advising Alan Wilson – issue – as this is not covered by ATK A league insurance.

14. Awards

- 1) Rep & Select awards – have been decided for the AGM.

15. Uniforms

- 1) Some concern about Rep & Select hat logo/design – may need changing.
- 2) Dry fit uniforms caused some concern.
- 3) These issues will be discussed by the 2017 AKBA Executive.

16. Executive Meetings

- 1) Member need to be reminded about attending a high percentage of meetings to fulfil their obligation.
- 2) Structure, communications, accountability – need to be improved for 2017.
- 3) There should be a regular monthly meeting with a defined agenda – distributed in advance – that run for a reasonable time (ie. not 4-5 hours).
- 4) Executive roles should be defined.

17. AGM

- 1) The Aurora Legion is booked from 11am to 7pm for the AKBA.
- 2) Awards to starts promptly at 1pm – Alan to send out note to the AKBA community.
- 3) Question raised concerning the process for “Volunteer of the Year” and “Coach of the Year”.

18. Player Evaluations

- 1) Need to assess how this should be run going forward.
- 2) Is more help needed?
- 3) Should only new players to the AKBA be assessed in order to simplify?

19. Next Meeting – 2016 AKBA AGM

Date: Sunday, October 23

Time: 1:00pm Awards & 3:00pm AGM

Place: Aurora Legion

20. Meeting Adjourned @ 3:00 pm