



## AMBA All Volunteers Meeting

Sep 7, 2024 @ 9 - 11am - ARC Multipurpose Meeting Rm 2/3

**Call to Order: 9:01AM**

**Welcome**

**In attendance:** Rob Brandsma, Stephanie Ingwersen, [Chelsey Iwama](#), Aislinn McConnel, Colin Dawes, Craig Vogel, Kirk Prince, Joe Meleg, Lance Nichol, Justin Kams, [Lauren Meinen](#), Mike Pratt, [Brad Nedimovich](#), Vanessa Peters, [Melissa Dahlen](#), Jenni Riou, [Derek Giesbrecht](#), Agata Giesbrecht, Todd Boulanger, Hoyt Deglan

**Additions to Agenda - Mid Summer Classic** - Scale back and only host at Ex Park

**1st - Rob Brandsma 2nd - [Mike Pratt](#)**

**Adoption of Agenda -**

**1st - Chelsey Iwana, 2nd [Derek Giesbrecht](#)**

**Other Reports:**

VP1 (Chelsey) VP2(Brad N.)

Director #1 (Colin D.) Director#2 (Derek)

Director #3 (Shaun) Director #4 (Brad R)

Director #5 (Lauren) Treasurer + Assistant Treasurer (Mike & Jacqueline)

**President (Rob)** - Introductions & outline the points of the meeting, Highlight the direction of AMBA

**Treasurer / Assistant Treasurer (Mike / Jacqueline)** - Budgets / Accounts etc.

- Role has been divided into 3 roles: Steph Deglan - City, Jacqueline - Gaming Grants, Mike Pratt- Budgets, Accounts
- Mike reviewed the budget: Areas that have grown over the last 2-3 years due to inflation that will need discussion: Uniforms, Equipment/Fence Costs, Umpire Fees, Fencing Costs.
- Steph Deglan will take over Treasurer Role in the next few months and Mike will continue to support the role over the next year.
- Batting cages can use some capital improvements and the gaming grant will help with this.

- NCCP- More coaches are taking advantage of these courses that are refunded by AMBA
- Alumni Program

**VP1 (Chelsey - Interim) - Tournaments / Umpires / Discipline / Scheduling**

- Offsetting each division's games so that players can also ump. Clinic for female umpires will be held in March if there is enough interest.
- Steph Deglan will prepare a spring schedule for all those not competing in an interlock. It is very important that coaches contact Steph Deglan and Melissa Dahlen if a game is canceled so we are not paying for fields and umps that we are not using.
- Tournaments - Had great Donor support for our Midsummer Classic tournament. We seem to be having a hard time finding volunteers so and idea for next year would be to make the tournament smaller with fewer teams/divisions and hold the tournament at Ex Park where volunteer load can be shared. July 3-6 is the booked date for this tournament.
- Coaches Banquet will go over rules/expectations/discipline.

**VP2 (Brad N.) - Presentation on templates for Tryouts / Coach selections / Training programs**

- Evaluations process and how it needs to be improved. MSET program will help with this.
- Websites need to specify expectations of players/parents for rep teams and needs to include fees, time commitments, boundaries.
- Working on an organizational chart so that volunteers know what needs to be done and when. Johnny can also put this on the website so that parents will know dates ahead of time.
- 5U Blast ball has been a great introduction to Abbotsford Baseball and will hopefully build the coaches and players within our association.

**Director #1 (Colin D.) - Blast Ball, Tee Ball, Mosquito (5u - 11u)**

- Parents requisition to move up kids a division but for fall ball. Kids will stay in appropriate division and can be re-evaluated for spring.
- Move up the speed of the pitching Machine- Gradually do it over the season to prepare kids for summer ball (8U)
- MSET- was a great experience overall and provides some extra evaluation for summer seasons.
- High performance training in the winter for 13U and 15U for those players wanting to play Rep for spring.

**Director #2 (Derek) - PeeWee / Bantam / Midget (13u-18u)**

- Challenger ball: it great to see our teams out there helping with this. This will be communicated at the coaches banquet.

**Director #3 (Joe M - Interim) - Equipment / Uniforms / Fields**

- Fall ball uniforms will be ready on Monday. Having the organizational chart and closing registration early will help us not have to scramble for uniforms.

- Uniforms for house division - we will know numbers by mid-February so it would be nice to hand out uniforms at the coaches banquet. At the banquet we would like to hand out the balls and game bags as well.
- Jenni oversees uniforms - 18U would be nice to have the single season uniforms. 8U/9U keep branding for Angels and divide teams by colors. Would be nice to have a helper for Jenni as the uniforms are becoming a big job.
- We need more storage for the uniforms.

**Director #4 (Brad) - Sponsorship**

**Director #5 (Lauren) - Safety supplies / 1st aid kits for Fall Ball.**

- Criminal record checks are mostly up to date.

**Business:**

**- Volunteer Roles / Introductions**

- **Commissioners** - Johnny P (5u), Lance N (7u/8u), Kara D (9u), Aislinn M (11u), Kirk P (13u), Justin K (15u), Craig V (18u)
- **Scheduling** - Stephanie D. (all fields and facilities)
- **Fields** - Hoyt D. (Lime, field conditions, field equipment)
- **Uniforms** - Jenni R (Fall, Spring, Summer uniforms)
- **Registrar** - Vanessa P.
- **Challenger** - Tim H.
- **Umpires** - Jim / Melissa
- **Technical Director** - Todd Boulanger
- **Social Media** - Agata Giesbrecht

**- Looking Ahead**

- **Fall Ball** - Good numbers and volunteer turn out.
- **AGM - Tuesday, Oct. 29th** will either be at ARC, curling rink or AG Rec. We need to post the board positions that are up for voting.
- **Spring Registration - Nov 1 - Mid Feb**
- **Winter training programs**
- **Coaches Banquet - (March 2025)**

**- Ad Campaign**

- Lawn signs with new logo / News Ads etc. Rob to work with Chelsey. With more sign up comes greater need for coaches and field time.

**- Roles & Responsibilities - Organizational Chart**

**- Flow of yearly events - Gant Chart**

- Want to streamline yearly processes of running the association. - Quarterly Meetings with all Volunteers going forward. Next AV meeting - Dec /24

**- Wrap up meetings - Open forum discussions to help eliminate “Meetings after Meetings”**

**Next Board Meeting: October 6th or 7th, 2024**

**Adjournment:** 11:15am  
1<sup>st</sup> Brad N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chelsey