

NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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NDBA AGM Minutes

June 22, 2017 8:00pm at Mackie Clubhouse

Present: Brent Dingsdale, Jose Perez, Karen Voykin, Michelle Miller, Calen Slezash, Cary Boyce, Shawn Ashton, Carey Dingsdale, Pierre Robichaud, Kristina Winter, Chris Adams, Clayton Gosnell, Sherrie Ayre, Debbie McMurray, Jayme Campbell, Paul Gilette, Brent Crowther, Tim Fehr, Shawn Sabourin, Jagdeep Billing, Colin Warde

Not Present: Brad Woof, Igor Curak, Ryan Semak, Jana McGuire

Motion to adopt the minutes of June 8, 2016. Moved by Kristina Winter, seconded by Shawn Ashton.

1. Correspondence

All Social BBQ Inquires	All inquiries were answered and responded back asap
Exhibition 7/8yrs game invitation	Request for an exhibition game with the Whalley 7/8yr squad. Karen Voykin responded 06/17/17 and forwarded it to Chris Adams, the Tadpole Rep.

2. Old Business

Fields	<p>Continually ongoing with the Delta Corporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corp. is difficult to deal with • Danielle, contact at Corp. may leave position, causing more delays • Bob Bunnett and Westview rarely used due to weather and poor drainage • Propose turn dirt at Bob Bunnett, roll G1 & G2, clean up and paint @ G1, Mackie lips build up regularly, roll & turn dirt at Westview infield
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3. Executive reports

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
President	Brent Dingsdale	<p>Read Presidents Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduler, will not return next year • Sunbury concession made no \$ in the past • NDBA made more \$ with just running Annieville and Gunderson concessions • 60-70 hoodies sold • Family BBQ, 250 tickets sold • Constitution needs updating <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Modify to upgrade it ○ Decrease Executive positions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact Trudy McDonald, past uniform manager, who is a lawyer ● Blips in registration year to year, make it hard to predict #'s. ● Delta user groups not happy with lack of field upgrades
Vice President	Jose Perez	Read Report
Secretary	Karen Voykin	Read Report
Treasurer	Michelle Miller	Read Report
Past President		
Registrar	Calen Slezash	Read Report
Field Manager	Cary Boyce	Read Report
Fundraising Director	Vacant	
Marketing Director	Jose Perez	<p>Report not submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Need to work on Marketing for the future ● Sponsorship was not promoted enough ● Poor weather deterred putting up banners at fields ● Propose to push harder, get the word out ● Provincials give sponsors more exposure
Yearbook Director	Vacant	<p>Rhonda Krushel took care of putting together the 2017 yearbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great job, the book looks fantastic ● Only error made, was the printers used the wrong names for the Bantam AAA Delta Tigers ● May need to reprint books for the ND boys on that team
Equipment	Shawn Ashton	Read Report
Uniform	Karen Voykin	Read Report
5U Representative	Sherrie Ayre	Read Report
7U Representative	Clayton Gosnell	Read Report
9U Representative	Chris Adams	<p>Read Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Propose to have more balanced teams for future, one team lost all their games this Spring season ● Propose to have a fair and balanced draft
11U Representative	Kristina Winter	Read Report
13U Representative	Brent Dingsdale	Read Report
15U Representative	Pierre Robichaud	Read Report

18U Representative	Pierre Robichaud	Read Report
Umpire-In-Chief	Brad Woof	Report not submitted
Concession Manager	Carey Dingsdale	Read Report
Publicity Director	Calen Slezash	Read Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to find out cut off dates for advertising in the Summer/Fall/Winter/Spring Leisure Guides • Propose more advertising through the school district <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pamphlets, emails • Propose promoting Baseball BC Winter Ball package through the schools • Propose to highlight low enrolment and promote a baseball package
Social Director	Vacant	
Tournament Director	Igor Curak	Read Report
Coaching Director	Vacant	
Scheduler	Ryan Semak	Report not submitted
Director At Large (Challenger)	Jana McGuire	Report not submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jana will be the director for one more year, thank you • Hall of Fall Candidate

President Report

As the 2017 Spring season starts to wind down it's a great time to reflect and thank all the people that make baseball in North Delta possible and accessible to our youth. That list of people includes the members of the NDBA executive, members of the BC baseball executive, coaches, team parents, umpires and our sponsors.

The weather this winter/spring has been historically bad. The rain crushed the baseball schedules through the month of April. Then through poor field drainage at Bob Bunnett (OF) and Westview (IF) we were without our primary Bantam and Pee wee fields up to the May long weekend. The never-ending scheduling and rescheduling of games/practices was all consuming and exhausting. Demoralizing at times but we worked through it, made the adjustments we needed to and managed to get the season in. Thanks to Brad and Ryan for the huge hours they put in with scheduling.

The May long-weekend tournaments (Jeff Francis & Victoria Day Tadpole Tournaments) were very well organized and well run. Thanks to the efforts of our Tournament Director Igor Curak, and 9U/11U Coordinators Chris Adams and Kristina Winter. Chris took the VDTT to a new level with music and PA system running on G1.

The 2nd annual Delta Cup for the Mosquito division is being hosted in North Delta on June 2th. Good luck to coach Cary Boyce and the North Delta Rockies.

I pushed for the return of Pee wee to Bob Bunnett and Mosquito to Gunderson. Created a lot of angst initially, but I believe many more people bought into the change than didn't. Change is often hard the first year. Thanks to Cary Boyce, additional temporary fencing was added to Gunderson to make that park safer. With no planned games at Sunbury, we

were just able to run 2 not 3 concessions. With more games at Gunderson I believe we'll find we made more money with just the 2 concessions.

This season Terry Nugent was instrumental in expanding our senior level baseball programming to include a Midget AAA merged team with Newton and a Jr Men's team. A lot of things came together in a short period of time to make those 2 teams possible. This is one of the biggest accomplishments we as an Executive made this season.

A sub-committee was formed this off-season to explore options to improve our brand – the North Delta Rays. The committee recommended and the executive agreed to (a) field a handful of Spring teams as the Rays – new jersey design (b) design and sell a Rays hoodie to our membership (c) put the Rays logo on our registration shirts. By any measure due to the tireless efforts of Karen Voykin all 3 initiatives were extremely popular.

Our social event changed from a pub night to a family barbecue. A sub-committee was formed and Pierre Robichaud with his experience running large barbecues made it happen. We sold over 200 meals. We had bouncy castles and face painting. A huge crowd was on hand to watch a Peewee all-star game. The all-star game was a mix of A and AA players wearing retro North Delta all-star jerseys with past presidents Grant Butler and Tony Deane acting as coaches. There was so much positive feedback on this event we need to make it an annual event.

As an executive, we debated and decided to apply to host a Mosquito AAA Tier2 provincials. Then there was a mix-up with BC Baseball and they lost our application. We further debated reapplying but decided after a lack of support amongst the 2006 parent group to pass on it. Maybe next season?

Looking towards 2018:

- The constitution needs updating (mid 1990s?) plus through changes to the Society act we must update.
- Repeat of last year but our web-site needs an upgrade. The registration is too cumbersome and not accessible by the division reps.
- We need to do a more targeted approach in our registration drives to age groups that are low in registration numbers.
- Important to fill the coaching director position. Anything we can do to support our coaches and make them better in their roles is good for retention. More guidance is needed to shape what our culture is and to have our coaches drive our culture. Providing our coaches with lesson plans or a coach's manual would be very beneficial.
- Continue to work with the Corporation to improve the outfield at Bob Bunnett and the infield at Westview. May require going to the top to get better action and response from the Corporation.

In closing I wish to thank those members of the executive who won't be returning, for their tireless efforts and support of North Delta Baseball. See you around the park!

Brent Dingsdale
NDBA President

Vice President Report

Despite the weather delaying the start of the season, 2017 marks a great year for North Delta Baseball.

Our baseball community keeps on growing. The membership has increased once again. The attendance at the Opening Day and Closing Day Ceremonies, and the Family BBQ is a testament to our vibrant and growing Association.

Our Criminal Record Check process was followed and volunteer coaches and team parents got their clearance efficiently and rapidly.

I'd would like to thank all the executive members for their commitment and effort. Big thanks is extended to all the volunteers, coaches, parents, boys and girls involved in this wonderful game.

Once again thank you for making this such a rewarding experience.

Jose Perez
NDBA Vice President

Secretary Report

I am very proud to play an active role in the NDBA executive this year. I am among a very positive dedicated group of individuals that strive to provide a fun, safe, exercising platform for all North Delta children to play baseball on. Any executive role is a thankless job that entails many long tireless hours away from their own families.

As the new secretary, I found many challenges and I still learn something new every day. I am thankful to Carey Dingsdale, the previous secretary, for all her helpful advice she always gave when asked. I have many duties to accomplish, such as creating meeting agendas, writing and typing meeting minutes, booking school gyms and the Mackie Clubhouse. I am also grateful to Calen Slezash for helping me understand how to use Google Drive, a great tool, to keep our association organized. Last, but not least, thank you to Brent Dingsdale, for answering my numerous questions throughout the year as I became accustomed to my new role.

I look forward to my last term as secretary as I now feel more comfortable in this role. I hope to learn how to use Mailchimp, to increase the communication between the executive and members of the NDBA. I would also like to suggest that everyone to please arrive 10-15min earlier to help set up the clubhouse and start our executive meetings on time, thank you.

Karen Voykin
NDBA Secretary

Treasurer Report

The year end for NDBA is October 31, 2017. Being in the middle of the reporting period, no figures for the year end have been finalized.

The bank account has been reconciled to May 31, 2017. The bank account balance is \$113,561.49.

Registration for Spring is pretty much as budgeted. However, it is too early to report on expenses as there are still many invoices to be received and paid for. There is the Summer and Fall Ball seasons to take place before the year is complete.

I will present the final figures for the year at a future meeting.

Michelle Miller
NDBA Treasurer

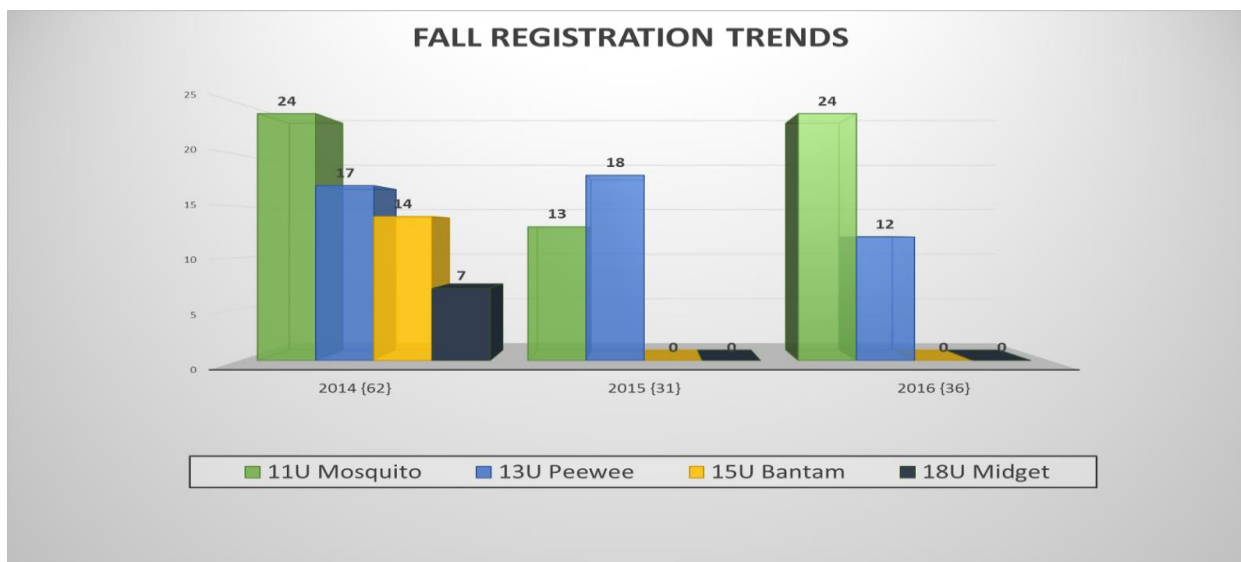
Registrar Report

The 2016/2017 year was mainly a continuation of the previous year. Systems that I had created were further developed and automated in terms of registration record-keeping, and I was able to learn more about the design of the online registration system. Again, I was continually challenged by our Wordpress online platform, and I hope improvements are made in that respect. Having held the role of Registrar for a few years now, I was able to further track our registration history and gain a deeper understanding of how it has changed:

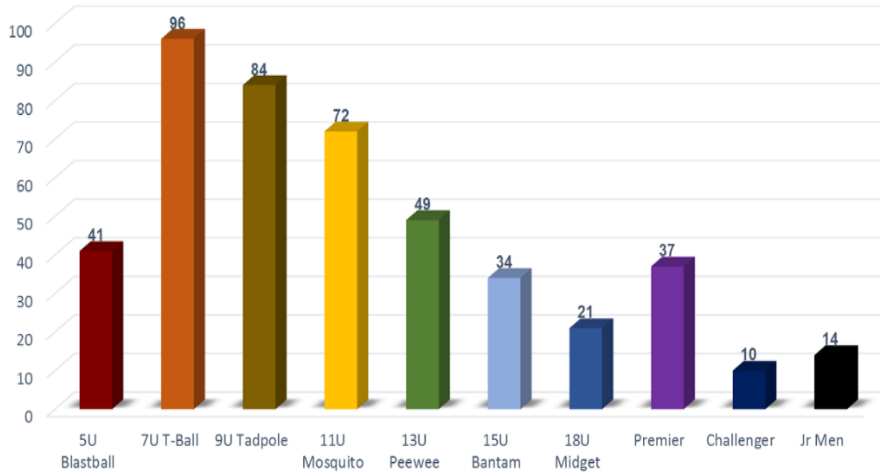
- 2016 Fall Registration Trends
 - 36 players registered in 2016

- Down from 2014, but up from 2015
- Winter Peewee AA Sessions
 - 2 clinics held
 - 20 players registered
- Winter Training Clinics
 - 3 divisions (Tadpole, Mosquito, Peewee)
 - 4 clinics held
 - 57 players registered
- 2017 Spring Registration
 - 458 players registered
 - Continuous increase since 2014
- Tadpole Pitching & Hitting Clinics
 - 2 clinics
 - 23 players registered
- Family BBQ
 - 51 Adult meals sold
 - 56 kid meals sold
- 2017 Summer Registration
 - 83 players registered to date (June 25th close)
 - Decrease from all previous years

At the request of our President, I created an online application system for our coaches. This enables us to keep a record of coaches for future recruiting. Again, it is a limited system, but having a list of coaches for each future successive season will be a huge asset. To date we have records on a total of 102 coaches. Our Scorekeeping Clinic was very popular this year, with record numbers in attendance. However, the lack of presentation materials is severely hampering the quality and effectiveness of these clinics. Again, a good projector is required for these, as well as other clinics and/or meetings that we have.

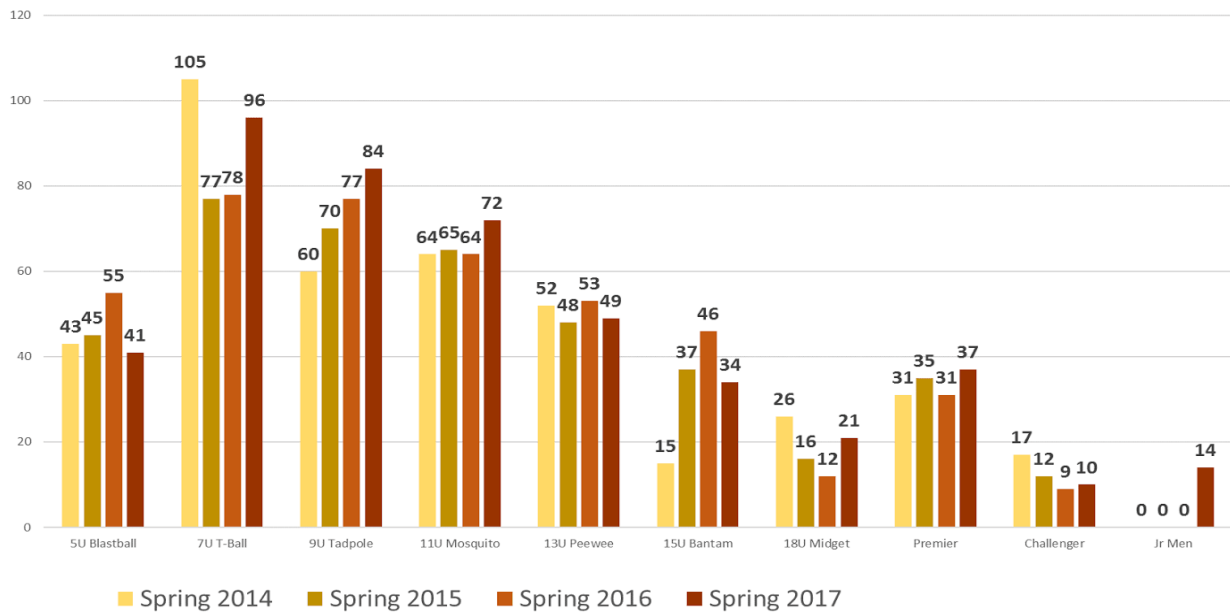


2017 SPRING REGISTRATION

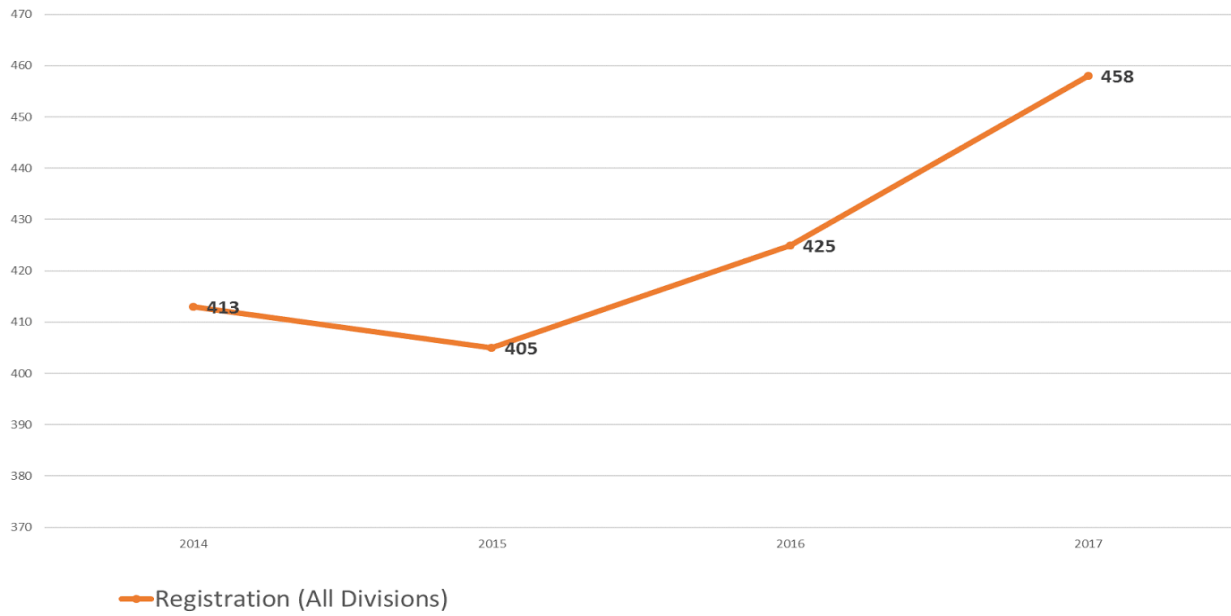


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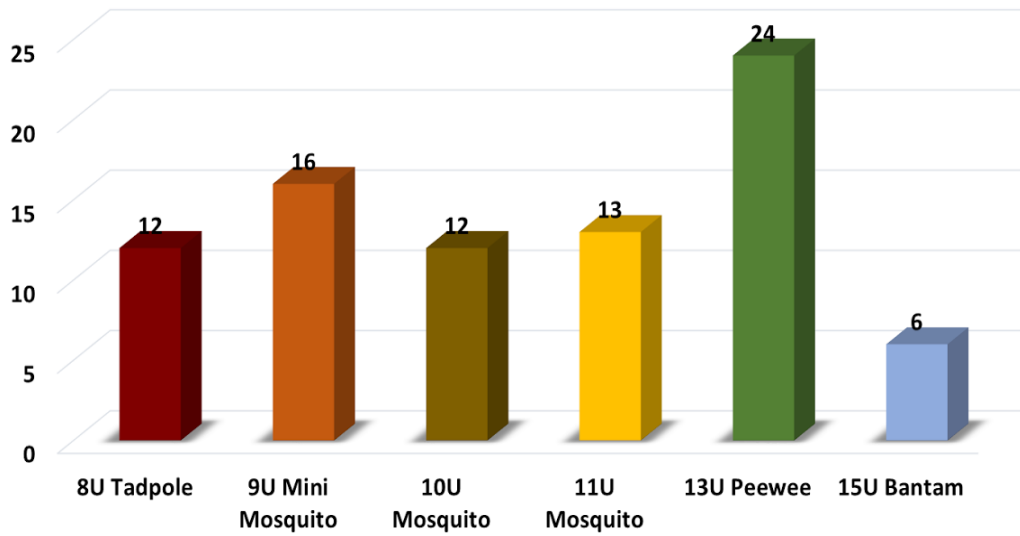
SPRING REGISTRATION HISTORY BY DIVISION | 2014 - PRESENT



SPRING REGISTRATION HISTORY | 2014 - PRESENT

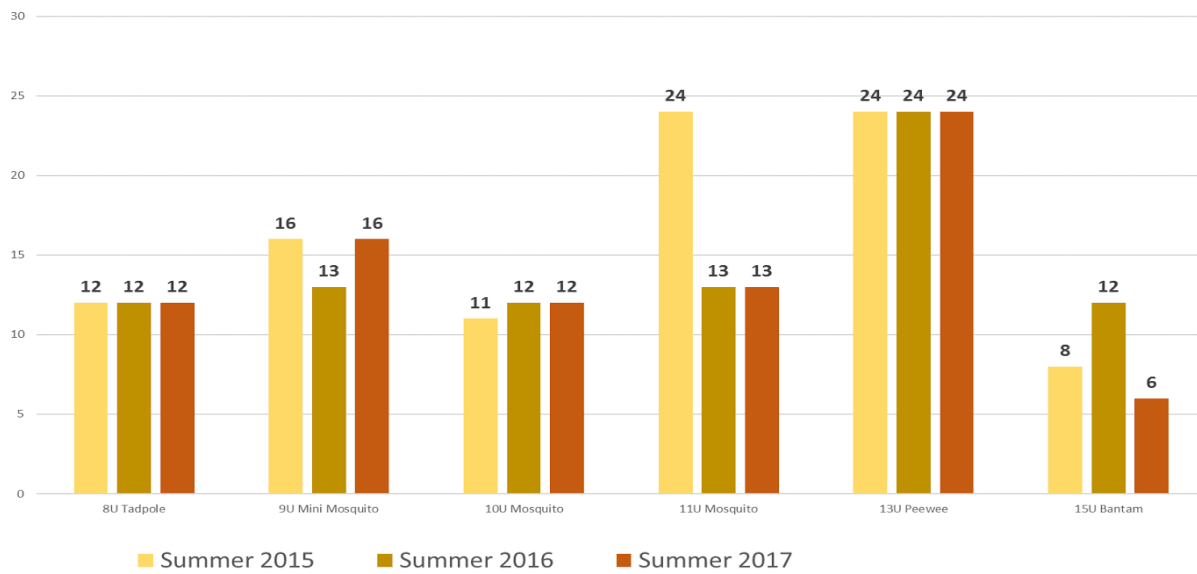


2017 SUMMER REGISTRATION

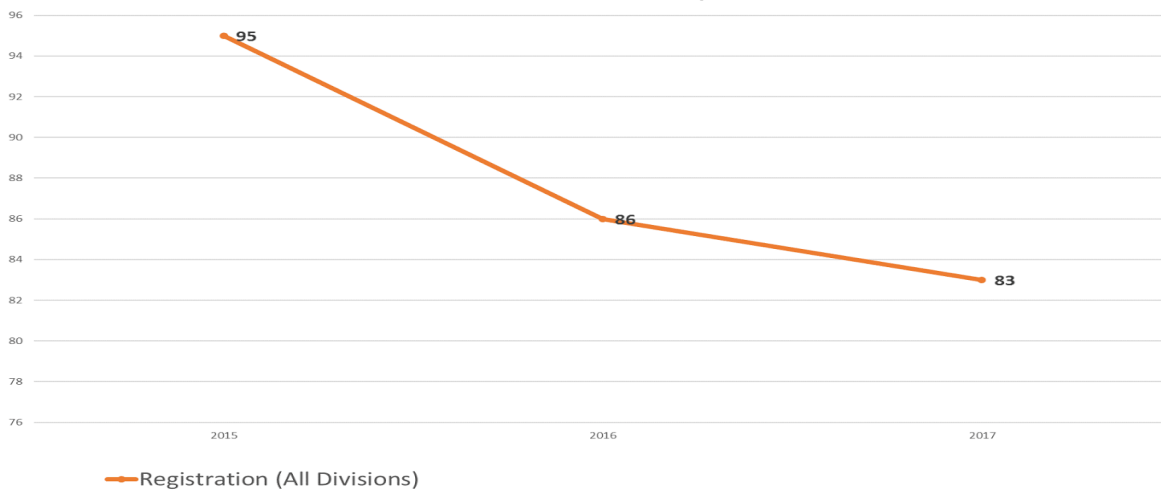


TOTAL = 83

SUMMER REGISTRATION HISTORY BY DIVISION | 2015 - PRESENT



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Suggested Future Improvements:

1. New website and registration platform (e.g., TeamPages, SportNgin, etc.)
2. Google Drive orientation presentation at the beginning of each term.
3. Set up and prepare for a registration table at Sungod (& other venues).
4. Further advertising in community newspapers & leisure guides; expand reader board advertising.
5. Purchase of a computer projector for clubhouse presentations, scorekeeping clinic, etc.
6. Creation of a Webmaster or Technology Director role for the NDBA in order to support our increasing technology requirements, or contracting this out to a provider.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every one of the Executive members for their tireless efforts, support, and comradery. Again, I am humbled by the commitment and selflessness of our community, and the positive energy that our current Executive brings to this Association.

Calen Slezash
NDBA Registrar

Field Manager Report

2016-17 was the first full year that I was the field manager for NDBA. Regarding day to day maintenance, all supplies were ordered and distributed to the respective fields. What was new this season was an overdue upgrade of our facilities which has been deferred for many years, especially repairing and purchasing new equipment. 10-15-year-old equipment has been replaced. Some field equipment was repaired and storage facilities were reorganized. Most of the equipment will last 5-10 years and could be allocated to capital projects if warranted by the treasurer. The fields have been reviewed and with the help of the City of Delta the base paths have been reset to their proper dimensions. Repairs to mounds and bullpens are still on going. Working with Brent Dingsdale, we have liaised with the City of Delta to improve our fields and work for solutions to the flooding of some of our fields. After discussions about replacing the bins it was decided to abandon this project due to excessive cost, at least for the near future. To alleviate some storage problems, I have gained access to 2 electrical rooms at Sunbury and Westview to use as Storage.

Cary Boyce
NDBA Field Manager

Marketing Director

Year Book Director

Equipment Manager

Hello everyone,

I took this task of equipment manager in hopes that I could improve, in a small way, all the kids experience in baseball. Whether they were a wide-eyed child in Blast Ball or an angst teenager in Midget.

After going through the inventory in our equipment room, with the help of many volunteers, we found bats with no manufacturer printing on them, gloves that were torn and ripped, and catcher masks with rusty rivets. After four days of organizing, I decided to purge.

I also felt that all the coaches should have equal coaching aids without the advantage of having many team budgets from the past. With my remaining budget, I spent it on bow nets, whiffle balls, used balls, etc. in hope of leveling the playing field and improve the experience of all the kids in our association.

A budget was then established for buying used balls through eBay, thanks to Brent, to allow new coaches to have practices in the spring without having to use new ones. New balls are more expensive than I realized. For example, OLAA

ones used in Bantam Division cost \$6.00 each and new level 5 ones used in Tadpole are \$4.00 each. With the expected return of all the used balls this year, the ball, as they say, is rolling.

In the new year, I believe we are completely stocked with gear. We will only need new equipment for the hopeful increase of enrollment in our future, and of course the cost of the \$6.00 game ball.

Any concerns or questions can always be answered by email.

Thanks,
Shawn Ashton
NDBA Equipment Manager

Uniform Manager

The executive “knocked it out of the park!” with unveiling a new brand for the North Delta Rays. All though the question, why the Rays? was asked numerous times, the new look was received very well by all the NDBA members.

A branding committee was made, with Brent Dingsdale, Calen Slezash, and myself. Many thanks to Nick Hamilton who created our new “Rays” design with baseball stitches for the free grey registration dry fit t shirts for the spring season. Our committee continued the new Rays brand for the AA Peewee and AA Midget new returnable grey Spring jerseys. The Jr. Men’s team wore nonreturnable black dry fit t shirt jerseys. Also, it was decided the summer dry fit t shirt jerseys will be gold with black stripes on the shoulder and sides. Brent and Carey Dingsdale took the helm on providing black “Rays” hoodies that many members bought enthusiastically and wear with pride.

I would like to propose going back to a more generic NDBA logo for future free registration shirts for all players and coaches. The new Rays logo was a huge success that all the ND Rays teams will carry. Most ND teams sport different team logos, example, Mariners, Athletics, Angels etc

There has been a positive response from our change in t shirts material, from all cotton to dry fit. I propose that we continue this positive trend for next year.

Coaches hat style and material were changed to a flex fit hat with a lighter material, cotton/poly. All though more expensive, all coaches were rather please with the new upgrade.

We will phase out the white pants for T Ball and Tadpole divisions. We will go to returnable grey pants for the 2017-2018 season to be cohesive with the older divisions.

I will continue to “clean house” of the old uniform stocks. We collected \$240 in sales of old uniform t shirts, white pants, and rally cap baseball hats at the Opening Ceremonies. Continued selling of old stock will occur at the two uniform return dates. I will donate what is left over.

I would like to give another thank you to Nick Hamilton for helping me to count the uniform inventory in October 2016. His help sped things along, and kept me safe if any intruders arose.

I would like to express my greatest gratitude to Kristina Winter, Sherrie Ayre, Roshael Slezash, Carey Dingsdale, and the division Reps who helped with uniform distribution at the start of the spring season. The distribution was a huge success being organized and speedy, thank you for all your help and support. It could not have been done with you!

I am very grateful to share the equipment and uniform room with Shawn Ashton, the Equipment Manager. Thank you for all your hard work in keeping everything neat and organized. The room was a nightmare at the start of the season. Tremendous work and effort was accomplished and maintained.

The NDBA will benefit in upgrading its registration system for the future. Calen Slezash spent to many tireless and relentless hours that no one should ever endure. Thank you, Calen for updating the registration as needed and providing sizing for shirts and pants. This was instrumental for ordering uniforms.

I have had a great experience as the Uniform Manager, and I am disappointed that I may need and like to step down from this position. Holding two positions on the executive as proven very difficult to balance family, work and executive duties. I will work alongside the new Uniform Manager to help guide and give advice to over the next year, if someone should want to step up in this role. But if no one does, I will continue as uniform manager for the 2017-2018 year.

Regards,
Karen Voykin
NDBA Uniform Manager

Challenger Division Representative

5U Division Representative

Blast Ball had overall a good season. We had 6 teams and 41 kids. We had 2 days missed because of rain, we extended the season by one week to make up one day. Unfortunately, one coach has not been reliable, and the assistant coach has coached most of the games, an email was sent to us by the assistant coach, which was forwarded to Brent Dingsdale. Thanks everyone for a great season.

Sherrie Ayre
NDBA 5U Division Representative

7U Division Representative

- 96 Registered players
- 11 Teams
- I had to push hard on parents to step up as coaches.
- The weather was not ideal this season. There were rained out games for the season opening and final ones.
- 10 late registrants. I had to personally collect their fees, with one cheque bouncing. I would not like to handle money in the future.
- I put in time with maintenance to Annieville North and South fields, by filling holes with sand around home plate and the pitching position. It is necessary that home plate on the North field need replacing and we need to install one at the South field.
- There were no major complaints from parents or coaches that I am aware of.
- I had a list of 10 2nd year T Ball players and managed 25 +/- call ups for Tadpole.
- I thought the season was great for development for these groups. I am willing to come back next season as the Division Rep. if no one else wants to. This is mostly because I love to coach more than manage.

Sincerely,

Clayton Gosnell
NDBA T Ball Division Representative
T Ball Coach
Mosquito Coach

9U Division Representative

Hello, my name is Chris Adams and I served as the Tadpole Coordinator for the 2017 Season. Registration was up this year and we could field 7 teams with 12 players each. We had interest from 3-4 more players after our 7 teams were full, these parents were directed to Fall Ball if aged for it and advised of early registration discounts for next year's Spring season. Early in the season the weather was a challenge, Evaluations were held on Annieville all weather field. Bob Bunnett was closed for weeks which had a cascading effect on other fields.

For the most part, our Spring season had good parity amongst each other. One team was presented with difficult challenges early in the year when their top 2nd year player was forced to withdraw due to difficult circumstances and their top 1st year player broke his arm in soccer. I want to recognize the efforts of Chris Pershick and Michelle Delf in keeping their players engaged and improving despite losing nearly every game. I believe every player will return to NDBA in part from their hard work and positive approach to the end of the season.

Our Victoria Day Tadpole tournament was blessed with great weather which always makes the experience better for all. We introduced game announcing and music to the venue at Gunderson 1 which was well received and enjoyed by the players. We added some new elements to the skills competition to get more involvement with all players and our tadpole coaches were excellent in making these a success for the kids. The Pirates won the tournament with a true team performance.

Our BBQ day in the park made a great impression on our tadpole players. Many of them have indicated that they hope to play in the Pee wee All Star game in the future. A big thanks to all the executive members who worked their tails off in making such a success.

Summer Ball tryouts were held for both our 9U Mini Mosquito and 8U Tadpole teams. Evaluators consisted of the 2 Managers and independent evaluators with no child in contention. Our 2008 born group is much deeper than an average birth year. After a process of consultation with other associations and development staff we decided to carry a larger roster of 16 players instead of the usual 12. Double headers will be scheduled often and all players will participate in at least 1 tournament. Our 8U team will be the traditional size. More work/recruitment is needed to build up the 2009 born division as it is the smallest group among the younger ages.

In closing I would like to thank all my fellow executive for their assistance this season as I transitioned from T Ball to Tadpole duties. Kristina was great to work with in coordinating tadpole/mosquito sharing of fields and call ups. Clayton was fantastic in providing call ups of which there were more requests than normal. I was also lucky to have so many dedicated coaches who put in the time and energy to make it a great experience for the kids.

Regards,
Chris Adams
9U Tadpole Division Representative

11U Division Representative

North Delta Mosquito has been an up and down year. We've moved back to Gunderson Park which has had its challenges and rewards. We had 72 kids registered and then we received news that two boys got seriously hurt. One worked hard and re-joined his team at the Jeff Francis Tournament however the other was not up for such a quick

recovery and his spot was filled with a child on the wait list. We had 6 teams of 12 which made scheduling much easier on the rep and everyone patiently awaited the season opener.

Mother Nature had other ideas and our season did not start on time. All the teams however worked well with what we had and they didn't complain when we had to reschedule their games over and over because of either rain or unsafe field conditions. They made it work when the rain started to fall in the middle of a game and they sometimes played the morning after an evening game to get a game in. I'm sure pitch counts were always on the coaches' minds but they never complained if their game got moved. Sharing the fields with Tadpole was another issue all together and although

Mosquito only got noon games when they had away games, I rarely heard grumblings. Well, rarely. I'm sure the parents enjoyed the smaller fields for field prep duties. As well as the smaller concession and non-concession home duties on Gunderson 2 helped ease the move with the 2nd year parents that experienced Mosquito at Bob Bunnett last year. There was also a great sense of comradery with two games going on most nights, side by side. The parents as well as the kids got to socialize more than ever before so I believe it built a sense of community within the Mosquito division.

Our annual Jeff Francis Tournament was glorious. The sun was fantastic. Bob Bunnett finally opened and the tournament was great. The umpiring was the best it had been so far with a larger strike zone the new Mosquito players really enjoyed and almost all the games were close fought battles. Six of the 8 teams were from North Delta and it ended with the final game between the ND Rockies and ND Cardinals. The Cardinals won in a nail biter and I believe fun was had by all.

Our regular season just ended on Sunday, June 18, 2017. Each of the six teams played each other twice, not including the tournament, and only ND games counted for the standings. (Interlock games didn't count because the interlock only plays once a week and each organization had 6 teams. The playoffs had 2 pools of 3 with a round robin deciding on the final four. Fifth and sixth played an entertaining consolation game that ended with a Mosquito base race and after the semifinals were over the 3rd place Mariners were playing the 6th place Rockies. The rain tried to cancel the game but this division was not ending the way we started and the game happened. After 5 ½ well hitting innings, the Rockies won the title.

Our Interlock with Tsawwassen and Ladner was in its sophomore year and it was not without its issues. The other organizations do not follow BC Baseball Rules the same way we do in North Delta. The other organizations umpires appear to be less experienced and much less impartial so away games were sometimes quite the adventure. The finale of the interlock will happen on Saturday, June 24th when North Delta hosts the 2nd annual Delta Cup at Bob Bunnett. This is where the best of North Delta, Tsawwassen, and Ladner play each other in a 3-game winner take all mini Mosquito tournament.

Our Rockies will represent North Delta and hopefully take home the cup like last years' Cardinals did. We will see. Our summer ball teams have been picked by coaches Brent Dingsdale and Paul Goumans. That season starts in July and runs until the August long weekend. This rep is ready to put her feet up and relax until Fall ball begins.

Kristina Winter
ND Mosquito Division Representative

13U Division Representative

Our Peewee A division had 3 teams. Thanks to head coaches Igor Curak, Jose Perez and Dave Woodson for stepping up to coach. Our Peewee AA coach was Tim Fehr. The AA team wore the newly designed Rays jerseys. All 3 single A coaches will be moving onto Bantam next season so some concern about coaching in that division in 2018. The division was

heavily weighted with 2nd year (b.2004) players. Our 2004 birth year has historically been strong in terms of numbers and talent.

The home park for our Peewee teams moved back to Bob Bunnett from Sunbury this season. With the brutal weather and Bob Bunnett field conditions Peewee games really didn't get started on Bob Bunnett until after the May long

weekend. The Peewee AA Lower Mainland interlock has grown to an unmanageable size (25). In the offseason, many debates and meetings took place to come up with ways of splitting the interlock. Completely unplanned and unexpected but I ended up getting in the middle of it. When the dust settled I took on the role of coordinator for what became known as the Peewee AA 'West' interlock. Overall the West interlock reduced the travel for the teams involved and arguably had many of the most competitive Peewee AA teams in the Lower Mainland. Not sure what happens with the 'West' and 'East' interlocks next season.

The South Fraser Interlock looked for help to manage each of the Peewee A, Bantam A and Midget AA divisions. Presidents from North Delta (Peewee A), Newton (Bantam A), Cloverdale (Midget AA) each took a division. Sandra King drove much of the administrative side of the interlocks. The Peewee A interlock was split into 2: East and West. I spend many late nights putting together the schedule. Coach Tim Fehr stepped up to become the Peewee AA Rays head coach this season. Tim and his assistant coaches have brought the level of coaching up to professional levels for our Peewee AA team. Tim's lengthy and storied background in baseball is unparalleled in our association. The kids playing Peewee AA ball in North Delta are very fortunate. I believe Tim's enjoyed his first season and will be back next year.

Brent Dingsdale
NDBA 13U Division Representative

15U Division Representative

- 33 Bantam Players Registered
- 4 with Bantam AAA Tigers
- 5 with Bantam AA Tigers
- 24 Players on Two Single A team
- Both Tigers teams are performing well in their leagues. Single A teams were middle of the pack.
- 16 Players tried out for Single A Summer Ball
- Team will be coached by Larry Weeks with 13 North Delta Players which is great as big associations like Cloverdale and White Rock must merge to make one team.
- Bantam Fall Ball plans need to be discussed.

Pierre Robichaud
NDBA Bantam Division Representative

18U Division Representative

- 20 Midget Players Registered
- 6 with South Fraser Giants AAA program which we now share with Newton
- 14 Players with AA Rays
- AAA Programs needs some work as BC Minor has created a College Prep division which leaves only 7 teams in AAA. Teams must do an inordinate amount of travel.
- We will monitor what is happening with the program in Fall.
- AA Rays had a winless season 0-21- 1 season but the players stuck around until the end and had fun to make up for their lack of Defensive, Offensive, and pitching skills...

- Talking to North Delta Blue Jays on a fall and winter program to revamp interest in the division and improve skills over the off season.

Pierre Robichaud
NDBA Midget Division Representative

Umpire-in-Chief

Concessions

As my first year in this role with NDBA I have learned a lot about operating the concessions. Let me start by saying it takes a lot of work to keep it stocked and ready for game days.

As an association, it was decided to not open Sunbury concession this year; as previous years, that concession did not bring in revenue to warrant keeping it open. We also decided to bring the Peewee division back to Bob Bunnett Park, Mosquito plays both at Gunderson and Bob Bunnett, and have tadpole run out of Gunderson.

Having these changes in place made Gunderson Park the “Go to” most week day evening. Some weeks Gunderson was operating 6 days a week with 2-3 games being played each Saturday. This was great for the concession. Gunderson was hopping, netting well over \$150 each game, and some games brought in over \$200 in revenue.

Unfortunately, due to the weather Bob Bunnett field was shut down for all of April and most of May, meaning no games could be played and no concession was open. After a few weeks of bad weather, it was decided we needed to have games played at Sunbury Park as its field was marginally better than Bob Bunnett.

The Annieville concession sat idle and lost revenue due to this. There was not time to get an inspection and open Sunbury Concession. We were hopeful the bad weather was only going to last for 2-week maximum (if we only knew).

Finally, for the May long weekend Bob Bunnett field was open and ready for games. Both the VDTT and JFT tournaments were very lucrative for the NDBA. It was great to have Annieville concession operating. We had a family (Johal's) donate Samosa's during the JFT tournament and with the help of the Div. Reps (Kristina Winter and Chris Adams) the concessions ran amazingly. The parks were packed, everyone was extremely helpful and cooperative, and we made a whopping \$4800 that weekend between both tournaments.

Despite the weather and a closure of one of our concession; currently we have just over \$9000 in the concession account. This is not a true representation of actual total revenue as our treasurer has paid a few bills in the beginning of the season on behalf of the concession. In saying this I am very happy with the financial outcome of our concession.

My hope is after summer ball and one more 8U tournament we will come out netting \$12 - \$13K at the end of the season.

Shout out to Sherrie Ayre, Erin Adams, and Igor Curak, The Billings Family, Angela Pawluk and her boyfriend for assisting us in the concession for our NDBA BBQ. There is no way I could have done this without them and a few other key people. This BBQ netting \$450 from the concession alone pretty good for only a few hours of operation at the park. My recommendation for next year's BBQ (other than not planning a huge event in 1 month) is to have each division take on a role. I.e. Tadpole works concession, T Ball works the Bouncy castles, Mosquito works the 50/50 and raffles, Peewee helps with the BBQ. This way everyone is involved in helping and the brunt of the work is not left up to a few key people.

A few new items added to the concession were Chapmans Ice cream – sold ok but the weather was not ice cream weather, Cliff bars, Famous Amos Cookies, and Ritz Snack Packs. All sold ok. Will continue to offer throughout the summer and see how they sell over the summer months.

Equipment: Annieville - BBQ caught fire again. Need reminders to clean the BBQ weekly. I don't think we need a new BBQ but a new fridge and stove should be recommended. Gunderson: Moved the Pepsi fridge and freezer from Westview to Gunderson. Everything worked perfectly. I would recommend a fridge with a freezer or a larger freezer; as there is not a lot of storage in that concession. If plans remain the same and NDBA run equals games at Gunderson next season as this past season I believe having more storage would be warranted.

Lastly, the Corporation has been a dream to work with. Any issues I have had with the concessions including Mackie have been taken care of with a sense of urgency and professionalism. We have had Gunderson electrical tested, and the metal door hinges fixed. At Annieville they have been on top of the rodent issue setting traps (nothing was caught) and sealing up all obvious openings. And they have been on top of an ant issue at Mackie (which we inspected and have a 1 year operating permit), sealing and caulking all entry points. They should be commended for all their efforts and working alongside us to help provide a clean facility for the children. It has also been communicated to me they will paint Annieville concession floors for us in the off season.

Thank-you to everyone who have put in countless hours of volunteering in these concessions. There is no way these concessions could run smoothly without our member helping and working many hours BBQing, making Candy bags, and doing so with a warm smile.

Sincerely,
Carey Dingsdale
NDBA Concession Manager 2016/17

Publicity Director

In addition to being the Registrar this year, I also covered the role of Publicity Director. In this capacity, I could accomplish several initiatives with respect to our website and advertising. I continued to update our website and act as the Webmaster, however as the year progressed I found less and less time to devote to this role. In addition to several refreshes and updates, I could accomplish the following:

- Mackie Library Reader board advertising for Spring 2017
- Sungod Reader board advertising for Spring 2017
- Scottsdale Mall registration & promotional table
- Inclusion into the Spring 2017 Delta Leisure Guide

Suggested Future Improvements:

1. Actively recruit a member with marketing/advertising/graphic design experience.
2. Pursue other advertising avenues
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Other community reader boards
 - c. Sungod Rec Centre registration/promotional table
 - d. Other Delta Leisure guides (Fall, Summer, etc.)
3. Greater frequency of website and social media announcements.
4. New website and registration platform (e.g., TeamPages, SportNgin, etc.)

Finally, I would like to thank all the Executive members for helping with content and sending me reminders of things we needed to advertise about. A special thank-you to Brent Dingsdale for helping with this role.

Calen Slezash
NDBA Publicity Director

Social Director

Tournament Director

This has been a good year for NDBA tournaments. It started as usual with postings to the BC Minor website in the beginning of the 2017 year. Soon after, we started to receive emails from teams interested in playing in our annual 11U Jeff Francis Tournament.

The 9U Victory Day Tournament is an in-house tournament based due to the large number of teams that NDBA can dress. After what seems a week-long tournament, the 9U Pirates were able to rise above, and call themselves the 2017 Victoria Day tournament Champions. I would like to thank the 9U coordinator, Chris Adams for his time and dedication to make this tournament run smoothly with no problems. The word on the street is that the music was a big hit with the players and parents. So, Chris, thank you so much!

This year's Jeff Francis Tournament interest from other associations around the lower mainland was absolutely off the charts. If NDBA da space and time, we would be able to run a 16-team tournament. Yes, this year's interest was really big. With 6 teams from NDBA, we had one team from Newton, and one team from North Langley competing for rights to out their names on this awesome trophy. After some exciting games, we had the underdog team the ND Rockies vs ND Cardinals playing in the finals. With another exciting game, the last inning was needed to decide this year's champion. Congratulations to the ND Cardinals, the 2017 Jeff Francis Tournament Champions. I would like to say a big thank you to the 11U coordinator, Kristina Winter, with helping run this tournament. The tournament would not be successful without your help. So, Kristina, thank you very much!

This year NDBA is to host the Delta Cup Finals that will be played June 24th at Bob Bunnett field. Kristina, I will see you there.

Last tournament for the 8U summer ball tournament will be played at the end of July at Bob Bunnett field. Upper Annieville field and most likely expand to Gunderson fields due to the large number of teams from all over the Lower Mainland that want to show their baseball skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people that have helped with these tournaments, especially to Brent Dingsdale, his computer skills and Mr. Boyce with his field preparations, made sure that the fields were at their best possible playing condition. Thank you!

Cheers,
Igor Curak
NDBA Tournaments

Coaching Director

Scheduler

4. **New Business**

North Delta Midget AAA	<p>Proposal to run a ND Midget AAA Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require someone to drive it • Require coaching • ND loses kids to Premium Baseball League • Got nowhere with BCMBA • AAA Midget South Fraser Giants, had drama in the 2017 season, one coach stepped down, uncertainty in coach's plan • Propose to have Brent Dingsdale and Pierre to have a sit down and discuss AAA Midget possibility
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5. **New 2017/2018 Executive Voting**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
President	Brent Dingsdale	2016-2018
Vice President	Jose Perez	2017-2019
Secretary	Karen Voykin	2016-2018
Treasurer	Michelle Miller	2017-2019
Past President		2017-2018
Registrar		2017-2018
Field Manager	Cary Boyce	2017-2018
Fundraising Director		2017-2018
Marketing Director	Jose Perez	2017-2018
Yearbook Director		2017-2018
Equipment	Shawn Ashton	2017-2018
Uniform	Karen Voykin	2017-2018
5U Representative	Sherrie Ayre	2017-2018
7U Representative	Clayton Gosnell	2017-2018
9U Representative	Chris Adams	2017-2018
11U Representative	Kristina Winter	2017-2018
13U Representative	Jayme Campbell	2017-2018

15U Representative	Debbie McMurray	2017-2018
18U Representative	Pierre Robichaud	2017-2018
Umpire-In-Chief	Brad Woof	2017-2018
Concession Manager	Carey Dingsdale	2017-2018
Publicity Director	Jagdeep Billings	2017-2018
Social Director	Pierre Robichaud	2017-2018
Tournament Director		2017-2018
Coaching Director	Brent Crowther	2017-2018
Director At Large (Challenger)	Jana McGuire (Appointed)	2017-2018

6. Motion to adjourn: Shawn Sabourin, seconded by Karen Voykin.

Next meetings: September 6, 2017 @ the Mackie Clubhouse @ 7:00 pm for existing 2016-2017 Executives

September 6, 2017 @ the Mackie Clubhouse @ 8:00 pm for all 2017-2018 new and existing Executives.

2018 AGM June 13, 2018 @ the Mackie Clubhouse @ 8pm