

# NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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## NDBA AGM Agenda

**June 8, 2016 8:00pm at Mackie Clubhouse**

Present: Clayton Gosnell, Jason Tregaskis, Jose Perez, Susan Deane, Pamela Tregaskis, Carey Dingsdale, Michelle Miller, Kristina Winter, Chris Adams, Tony Deane, Calen Slezash, Brent Dingsdale, Nancy Bailey, Shawn Sabourin, Igor Curak, Cary Boyce, Rhonda Krushel, Mike Spencer

Not Present: Ryan Semak, Rob Kustec, Brad Woof, Stan Cherak, Jana Mcquire

**Motion to adopt the minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Moved by Calen Slezash Seconded by Shawn Sabourin**

### 1. Correspondence

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### 2. Old Business

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### 3. Executive reports

| <u>POSITION</u>      | <u>NAME</u>     |             |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| President            | Brent Dingsdale | Read Report |
| Vice President       | Jose Perez      | Read Report |
| Secretary            | Carey Dingsdale | Read Report |
| Treasurer            | Pam Tregaskis   | Read Report |
| Past President       | Tony Deane      | Read Report |
| Registrar            | Calen Slezash   | Read Report |
| Field Manager        | Ryan Semak      | Read Report |
| Fundraising Director | Rhonda Krushel  | Read Report |
| Marketing Director   | Stan Cherak     | Read Report |
| Yearbook Director    | Rhonda Krushel  | Read Report |
| Equipment            | Rob Kustec      | Read Report |

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| Uniform                                 | Sue Deane       | Read Report |
| 5U Representative                       | Clayton Gosnell | Read Report |
| 7U Representative                       | Chris Adams     | Read Report |
| 9U Representative                       | Jason Tregaskis | Read Report |
| 11U Representative                      | Kristina Winter | Read Report |
| 13U Representative                      | Mike Spencer    | Read Report |
| 15U Representative                      | Shawn Sabourin  | Read Report |
| 18U Representative                      | Shawn Sabourin  | Read Report |
| Umpire-In-Chief                         | Brad Woof       | Read Report |
| Gunderson/Annieville/Sunbury Concession | Nancy Baily     | Read Report |
| Publicity Director                      | Vacant          |             |
| Social Director                         | Rhonda Krushel  | Read Report |
| Tournament Director                     | Igor Curak      | Read Report |
| Coaching Director                       | Brent Dingsdale | Read Report |
| Director at Large                       | Cary Boyce      | Read Report |
| Director At Large                       | Michelle Miller | Read Report |
| Director At Large (Challenger)          | Jana McGuire    | Read Report |

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## President's Report – Brent Dingsdale

As the 2016 Spring season starts to wind down it's a great time to reflect back 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.

New to the presidency position this year has been an amazing experience. It's been particularly rewarding working with all members of the NDBA executive. You people are inspiring. It's been an honour to work beside you. A sea of obstacles at times? Yes. Frustrating at times? Yes. Rewarding at times? Yes. Feel like we're making a difference in the world? Yes. Is there any challenge that can't be overcome? No. Are we going to continue to get better as an executive? Yes. Are the brightest days for North Delta Baseball in the future? Yes!!

This season we made changes to our Tadpole (9U) and Mosquito (11U) interlocks. The Tadpole division disbanded the 3 year-old interlock with Newton. Our Mosquito division broke away from our historic South Fraser Interlock. Instead we formed an all-Delta Mosquito interlock with Tsawwassen and Ladner. The feedback appears to be very positive on both fronts - less travel for parents, more inter-association games. I'm looking forward to the Delta Cup playoff final.

The May long-weekend tournaments (Jeff Francis & Victoria Day Tadpole Tournaments) required monster volunteer hours. Thanks to the efforts of our Tournament Director Igor Curak, and 9U/11U Coordinators Jason Tregaskis and Kristina Winter those tournaments ran as smoothly as any tournaments we've hosted in the last 5 years.

Field Maintenance is an ongoing issue. Turned into a much bigger issue than I expected. Many of our parks are long in the tooth. It won't happen overnight but with persistent effort and communication with the Corporation of Delta I believe we can make substantial improvements to our parks. The Corporation did a complete upgrade of the Gunderson park backstops and fences this offseason. We've installed a manual scoreboard at Sunbury and expect to replace the electronic scoreboard at the Bob Bunnett field in the coming weeks.

After rigorous offseason debate we continue with the Delta Tigers merge with Tsawwassen at Bantam AA and Tsawwassen and Ladner at Bantam AAA. Our involvement in the Delta Tigers program is a bright spot for our association. Cam Frick the manager of the Bantam AAA team was named BC Minor's coach of the year.

Registration is up 5% this year. For the first time in over 5+ years we have 7 teams playing in our Tadpole division. Numbers in Blastball (55) are very strong too. The future looks bright.

Google Drive. Who doesn't love our executive Google Drive? Thanks to Calen for his continued efforts in starting and maintaining this very important tool for our document control.

Looking to the future....if I'm elected to return as President these issues need to be addressed:

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- Our constitution is dated and needs updating. The executive positions in particular don't reflect our current needs.
- We are able to offer high level programming at the Bantam age group. We aren't able to offer high level programming at the Midget level. We need to find a Midget AAA solution for next season.
- Our web-site is 5 years old. We have formed a sub-committee and are looking for an upgrade solution for next year.
- Our branding and apparel is on life support. We need to breathe to new life into our apparel.
- Is it time to host a Provincials? With the upgrade to Gunderson we should discuss hosting the Mosquito A Provincials in 2017.

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  
President, North Delta Baseball Assoc

### **Vice President – Jose Perez**

Joining the Executive has brought many challenges and rewards. I'd like to thank all executive members for their help through my first year as Vice President. Big thanks is extended to all volunteers, coaches, parents, boys and girls involved in this wonderful game of baseball.

Being involved with the NDBA has really brought to the forefront the importance of what you can do for your community as opposed to what can the community do for you. It is amazing to see our baseball community growing. The increase in number of registered players is proof enough but most importantly the attendance and involvement of our baseball community as a whole. The season started with a bang with an incredible turnout for Opening Day Ceremonies. Players, families, executives, dignitaries were definitely a clear and healthy sign for our association.

Persistence allowed for making sure the Criminal Record Check Process was followed and volunteer coaches and team parents got their clearance. However, moving forward some adjustments will be made in order to ensure streamlined clearance.

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

Jose Perez  
Vice President NDBA

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## Secretary – Carey Dingsdale

The final year of my secretary term can be described in one word “busy”. I am thankful that I had the previous years’ experience to fall back on which made my duties dare I say easier. I felt having a new president and vice president this year was challenging. I attribute this to the learning curve both Brent and Jose overcame as they adjusted into their new roles.

I wanted to thank Calen for all his hard work in getting our google drive up and running. This resources are very valuable to all executives and I found myself referencing to this multiple times especially for the newsletters.

Those newsletters gave me a few more grey hairs. I offered to take this on as it is an excellent communication tool. Once I figured out how to use mail chimp (really figure it out) I was golden. Many hours were spent drafting these newsletters and I felt as though I did not submit as many as we have in the past. Due to lack of time and understanding of the software many frustrating hours were spent trying to ensure I was reaching the right audience aka our current members of 2016.

As this year comes to a close we are saying good bye to some very important and long term executive members. I wanted to personally thank Tony and Sue Deane for their time and years of service they have put into the NDBA in the last 4+ years. You both have displayed passion and dedication to the game and more importantly the children who play this game. We will miss your experience and guidance and wish you and your family well.

Nancy you have done an amazing job with our concessions. I do not know if you hear this often. Your role is one in which you only hear feedback when things are out of stock or not running /working correctly. I have heard very positive things at the fields surrounding our concessions. Good luck in your studies and all the best in the future.

Shawn you have definitely moved into many roles on this executive. You brought lots of expertise and knowledge surrounding baseball on and off the field. I found this valuable as it aided our executive to see both sides of many difficult conversations and come to a well thought decision. Thank you for your time as a coach and an executive member.

Pam and Jason Tregaskis I’m not too sure we are ready to let you both leave. You both carry a love for your community and this game; and share a passion to encourage all to be better players, coaches, and volunteers. You will always have a home here in NDBA.

(I apologize if I am missing any other member not returning. The above members have made it public about their departure from NDBA.)

To the remaining executive I am excited to see what next year brings. We will have new faces, fresh ideas, and lots of work to do. We need to continue to improve on our communication, our coaching, our fields, and to enlist more volunteers. We need to keep the focus on the children, their development, their growth, their passion, and love for the game. Thank you for all the hours you have spent on and off the field. Many of us carry multiple roles besides executive members (coaches, team

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parents, etc) and it can be very challenging to balance everything. I really appreciate all your efforts. Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Carey Dingsdale

## Treasurer – Pam Tregaskis

### North Delta Baseball Association Balance Sheet As at 10/31/2015

#### ASSET

##### Current Assets

|                             |                 |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| DCU - General               | 94,731.76       |             |
| DCU - Gaming<br>Account     | <u>3,085.65</u> |             |
| Total Delta Credit<br>Union |                 | 0.00        |
| Petty Cash                  |                 | 0.00        |
| Concession<br>Deposits      |                 | 0.00        |
| Concession Floats           |                 | 150.00      |
| Concession Umpire<br>Prepay |                 | <u>0.00</u> |

##### Total Current Assets

97,967.41

##### Fixed Accounts

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| Office Equipment |  | <u>0.00</u> |
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##### Total Fixed Assets

0.00

#### TOTAL ASSET

97,967.41

#### LIABILITY

##### Liabilities

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| Prepaid Registration |  | 0.00 |
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##### Total Liabilities

0.00

#### TOTAL LIABILITY

0.00

#### EQUITY

##### Funds

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|                               | Fund Balances |                  |
|                               | Carryover     | 97,967.41        |
|                               | Fund Balance  | 0.00             |
| <b>Total Funds</b>            |               | <u>97,967.41</u> |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>           |               | <u>97,967.41</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b> |               | <u>97,967.41</u> |

## Past President – Tony Deane

As Past President my role within the executive this year has done a complete 180 compared to the 3 years previous as President. My role this year has primarily entailed more of a bent ear and advisement to the new President, Brent and the executive that make up the NDBA. Having attended 95% of the executive meetings this year I can say without hesitation that this core of volunteers are extremely committed to the NDBA and continuing with the successes that have been building for here for many years. I have full confidence that the years to come are going to be exciting times for the NDBA as the creativity and dedication to maintain our core values of Development, Community, Respect, Sportsmanship, Achievement and Fun. Though from the outside looking in it may appear that not much is happening on a year to year basis, but trust me when I tell you that the executive are constantly spit-balling new and wonderful ideas on how to improve the association so that the NDBA community are receiving the best training, coaching and life experiences that can be offered to them. It is not always the easiest thing to achieve however the executive are always there to listen to your ideas and welcome your input. I said many years ago in my Presidents Message that it is not easy to balance fun with competition and I still believe that today. However, this year seems to be bearing the fruit of previous years' hard work and I truly believe we are better today than 5 years ago and I see no signs of slowing down. I would like to thank the executive for their many countless hours of hard work. I also would like to thank all the volunteers, players, parents, coaches and umpires for all that you do to make this a fun and safe environment for kids to play baseball. In closing my only negative comment would be that if we are going to grow as an association and community we need to stick together through thick and thin. Leaving the association at any point of any season for another does not grow our association as much as weakens it. The majority that do also find out very quickly the grass is not always greener.

Batter Up,

Tony Deane

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## Registrar – Calen Slezash

It was a challenging start to the season. Previous members leaving the Executive had created a disconnect in terms of support for the next incoming members, so it was a pretty steep learning curve throughout the summer of 2015. Our website and registration system is difficult to use at best, so it was fortunate that Shawn Sabourin was able to help me if/when I ran into problems or had questions.

A big empty space was created by the exit of our Publicity Director in 2015, so with my technology background I felt the need to also step in and help with this role. This included ongoing website development, and posting announcements to our Facebook and Twitter social media sites.

My Registrar work began by setting up the registration system for Fall 2015. A total of 31 players registered for 2015 Fall Ball, consisting of 13 Mosquito players and 18 Peewee players. This number was down considerably from 2014 which saw 62 players registered.

The Winter Training held in the beginning of 2016 saw approximately 70 players registered. The breakdown in terms of divisions were as follows:

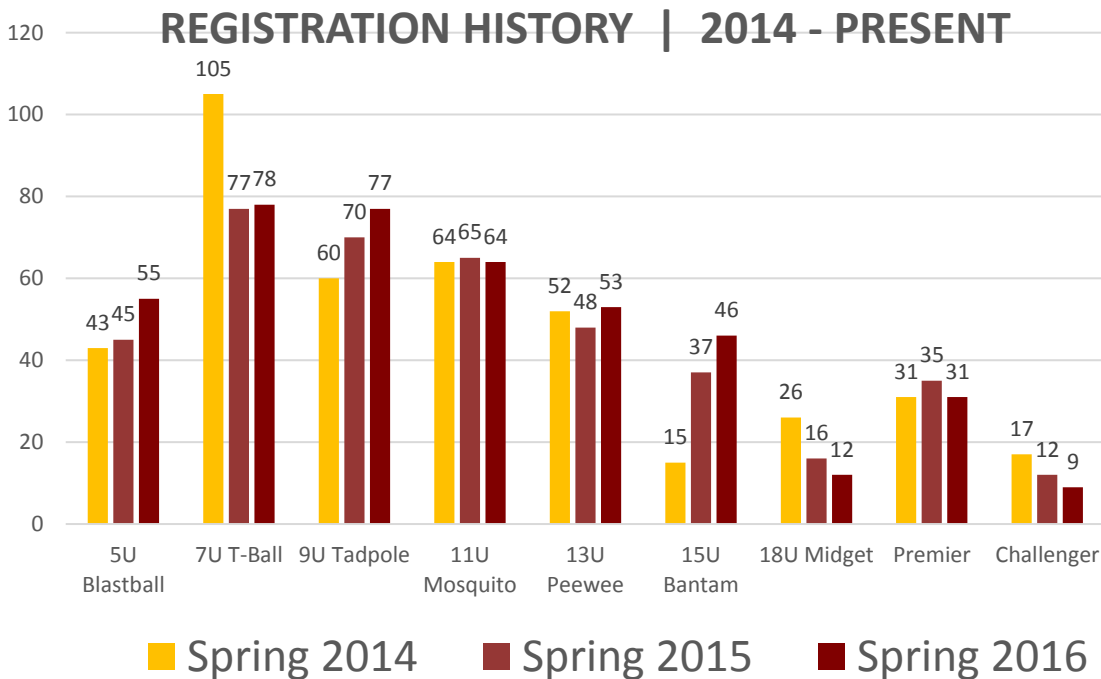
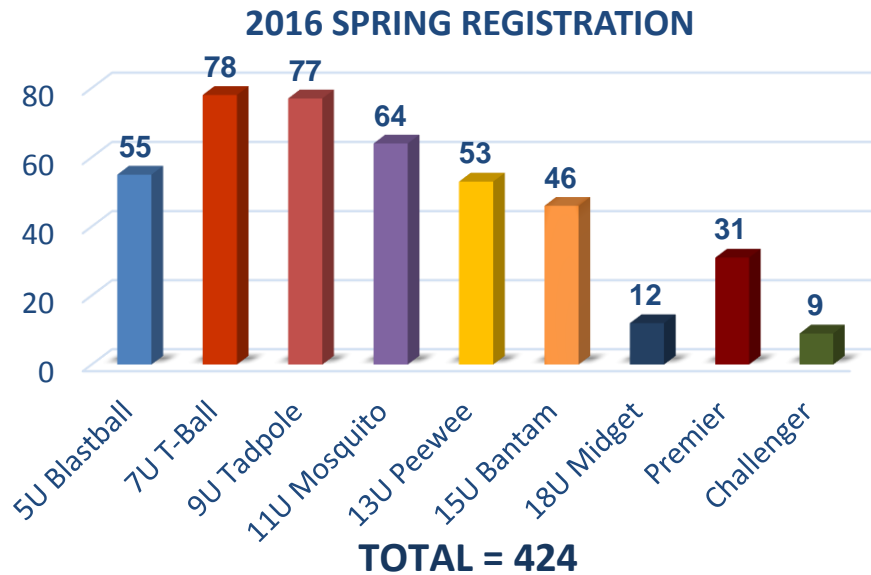
- Mosquito – 22
- Peewee – 16
- Tadpole – 24
- Bantam – 8

By the end of 2015 I had identified some weaknesses within our registration system and was able to set up some registration tracking and history so that we could have some historic trends available to us. I continued developing these reports and a weekly reporting process which made our 2016 registration records much more informative.

In preparation for Spring 2016 registration, I was able to secure free advertising on the Sungod readerboard, as well as the electronic readerboard at Mackie Library (84<sup>th</sup> Ave and 112<sup>th</sup> Street). I also wanted to set up a registration table at Scottsdale Mall, but this would have taken modifying our insurance policies and quickly became quite a complex undertaking. Unfortunately, I did not have the time to pursue this further.

We had a total of 424 registrants for Spring 2016 which exceeded both 2014 (413 registered) and 2015 (405 registered). The distribution of players amongst our divisions appears below:

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Currently we are putting the final touches on our Summer 2016 program, and registration will open up very soon.

In 2015, I had begun work to develop a centralized document management system for the NDBA. We decided on the Google Drive platform, with individual account access for each Executive member. This system made it possible for us to store and share documents electronically, rather than having documentation residing in emails and leaving the NDBA with each passing Executive member. A Confidentiality Agreement and Acceptable Use policy was drawn up for each member to sign. The

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system has been slow to catch on for some members, but others have praised the system as it has made their role(s) a little easier.

Technology documentation was lacking, so I created a master spreadsheet for all of our technology services. This included Google accounts and passwords, technology infrastructure at our clubhouse, and the various cloud technology services that we utilize (email, domain management, website, etc.).

A wireless printer was purchased and installed (through my own company) so that Executive members are able to print NDBA documents without the personal expense of paper, ink, etc. However, it would be easier if this printer were connected to a PC so that members could print their documents directly from Google Drive (or by saving files to a USB flash drive).

Another role that I have taken over for the past few years has been running our Scorekeeping Clinic. In 2015 I developed the 'first edition' of a Powerpoint slide presentation, in conjunction with a scorekeeper's handbook of sorts. Always looking to improve, I was able to 'polish up' the presentation and handbook into a format that works well. Unfortunately, without a good projector, the presentation portion was lacking this year. However, the flow and format of what was covered seemed to be very fluid and user-friendly.

During the current Spring season, I was involved in setting up various online registrations for events such as our Social/Pub Night, Vancouver Canadians Game Bus, and our 2017 Executive Sign-up page, as well as support our two tournaments by way of online game schedules and standings reports. Work is also under way for our new website platform, with much of this work still to occur over the coming months.

In all, it has been an intense year with much work and learning...and I have enjoyed every minute of it! A big thank-you to all those members who helped me along the way, especially Brent Dingsdale, Shawn Sabourin, and Tony Deane.

## 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. Purchase/installation of a computer for ease of printing.
4. Set up and prepare for a registration table at Scottsdale Mall (or other venue).
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.
7. Our policies and procedures with respect to registration sponsorship should be tightened so that we are better able to track sponsorship payments.

Sincerely,  
Calen Slezash

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## **Field Manager – Ryan Semak**

Nothing reported

## **Marketing Director – Stan Cherak**

Thank you to the executive and association for allowing me to fill the role of Director of Marketing for 2016. I feel we made progress in some areas and others took a step back.

My sponsor revenue target for the year was \$4,000. To date, we have collected \$3,000. Our premiere sponsor, One20, invested \$1,000, PDG \$750, Delta Cable \$500, TD Bank \$500, and BullPen \$250. I've decided to split the year into spring and summer with the intent of pulling in more sponsors for the more competitive and geographical spread summer ball.

Our biggest challenge is the inability to offer traditional advertising like many of our fellow associations can offer. For example, Unwin park's fields have nice sponsor advertisements and they get them to commit for three year terms. The feedback I get from potential sponsors is unanimous, we won't get their business unless they get the visibility through advertising.

This year's main fundraising event, our social night, was by and large successful, but I can't help but be disappointed that we had very few of our executive and coaching staff take part. We use this event as not just a fundraiser, but as a way to deepen our bond with each other. Not having the broad support of our executive and coaches, is, in a way, unacceptable.

All in all, I'm quite proud of our association and how we're developing children through baseball. I continue to learn right along with my son in the mosquito division and am building a great love of the game.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to the remainder of 2016 and beyond.

Regards,  
Stan

## **Year Book Director- Rhonda Krushel**

Still using Minute Man Press for yearbooks. I forgot to budget for any price increases so we have kindly been given a one-year grace period. Next year be sure to contact for a quote first.

A few "last call's" went out with little success. Suggestion: Team parents have 2 weeks to submit the names in order. If they are getting a group re-take, super, please advise. This way at least the names

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will all be organized and such and the extra pictures will be a bonus. This year a few teams will have their kids names printed but not in photo order, simply the list of team members.

Rhonda Krushel

## **Equipment Manager – Rob Kustec**

Nothing reported

## **Uniform Manager – Sue Deane**

This year NDBA continued with the replacement of uniforms. The U 7 Division received new uniforms this year, these were a logoed t-shirt which the players could keep. This move was in effort to reduce the uniform budget through jersey replacement as this is our largest division in the association. Next year the replacement of uniforms will be completed with the U 18 Division and a begin a jersey by jersey replacement for the U 7 Division

For summer ball the association was able to reduce the cost of hats and pants significantly, and were able to provide the full summer ball attire package (hats, pants, shirt) to each player to keep. WE will continue with this package again this year

I am happy to say we are continuing with a 98% return rate and I continue to hear positive feedback on the distribution and will continue with this trend going forward.

For next year we are looking at a full non-return uniform package for the U 7 division, in effort to continue to streamline the uniform process.

I would like to thank the executive and the parents for their continued support. I would also like to send a special thank you to Roshael Sleazash, she has been invaluable to me as a volunteer. Without her tireless efforts and her organization uniforms would not run as smoothly as they do. It has been a pleasure to work with and support such a dedicated group.

Cheers,

Sue

## **7U Division Representative – Chris Adams**

This years Rally Cap division featured 10 teams with 7-8 players each totalling 77 players. Each team played 11 games in a balanced schedule and also practiced once per week. Games at Upper Annieville were divided equally among the teams as much as possible being the better field over Annieville School North and South. The Rally Cap training booklets were provided to the coaches to use for practice plans but the coloured hat reward system was not used due to issues that arose with them in previous seasons. Players were provided jersey shirts that are theirs to keep and feedback on this change was positive.

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Teams were given permission to soft toss the third inning part way through the schedule if desired and players were also permitted to advance two bases on outfield hits in the last third of the season. Defensively teams were encouraged to make the throw to second base on outfield hits instead of always to first.

The call-up system was modified this season to be done through the coordinator. This was to ensure that call-up opportunities for second year players were divided more equally amongst a wider group. The change was successful as 12 different players played in a 9U game. The system was not perfect as it was discovered that one 9U team was calling up a first year player directly on many occasions and there were many direct call-ups during the Tadpole tournament which left some second years not getting an opportunity to play. I believe this system should continue next year with more emphasis to the 9U coaches on the protocol for call-ups and the eligibility of first years to play.

In regards to safety we had an issue with a couple teams and batting helmets. There were some parents who indicated they could not afford a batting helmet for their child and some players were playing without them early in the season. We took action and issued batting helmets to the teams in need to keep in their equipment bags for these players. Next season we will need a strategy to identify who will be having issues providing all the mandatory equipment for their children before the first game is played so we do not have kids hitting and running on the bases without helmets.

In closing I would like to thank all the 7U coaches for their passion and energy. I witnessed many great examples of coaches making the game fun for the kids despite the pre-determined outcome style of 7U. I hope you will all return to the coaching ranks next spring .

7U Rally Cap Coordinator  
Chris Adams

## **9U Division Representative – Jason Tregaskis**

The 2016 9U Tadpole season saw North Delta fielding 7 teams with a total of 77 players. An effort was made to keep roster numbers low to increase playing time and each roster ended up with 11 players.

Many 7U T Ball players have had the opportunity to get called up and play for absent 9U players, with a few even getting to play in the Victoria Day Tournament. The season has gone well with a lot of improvement being noticeable from many of the players. We ran five Friday night clinics for all second year players to help introduce pitching. This has gone very well with 20+ kids attending the Friday night sessions. I believe it would be in the best interest of NDBA's skill development to bring pitching back to Tadpole. Being a coach in an older division, I can clearly see pitching strength is something clearly lacking from Mosquito upwards.

We have now moved on to the Spring Playoff round as well as holding tryouts to form our 8U and 9U Summer All Star teams. There is great interest from many players to compete at a higher level in the Summer Season as well as much excitement in waiting for the teams to be announced.

9U Tadpole Rep  
Jason Tregaskis

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## **11U Division Representative – Kristina Winter**

Mosquito started off with the threat of rain for our second weekend of tryouts. Thankfully the weather was decent enough and we evaluated almost all of our 65 registrants.

With 5 coaching duo's we made up teams of 13 and were prepared for a new season in the Newton/ Surrey Canadians/ and N. Langley interlock. Due to the amount of teams in the interlock, we decided to look elsewhere and found a home with Tsawwassen and Ladner. The interlock we formed only played on Saturdays so parents and coaches cheered with only one travel day a week, sometimes none if we hosted our new rivals. This new interlock also allowed for a lot of inter-league play and all the teams were able to play each other 3 times in the regular season.

The Jeff Francis tournament was a busy one. Tournament director Igor and special DJ Mike Spencer had Bob Bunnett hopping and the two Richmond teams that joined our 5 had a great time. The final was the North Delta Diamondbacks playing the North Delta Royals for a great game of ball with the D-backs taking the trophy.

The season got back underway and with the exception of a very rainy Saturday where all games were cancelled, the season has had a very few rain outs and a lot of close games.

The 10 game playoffs are about to get started and will conclude with the top two teams competing at the closing ceremonies for the North Delta Mosquito title. That team will then compete against Tsawwassen and Ladner in the inaugural Delta Cup, hosted this year by Ladner on June 19th in a 3 game winner takes all mini tournament.

Summer ball evals are underway for our AAA and single A teams.

This year has been a huge learning curve all around and I hope everyone involved has had a good time.

Kristina Winter  
Mosquito Rep

## **13U Division Representative – Mike Spencer**

The 2016 13U Division this year was comprised of 53 payers being divided into 4 teams - three Single-A teams and one Double-A team. The spring season got off on the right foot after an excellent turnout for two indoor tryouts, complete with many coaches from older divisions volunteering their time to assist with the independent 'Double A' evaluations. The focus then turned to a one-day Single-A evaluation that not only ran like clockwork, but also managed to land on a date that didn't endure snow, rain or sub-zero temperatures for the first time in many years !!

The 'AA' Athletics competed in a 20 team division that included all of the top teams in the lower mainland. The team started off behind the 8-ball with only two returning players from last season's team - but with a solid coaching staff was able to form a team of players with those who worked hard as first year players in Single-A 13U team in 2015 and a healthy number of first-year PeeWee kids. The

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team's regular season record ended at 2 wins, 15 losses & 2 ties, however this record was not reflective of how competitive many of the games were as a look at the individual scores of each game show that only 4 or 5 of those games would have been deemed 'out of reach' by game's end.

On the Single-A side of the house, it became a challenge to fill the coaching positions as many of the established coaches from the 2015 PeeWee teams or 2nd year Mosquito coaches had moved on, or became affiliated with the Double-A coaching squad... or got themselves elected NDBA President.

While it is never easy to convince anyone to do anything baseball while February and it's weather is still here, a combination of phone calls, emails, guilty consciences, and a little bit of begging from the Division Coordinator resulted in the securing of three gracious volunteers to become managers of the North Delta 13U Single-A teams. The silver-lining to this coaching dilemma is that it surfaced several new volunteers to step up to gain experience as an assistant coach, which may serve them, their teams, and the NDBA well in the future.

The draft for Single-A was unique this year with several highly evaluated players declaring their limited availability due to other Rep sports they played. The draft was friendly, cordial and finished with the usual entertainment provided by coaches scrambling during the short 'trade window' that is allotted at the end of each draft.

The three Single-A teams played in a 20 team division with the ND Angels finishing 16th, the ND Cubs finishing 11th, and the North Delta Yankees finishing 8th - and making it into the Tier 1 Playoffs. All three of these teams seem poised to 'do some damage' in the Tier 1 and Tier 2 playoff divisions.

While I would normally take this moment to thank the coaches for the work they have done throughout the spring season, I would think that this appreciation goes without saying. This year I would like to make a point of thanking the unsung heroes of these teams... specifically, the 'Team Moms'. For good reason, I started to refer to this group as the Brains of the Operations and I can tell you that without them, this season could have easily become an irreparable nightmare for some teams. Thank you Angela, Geri, Rhonda & Carey - you guys rocked !!

Mike Spencer  
North Delta Baseball Association  
13U Division Coordinator

## **15U Division Representative – Shawn Sabourin**

First off as always I would like to thank my fellow executive members for their many hours behind the scenes that start's way before the season to make sure our children have a safe fun place to play baseball. I applaud you all! (Even Rhonda)

Bantam has had a fantastic year with good numbers returning and lots of baseball being played.

Again this year we merged with Tsa,Ladner to form a AAA team led by coach Cam Frick and his team. We should all be proud as ten players form ND made this team and they are having a great season sitting fourth in the standings out of thirteen as I write this, well on their way to Provincials.

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AA was merged with Tsa with our own Coach Mike Olesen at the helm. Again we should all be very proud as eight players from ND made this team as well. They are also having a fantastic season currently sitting fifth in the standings out of fourteen as well they are on a ten game winning streak as I write this. (Hope I did not jinks this) They as well should be able to secure a spot in Provincials.

Single A we had two teams formed of thirteen players each that meant we had to wait list three players this year in order to balance teams. It is never a good thing to have to turn away players however the teams have to be a manageable number. My advice to all is, register early and take advantage of early discounts. Both teams did very well with playoffs under way as I write this. The regular season saw the Giants led by Pierre Robichaud finished first out of thirteen and the DBacks led by John Bartholomew finished up third of thirteen.

Single A summer ball tryouts are under way with Coach John Bartholomew leading the Team.

There is some challenges to merging with the Tigers program for AA and AAA but the advantages outweigh the challenges and provides our players with a chance to play rep ball at the higher levels.

Thank you,

Shawn Sabourin  
Bantam Coordinator

### **18U Division Representative – Shawn Sabourin**

First off as always I would like to thank my fellow executive members for their many hours behind the scenes that start's way before the season to make sure our children have a safe fun place to play baseball. I applaud you all! (Even Rhonda)

I took on the Midget role this season as it was vacant, the trouble with doing so and having your son playing in Bantam means there is a bit of a disconnect from the division. Having said that we were able to form one team for Midget they were led by Bud Hutchison and finished up ten of eighteen for the regular season. The playoffs are under way as I write this I wish them luck. They will not be forming a summer ball team due to lack of interest and coaching.

Challenges moving forward with Midget will be we have a lot of players moving up from Bantam and they will be looking to play some form of rep ball. I would like to see AAA being offered in some way for ND however having coaches in place would be key. Brent and I will work on this as this season closes out but we really need someone in place as the Midget Coordinator to spear head this and start the work now.

Thank you,

Shawn Sabourin  
Midget Coordinator

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## Umpire-in-Chief – Brad Woof

The North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development Program ran for another successful year, in 2016, with several achievements. Overseen by Brad Woof, Umpire-In-Chief the program was supported by 42 Official Umpires, 9 of which are also Mentors, 1 Allocator, 3 Emergency Allocators, and the North Delta Baseball Association Executive.

The NDBA UDP ran a Level 1 & 2 Umpire Clinic before the season began & it was well attended, we had 14 new umpires join our program this season. In addition, the British Columbia Baseball Umpires Association (BCBUA) offered 1 senior clinic this year: The National Clinic for Level 4/5, which was well attended by our Umpires. Allocation began Tuesday 29 March, allocated by Brad Woof.

Allocation efforts were again above average primarily due to the continued use of Scheduler.ca & the large number of new umpires that again joined our program this season. The Scheduler.ca allocation program continues to work very well and greatly aid in our administration abilities. Since allocation began to Tuesday 5 July 189 games will have been allocated in the NDBA UDP, approximately 378 total umpire allocations for our local crew all very seamlessly. There were 2 no shows, which resulted in 1 oneman umpiring game and only a few lates primarily because of the Scheduler.ca allocation program: its' accessibility and auto-reminders. 0 fines in regards to no shows or lates were issued. However, there were 2 games where both teams did not show, notification of the cancelled or rescheduled game was not provided to the Allocator, and therefore the Umpires went to the field unnecessarily and had to be paid.

Some e-mails, texts and phone calls were received throughout the year in regards to the Umpires: some complaints, some compliments, 3 ejections and no protests. All correspondence was dealt with internally; suspensions in regards to ejections were served.

There were 0 Coaches Code of Conduct violations that were forwarded to the NDBA and had to be dealt with by the NDBA Discipline Procedure. Some rules clarifications arose throughout the season and explanations were provided. The NDBA UDP Account was at a surplus due to more new umpires than initially expected, 0 equipment purchases & equipment sales from stock carried forward from previous seasons. Cheques from the equipment sales will be submitted by the September Executive Meeting to the NDBA Treasurer.

Equipment purchases continue to be offset by sales or held over in inventory value. Umpire Awards are pending, to be Awarded at next year's Umpire Clinics to the most proficient Umpire for Level 1 and Level 2 along with certificates for Honorable Mention.

The Mentoring/Shadowing program continues to be effective and all senior umpires in North Delta are onboard with the program. Many officially documented Mentorships have taken place this season.

Overall, another positive year with a positive outcome, next year's outlook is also positive with continued focused growth in Umpire enrollment at the entry levels, the upgrading of several senior Umpires to Level 3 and 4/5 along with the continued development of all Umpires. If more information is required, or if you have any questions or comments, feel free to call/text me at; (778) 928-9663 or e-mail me at [umpire\\_in\\_chief@ndbaseball.com](mailto:umpire_in_chief@ndbaseball.com).

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Yours truly,

Brad Woof, Umpire-In-Chief  
North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development Program

## **Concessions – Nancy Bailey**

The concessions continue to contribute the needed support to successfully operate the NDBA activities. At the end of the baseball season in 2015 there was an income of \$9,500.00 generated from sales at Annieville, Sunbury and Gunderson concessions. It is looking similar in 2016. Thank you to all the parents who have run the concessions, from collecting the key to stocking the shelves and most of all cooking those hotdogs and selling candy bags. Parents are the key factor in the success of the concession sales and contribute to the players, coaches and fans enjoying the ever exciting baseball games! Thank you! I would also like to thank Harmony Sutton for managing the Gunderson Concession, thanks for doing a great job!

Regards,

Nancy Baily  
Concession Manager

## **Publicity Director – Vacant**

Nothing reported

## **Social Director – Rhonda Krushel**

Team Parent meeting was a decent turn out.

Coaches Appreciation: Spent \$240 on prizing, 42 coaches in attendance plus spouses/friends/etc. Prizing should continue.

Social night: Lower turnout but had \$3415 in revenues, and \$1595.01 in expenses but the band was paid \$1250, not \$250 as in this total. Marketing, Stan, is taking \$1000.00 of his profits to lessen the event expense. The true expense is \$2595.01 leaving a profit of \$819.99.

Prizes were amazing! Blastball is not required to budget for a prize. 19 teams put forth a prize and teams went above and beyond this year for this who did contribute! Teams donated items such as a very classy day of golf for 4 at the Richmond Country Club, a lawnmower, a bar fridge, a Samsung 7 phone, an apple tree, a very cool variety and nice large bulky prizes. Next year we're going for a tattoo!

This is a night that either really grabs you and you have a great time, or it is too loud, which we have many of both. I think we need to try something new, fresh ideas to hopefully engage more of our members and executive. Not sure if this is the best time because everyone is so busy but not sure there really is any other time. Very open to discussion.

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Vancouver Canadians – we are keeping it home this year and for \$25 our members and their families are going to watch the game on June 26<sup>th</sup>, kickin' it up a notch with buses.

Rhonda Krushel

## **Tournament Director – Igor Curak**

My first season as Tournaments director for NDBA started to get busy in January, getting everything organized so the information could get posted at BC Minor baseball website so that way all of baseball association could see what we could offer in this year's baseball season.

First tournament of the year is as always annual Jeff Francis tournament that is always played at Bob Bunnet field at Annieville park. This was 12th year where we have mosquito level players competing for Jeff Francis trophy. This year we had 5 teams from our association try to keep the trophy to stay in North Delta and 2 teams from Richmond baseball association that were very excited to be a part of it.

Richmond teams definitely have made this tournament more competitive and they showed it on the scoreboard.

At the end it was ND Diamondbacks vs ND Royals playing for the rights to have their team name engraved on Jeff Francis trophy, with ND Diamondbacks taking it all.

I would like to say thank you to Kristina Winters, mosquito coordinator, and Mike Spencer for music work, without them the tournament would definitely not be the same.

At the same time at Gunderson park we had our annual Victoria day tournament for tadpole division. This tournament was exclusive to NDBA tadpole teams.

With 7 teams it was a bit challenging to make a schedule to work for all of the teams and in this case I would like to say thanks to Jason Tregaskis, tadpole coordinator, for his input and hard work to make sure that this tournament was a successful one yet again. Big part of this tournament is a skills competition where players can show what they can do when chance is given. In the finals we had ND Angels and ND Blue jays playing for more than just a bragging rights among the NDBA tadpole teams, with ND Angels coming on top.

We are in the process of working on the next tournament that is coming in July. This is a very popular one. It's represent end of the summer ball for U8 tadpole's division. Last year this tournament was expanded to 10 teams due to large interest in this tournament. Emails are starting to fly around and in no time we will have teams committed to this event that will be played across Annieville, Gunderson and Bob Bunnet fields.

This tournament will also include skills competition, and that part of the tournament is always very popular among the players.

Cheers,

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Igor Curak  
NDBA Tournaments

## **Coaching Director – Brent Dingsdale**

We used professional paid coaches from the Bullpen for our winter clinics for the 11U, 13U and 15U divisions. We offered clinics on two different nights, Monday and Friday. Each session held a maximum of 15 kids per 1.5 hours with 2 coaches. 2 sessions a night. The sessions sold out.

The Bullpen clinics weren't perfect. A better ratio would be 10 kids per 2 coaches. So maybe 3, 1 hour sessions per night with 10 kids per session. We had a bit of a revolving door with coaches in the final few weeks. Emphasis on pitching was requested but we didn't get the concentration of pitching drills I expected.

The 8U/9U winter clinics were run by Jason Tregaskis and Tim Fehr. Both volunteered their time along with a handful of Tadpole coaches. Efforts of all the coaches was very much appreciated. That type of hard work really drives to the development of that age group.

Through emails I promoted NCCP training amongst our coaches at all levels.

A paid coaching (non executive) director position is something we should investigate. Richmond has gone with that model. We must constantly look for new ideas to provide better coaching to our kids. Better coaching leads to better retention.

Brent

## **Director at Large – Clayton Gosnell**

The season went well. 9 out of 10 games were played this season. Losing only one to rain. 8 teams had Blast this Spring season. The only issue I saw was that maybe the fields needed a little bit more landscaping attention. I would like to add the Base Race to the Blastball Guidelines for next season. Eight plus Coaches did a great job with all their teams. Thanks for the support of the executives.

Regards,  
Blastball Rep  
Clayton Gosnell

## **Director at Large – Cary Boyce**

Nothing to Report

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## Director at Large – Michelle Miler

Nothing to Report

### **New Business**

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| Social night | <b>Feel like we touched on something based on the noise...need to work with the member's retention and what they want. Lots of ideas: bowling evening, family day carnival like atmosphere.</b> |
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## 4. New 2015/2016 Executive Voting

| <b><u>POSITION</u></b>            | <b><u>CANDIATE</u></b>          | <b><u>TERM</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                         | Brent Dingsdale                 | 2016-2018          |
| Vice President                    | Jose Perez                      | 2015-2017          |
| Secretary                         | Karen Voykin                    | 2016-2018          |
| Treasurer                         | Michelle Miller                 | 2016-2018          |
| Past President                    | Vacant                          |                    |
| Registrar                         | Calen Slezash                   | 2016-2017          |
| Field Manager                     | Cary Boyce                      | 2016-2017          |
| Fundraising Director              |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Marketing Director                |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Yearbook Director                 | Rhonda Krushel                  | 2016-2017          |
| Equipment                         | Rob Kustec                      | 2016-2017          |
| Uniform                           |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| 7U Representative                 | Clayton Gosnell                 | 2016-2017          |
| 9U Representative                 | Chris Adams                     | 2016-2017          |
| 11U Representative                | Kristina Winter                 | 2016-2017          |
| 13U Representative                |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| 15U Representative                |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| 18U Representative                |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Umpire-In-Chief                   | Brad Woof                       | 2016-2017          |
| Concession Mgr.                   | Carey Dingsdale                 | 2016-2017          |
| Publicity Director                |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Social Director                   |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Tournament Director               | Igor Curak                      | 2016-2017          |
| Coaching Director                 |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Director At Large<br>(Blastball)  |                                 | 2016-2017          |
| Director At Large<br>(Challenger) | Jana McGuire<br><br>(Appointed) | 2016-2017          |

5. Motion to adjourn: Rhonda Krushel      Seconded By: Pam Tregaskis

Next meeting September 7th, 2016. Mackie Clubhouse 7:00 pm