

**Kelowna Minor Fastball Society
Annual General Meeting
October 19, 2010**

KMFS Members Present: 15 attendees (quorum requirements met)

Meeting called to order by Bernie Penner @ 7:06 pm.

Minutes for the previous meeting AGM 2009 read by Tracy Light. Maurice Blanleil motioned to adopt and seconded by Paul Lumsden. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Rod Kneller distributed copies of the unaudited financial statement. Each line item on the financial statement was addressed and reviewed.

Tracy Light motions to adopt and seconded by Rick Wahler. Approved.

Maurice Blanleil motioned to waive a formal audit for 2010. Seconded by Paul Lumsden. All approved.

President's Report:

A brief year in review was presented by Bernie Penner.

We had our AGM in Oct almost the same day and the executive was tasked with tough decisions as we had no certainty that we would ever receive gaming funding again. To have \$36,000 removed from funding was no small matter for an association our size. So cut backs had to be made and registration fees had to increase...this was considered a bit of a double whammy for our association as we knew with the economic climate it was already harder for people to have to pay more but our options were limited. So the exec decided to raise the fees a bit and if no funding came through we would have to raise again next season plus cost reductions were looked at everywhere we could.

October – December once a week pitching training at the Capital news center (CNC). These are open session to teach new pitchers the skills to become a pitcher and existing pitchers can also attend to work on their development.

Jan – April we have twice a week indoor training at CNC for the Squirt – Midget age groups.

We hosted 2 camps in the off season

Winter camp (Hitting) Dave Paetkau from Powerzone academy in January.

Spring Camp (full player camp) with Mark Smith (CND National coach), Dave Paetkau (Ass coach CND National team and owner Power Zone Academy, Bill Hillhouse (pitching) & Howard Kobata infield)

115 players & Coaches attended the camps with players from BC as far away as the Island, Washington state & Alberta

April 2-4th we hosted the 3 day Aces "Firecracker" event at Highnoon with 88 players attending

April 10 -11th hosted a level 1 coaches clinic and the final tryout for the BC Summer Games Team.

Teams for 2010: JR & SR LTP, 2 Squirt, 4 Peewee, 4 Bantam, 3 Midget. Sent 5 teams to Provincials

Tournaments: We had a record year for tournaments this year with 6:

- House Ice Breaker

- Midget B

- Bantam B

- Bantam A

- May Days (Squirt – Bantam House)

- Peewee B

With a total of 118 teams attending from BC & Alberta plus we also hosted 3 Districts playoffs (Peewee, Squirt C & Bantam B)

Coaches: Thank you to all our volunteer coaches and managers for stepping up we know you are the key to making the season successful and bringing the players back.

Umpires: Once again Kyle Meek, Wendy and Doug did an excellent job of coordinating umpires required.

Bingo funding confirmed: We received \$20,000 (breakdown \$15,000 plus an additional \$5,000 transitional funding to assist with park maintenance) It appears the go forward will only be \$15,000.

Summer Camp with Next Level: Joni and 4 USA College coaches had an intense 5 day USA college recruiting type camp with approx 30 players attended.

Last event of the season Aug 28 & 29 hosted the Team BC tryouts for the Western Canadian games and 40+ players age 1995 and younger attended.

Going into 2011 will bring many challenges as we did absolute minimum with park maintenance and ball association items.

Some items that require upgrading

- Irrigation System \$15,000

- Fields need aerating, sanding and fertilization \$10,000

- Washrooms need upgrades:

- New Uniforms:

- Ball Equipment

- Canopies etc

So the new executive will be tasked with considering all options for the go forward which may include looking to the city for assistance.

2010 Business:

Robin Gabert proposes to form a committee to create policies and procedures that addresses how team funds are distributed / allocated. The committee will present recommendations back to the 2010 / 2011 executive in February 2011. Robin Gabert, Rod Kneller, and Kathy Wirachowsky will form the committee.

Kathy Wirachowsky would like to re-establish the Midget C tournament for 2011.

Joni Frei of the Next Level has started a High School Softball League. We hope that it will advertise softball in the community and valley and develop more interest in the sport. Presently we are unsure of the success in the program.

The LTP program did not have a very successful year in 2010. Registration dropped significantly, which is very concerning. We will try to attempt to contact the adult softball association to see if there is interest in us providing game times for the LTP age children at the Mission Sports Fields while the adults are playing.

2010 Executive Elections:

The following are the 2010 / 2011 executive:

Bernie Penner	President	2 year term
Maurice Blanleil	Vice President	1 year term
Kevin Fedorak	Treasurer	2 year term
Tracy Light	Secretary	2 year term
Cindy Maycock	Director	1 year term
Kathy Wirachowsky	Director	2 year term
Paul Lumsden	Director	1 year term

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:26 pm.

Next Executive meeting will be held November 3, 2010 @ 6:00 pm @ the Okanagan College.