



North Delta Baseball Association  
June 14, 2006  
Mackie Clubhouse  
Annual General Meeting

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to order @ 8:45 pm**

**2. President's Opening Remarks:**

Bob thanked everyone for coming tonight, especially since playoff games are still in progress. He apologized for any confusion on the start time (8 vs 8:30pm). He made a note to ask everyone to complete the sign in sheet and grab copies of last years AGM minutes.

**3. Motion to Adopt Minutes:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting was made by Margaret Kushnerik and seconded by Anne Hayes. Motion carried.

**4. Reports:**

1. **President** – Welcome and thank you all for coming. It's been a great ball season so far. Throughout this meeting we are going to review this current season and, more importantly, elect the 2007 ND Baseball Executive. To date this year we have had 3 successful tournaments, Tadpole, Jeff Francis and John Main. We are also hosting the Mosquito AAA Tier II Provincials August 3-7, 2006 at Annieville Lions Park. We have had a busy season thus far and have seen the previous drainage project at Bob Bunnett field to completion. A new project for our association is a rebuilding of the batting cage at Bob Bunnett Field. In my dealings with the Corporation of Delta, it is noted that times are changing. Organized sports are having to move towards a new format of pay as you play thus putting more costs onto the user groups for upkeep and new improvements. At this time I thank our 2006 executive members for their time, hard work and dedication. WE

rely on the expertise of long standing executive members and welcome ideas from our current members, all who have put forth a lot of time and effort to make our association the success that it is. A special thank you to Andrea Martisca and Anne Hayes who have helped me throughout this year. I also thank my family who are currently members of this executive. I wish the 2007 executive all the best and most successful season.

2. **Vice-President** – no report
3. **Treasurer** – Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report as at October 31, 2005. Teena Ball. Debbie Burkmar. Motion carried.
4. **Registrar** - This year, North Delta had 486 registered players for 2006, down 15 from 2005. We had our first Early Registration at Closing Ceremonies last year and saw 51 early registrants in various divisions. We will again have Early Registration for the 2007 season at Closing Ceremonies this year.

<b>Division</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Blastball	33	48
TBall	101	98
Tadpole	102	120
Mosquito	84	70
Pee Wee	56	63
Bantam	51	50
Midget	27	32
Junior	15	0
Premier	17	20

5. **Blastball** – The Blastball Division had a decrease in registrations, with registration resting at about 35 children. We had 6 teams of 5-6 players per team. I believe the decrease in registrations mainly stemmed from children moving onto TBall because of the lack of challenge felt in the previous Blastball program. This year we introduced a new pilot program called the “Rally Cap” program sponsored by Baseball BC and developed by Baseball Canada. Baseball BC provided new tees, balls and 3 different colour hats for each team. The children worked on specific skills and upon attaining those skills or reaching a certain week in the program – the team was awarded a particular colour hat that corresponded to that skill. Having children register at a young age is important as it

forms a foundation for the NDBA's future. I recommend the Rally Cap program for the 2007 season and believe it has the structure required to be a 2 year program (ie where children who have completed the first half of the program at age 4 can move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the program for age 5. Tball could go back to a 6 year old program only. We had a fabulous group of coaches! This was mostly first and second year experiences for these parents in such roles, these volunteers also form the great foundation for future success. I would like to thank David Laing from Baseball BC for all of his help and support!

6. **TBall** - The TBall division had 10 teams of 10-11 players this year for a total of 105 players. The players and their parents were for the most part enthusiastic and relaxed and I enjoyed working with them. I have not been involved with the NDBA before and I had (still have) a lot to learn. I would like to thank Rick Antoniak and Wendy Bunnett for their patience, encouragement and support.
7. **Tadpole** - The Tadpole division had 102 kids this year making up 8 teams. We played 14 regular season games, which worked out to twice a week. Each team played a minimum of 3 tournament and 3 playoff games for a total of 20. For the first time this year second year Mosquito players were allowed to complete the Level 1 course and umpire Tadpole games. These kids did a great job and I heard nothing but positive feedback from the coaches and parents. There were also very few problems scheduling umpires for the games. The Orioles, coached by Brian Tivy and Ryan Galovich won the Victoria Day tournament. We held our Skills Competition on the final day of the tournament with 5 events including a Base Race competition. Manny Albrino and Aris Reyes' Dodgers finished the regular season in first place, with Craig White and Daryl Riva's Mariners a close second. I'd like to thank Cindy DiFabio for stepping up to run the Gunderson concession this year. Terry Nugent, Craig White, and Brian Hall will be coaching our All-Star team this summer. I'd like to thank all of the coaches and parents who stepped up to help throughout the season. I look forward to seeing everyone around the parks next season.
8. **Mosquito** - has been a successful year for Mosquito Division Baseball in North Delta. We have 84 players forming 7 teams. This compares with 70 players last year and 6 teams. We had 34 second year players and 50 first year players. The Jeff Francis (May long weekend) Tournament was a critical and financial success. The tournament was full with a waiting list and although the weather was not perfect we will be over \$2000.00 in profit

when all the bills are paid. I would like to thank Joanne & Mike Francis for their generous donations and help. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with this tournament but I would like to make a special thank you to Wendy & Aaron Bunnett, Teena Ball and Dev Grewal. We have a busy summer ahead of us as we will have an "AAA" and an "A" team participating in Summer Ball. We are hosting the Mosquito "A" tournament on the July long weekend and the Bunnett Cup "AAA" tournament from July 13-16<sup>th</sup>. We have also been awarded the AAA Provincial Championships for Tier II, August 3-7th. Needless to say, any and all volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to the Coaches and Managers of this years teams. I think we have been competitive and cooperative and the level of play has improved. My gratitude goes out to Sheila Boychuck, Wendy Bunnett and Rick Antoniak our Umpire Coordinators, who has done a very good job with a very limited number of umpires. As always, it has been a very challenging year in Concession and we are extremely grateful to Cindy Difabio and Teena Ball. As a coordinator my job was made much easier by everyone on the board, but I would like to pass along special thanks to Rick Antoniak and Dev Grewal for making me seem much more competent than I really am. Last and most importantly my heartfelt thanks to the players and the Parents. And I hope it was an enjoyable year for all.

9. **Pee Wee** – The Pee Wee division had just over 50 players, split between two double A teams and 3 single A teams. The division was very competitive and both teams placed well. We also hosted a very successful John Main tournament with Newton and, this year, we hosted the final game which was won by Cloverdale. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who helped to make this tournament a success. We are planning to run two summer all-star teams, one triple A and one double A.
10. **Bantam** – The Bantam Division had 46 players this year, split between one Triple A and three Single A teams. The interlock playoffs for Single A started June 5 with the final June 17. The Triple A season is a single season format with the provincials running in Rutland this year, August 10 to August 14. The ND coaching staff and I would also like to thank Teena Ball for her tireless behind the scenes work at the Westview concession. Volunteer work like this makes this league successful. I would also like to thank Brad Woof for his work in managing the umpires for Bantam this year. Only those that have gone before know how time consuming this job is. Good luck to all the players throughout the playoffs

as well as to those choosing to represent North Delta in summer ball. See you all next year in either Bantam or Midget.

11. **Midget Division:** This year North Delta fielded 4 teams at the Midget Level, 2-AA, 1 Junior and 1 Premier team. Special thanks go out to all the coaches for all their time and effort. The regular season has just finished for the AA teams and playoffs are well underway but both of our teams have already been eliminated. This gives us more time to get ready for summer ball. Last summer our team qualified for the provincial tournament but did not finish in top place. We'll show them this year. Both the Junior Jays and the Blue Jays operate a single season format so playoffs for them do not start until August. At present the Blue Jays are sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 16 wins and 11 losses and the Junior Jays are in 2<sup>nd</sup> with 10 wins and 4 losses. My thanks go out to the parents, coaches, umpires and players of the Midget division, who make Midget co-ordinator the easiest job on the board of directors. Again, I would like to thank Debbie Burkmar for her untiring work at the Mackie Park concession and Brad Woof for co-ordinating the umpires. Good luck to all the players throughout the remainder of the season. See you all next year.
12. **Annieville Concession:** The Annieville concession is doing well. The financials are not currently prepared. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers and Margaret Kushnerik for helping run the concession throughout the year.
13. **Gunderson Concession:** Income of \$10,434.74; Expenses of \$ 14, 743.97 including Food and Beverage (\$9,314.97); Umpires (\$ 2,429.00) and Advance (\$3,000.00). Net Income: \$-4,309.23. Approximate Inventory: \$600.00 Cash in Bank: \$2,186.14
14. **Sunbury Concession:** See Annieville as this concession was only operated for the John Main tournament.
15. **Westview Concession:** I would like to thank the team moms from the Bantam division, Tammy Lavalley, Joyce Derksen, Andrea Martisca and Robin Alvarez de Araya for basically running the concession for me and keeping everything coordinated. The break-in did bother me and I did take it personally. It is unfortunate that people could be so heartless, especially to a volunteer run organization like ours.
16. **Mackie Concession:** The concession is doing well but as the season does not finish for Mackie until well into August; there is no report at this time.

**17. Umpire in Chief:** The North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development program ran for another successful year, in 2006, with several achievements. Overseen by Brad Woof – Umpire-in-Chief, the program was supported by 39 official umpires, 6 allocators and the ND Baseball Association executive. Approximately 274 games were allocated to date by the program. The first ever mail out was conducted to inform previously registered, out of area and new umpires of our Clinic Date, the Clinic took place at Burnsvew Secondary on April 1, 2006 running from 8:30 – 4:30 and was attended by approximately 41 umpires, 7 of which were from out of area, instructed by Dave Bisskey, Arne Pederson and Brad woof. Allocation began April 2, assisted by Rick and Tina Antoniak for Tadpole Wendy Bunnett and then Sheila Murrey-Boychuk for Mosquito, Brad Woof for Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget and Lisa Brown-Rooke as Backup. Allocation ran smoothly although a lack of umpires was identified, due to lack of enrolment or no availability and on 5 occasions out of area umpires had to be used to fill games. No major correspondence was received by the program although there was both positive and negative feedback on the quality and quantity of umpires on a few occasions. 3 Rules clarifications arose throughout the season, one being the Pitcher Balk rule in Mosquito, another being the minimum Number of Players required to Play A Game and another being the Time Limit rule all of which will be addressed further at next years Rules committee meeting. Umpire Pay Scale, particularly the pay procedure for one man umpire crews and staff umpires was postponed to be looked at during the fall of this year when the umpire pay scale is to be reviewed. The North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development program account started with an opening balance of inventory value from 2005 of approximately \$ 851.33. In 2006 the account incurred and expense total of \$5084.29 with an income total of \$2798.12 and a closing balance of inventory value of \$2993.28. Achievements for the program were the changing of the minimum umpire age from 11 to 10 for first year umpires umpiring Tadpole only, the first ever mail out and the introduction of umpire awards to be awarded to most proficient umpire for Level 1 and Level 2 at Closing Ceremonies. A positive year with a positive outcome, next years outlook is also positive with anticipated growth in umpire enrolment, the upgrading of several senior umpires to Level 3 with the return of the BC Baseball Umpires Association Super Clinic to the Lower Mainland and the continuation of development of the younger umpires. If more information is required, or if you have any questions or comments, feel

free to call me at 778-786-4083, fax me at 604-572-0911 or email me at [rasher0123@hotmail.com](mailto:rasher0123@hotmail.com). A note was made to thank Brad who also attended games umped by new umpires to work with them and provide constructive feedback for improvements.

18. **Field Manager:** absent – no report.

## **5. Old Business:**

There is no old business from the 2005 AGM

## **6. Election of Officers:**

President: Norm Van Vooght (2 year term)  
Past President: Bob Burkmar  
Vice-President: Rick Antoniak (1 year term)  
Secretary: Wendy Bunnett (2 year term)  
Treasurer: Margaret Kushnerik  
Registrar: Karen Deeg  
Umpire in Chief: Brad Woof  
Field Manager: Steve Boychuk

## **Fund Raising:**

Marketing Director: Paige O'Connell  
Yearbook: Andrea Martisca  
Equipment: Kevin Brown  
(Pee Wee)  
Uniform: Trudy Macdonald  
(Pee Wee)  
Equipment/Uniform: Jaret Burkmar  
(Bantam & Midget)  
**Blastball Rep\*:** (see Directors at Large)  
TBall Rep: Susie Kelly  
Tadpole Rep: Doug Sandover  
Mosquito Rep: Craig White  
Pee Wee Rep: Robert Deeg

Bantam Rep: Andrea Martisca

Midget Rep: Becky Gilmour

**Gunderson concession:**

Annieville concession: Teena Ball

**Sunbury concession:**

**Westview concession:**

Mackie concession: Debbie Burkmar

Publicity Director: Sarah Lemon

Social Director: Kim Hein/Janet Tivy

**Tournament Director:**

Coaching Director: Dev Grewal

Directors at Large: Wayne Carter (Blastball)

Hugh Tait

Barry Hyde

Drew Lyon

\*Note that the Blastball Rep is not a voting position

**7. Closing Remarks:**

Thanked everyone again for coming and those taking on new positions. We will continue to work with the new executive members.

**8. Motion to destroy the ballots:**

- For the Mosquito Division rep vote. Motion to destroy ballots by W. Carlson. Seconded by A. Hayes. All in favour. Motion Carried.
- For the Directors at Large vote. Motion to destroy ballots by A. Hayes. Seconded by T. Macdonald. All in favour. Motion Carried.

**9. Motion to adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by G. Elias. Seconded by N. Van Vooght. All in favour – Motion Carried.

**Next AGM will be  
Wednesday June 13, 2007  
8:30 pm MACKIE PARK CLUBHOUSE**