

North Delta Baseball Association
Location: Mackie Clubhouse
Date: June 13, 2007

Time: 8:30 pm

1. President's Opening Remarks:

I would like to thank all of the members of the 2007 North Delta Baseball Board of Directors for their time and efforts in making this season successful.

One of the most successful things this year was the fact that we kept our registration steady for the second straight year. This is in direct contrast to many other associations. The numbers remained the same even though we were confronted by extreme winter conditions for both of our registration weekends and the fact that the corporation still will not allow us to put up any street side advertising.

Two areas of concern to me are the decreasing number of volunteers for the Board of Directors and the shortage of umpires.

It will be imperative that all members of the board work hard to ensure that we can recruit other like-minded parents to fill all vacant positions and encourage competition for all spots on the board. The Board of Directors is not an exclusive club but a group of concerned parents entrusted with our children's pastime.

The umpire shortage is not exclusive to North Delta but has been noticed by all associations. Raising the umpire's fees is not the answer. Recruitment and ongoing training will be vital to ensure that there are enough quality umpires to keep the games going. Ongoing training will ensure that there are fewer opportunities for Coaches and Managers to try and manipulate and intimidate the umpires.

I would like to add my personal thanks to Rick Antoniak and his family. Rick is technically our Vice President but he has helped in so many different capacities. Coach, Webmaster, Umpire Allocator and now he and his entire family have gone to the "Dark Side" and become umpires. Thank you Rick for all of these and many other jobs you have taken on this year.

Many thanks to the members of the board and all of the volunteers that keep this organization running year after year.

Norman van Vooght

- 2. Motion to adopt minutes of June 14, 2006 AGM meeting:** Wendy forgot the AGM minutes from last year. Wendy to send AGM minutes to Rick for posting to Website and voting on 2006 and 2007 minutes to take place at 2008 AGM.

3. New Business:

Closing Ceremonies – Move to the 3rd Saturday of June for the 2008 season.

Rick: Can't think of anyone who actually enjoys spending Father's Day at Closing Ceremonies. Is there any reason why we have it on the Sunday?

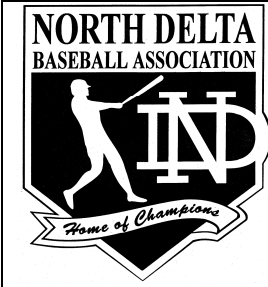
Bob: For those who are long time residents and ex-members of the executive, they know it happens that day and they can come down to the park. As well, we sell a lot of clothing for Father's Day.

Debbie: It's tradition.

Bob: Suggest that we try it for a couple of years and see if there is any difference in attendance.

Andrea: Is the issue that it is Sunday and Father's Day OR because it's at 10:00 a.m.?

Vote: How many to change to Saturday – 8



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How many to keep it on Sunday – 9
Sunday it is!

4. Reports:

Vice-President – Would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive and especially Norman for all their work. Particularly, thank you to the Reps for their thankless jobs. Margaret – thanks for all of your help. You are always running around taking care of things. Big Thanks.

Treasurer – October 31, 2006 Financial Statements – see attached
Motion to adopt these Financials – **Moved by Dev Grewal, Seconded – Passed.**

Registrar – As we continue to compete with other organized spring sports, we managed to have 487 registrants. 17 players withdrew for various reasons.

All players received a “Property of ND Baseball T shirt”, which appear to have been well received. Each team also received 2 t shirts for their coaches and all members of the executive were offered a t shirt. We will have to fiddle with sizing next year to ensure we have enough of each size, however, it being the first year, some bugs needed to be worked out.

Registration began last September, which was followed by 2 sessions at the ND Rec Center, in November, and 2 sessions at Mackie Clubhouse in January. Thank you to everyone who helped out at those sessions.

Advertising was done in the Leader newspaper, and with lawn signs, as well as the reader boards at Sungod Arena and Nordel. We had a great package with 4 other associations which gave us more exposure at a great rate, and we will look to do that “special” again next year.

The following expenses were incurred by the registrar this season:

Printing (Wilcox Printing)	\$194.51
Newspaper Ads Nov 2006	\$444.09
Newspaper Ads Jan.007 (combined with other assoc)	\$451.83
Postage and Stationary (for mail outs)	\$301.47
* T shirts (original order) Prostock	\$3,782.98
*(additional blast ball sizes) Prostock	<u>\$400.68</u>
	\$5,576.46

* (Cost of t-shirts was offset by increase in registration fees this year.)

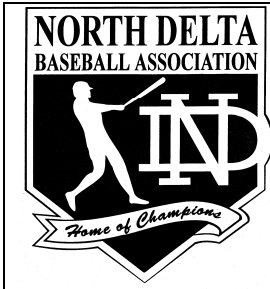
Karen Deeg
Registrar

Blast-Ball – Rally Cap program is going well- real grasp of the basics of baseball.
We have 36 children registered.

We have 6 teams with 6 players per team.

A real bright spot for this division is the introduction of the Rally Cap program. The children are really learning a lot of the basics and are really enjoying how it is presented to them. It is helping the new coaches with what to teach their teams. I recommend we continue with this program in the years to come.

A negative with this division is getting the police background checks returned to us in a timely fashion. I



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recommend in the future to hand out these checks earlier to anyone wanting to coach for NDBA. (Perhaps when we have the registrations being done, we could hand them out then to anyone interested in coaching)

Thank you.

Wayne Carter
Blastball Coordinator

T-Ball – The 2007 T-Ball Season was a fun one. The coaches were a pleasure to work with and it seems the season is over all too quickly.

We had 110 kids equating to 10 teams with 11 kids per team. We have had no major incidents to report.

Overall the outstanding majority liked the 3 outs / 6 run maximum. It helped move the game along and provided a quicker turn around time for the kids from field to batting. Majority likes the pitching it to the kids and feel it could start a little earlier than ½ way through the season provided it was introduced in the practices early as well.

Set rules on the playing of the game would be better than discussing with each coach how they would like to play, before each game i.e. running through batting line up or 3 out/6 runs.

It would be excellent if the T-Ball group could have a tournament. FUN!

I'd like to thank Kevin the Equipment Manager for helping with the requests we had for equipment swaps and getting the new T-Ball bats on back order to us. Thanks Kevin.

The pictures turned out excellent as well and are worth noting.

I believe there will be a high number of kids returning next year.

Lisa Williams
T-Ball Coordinator

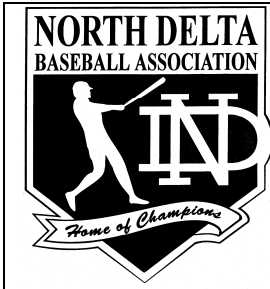
Tadpole – The Tadpole division had 76 players this year in which we made 7 teams. We all played 12 regular season games plus 3 in the tournament and a minimum of 2 games in the playoffs, which are still ongoing.

This year we introduced pitching to Tadpole for the first time. There have been some growing pains along the way. I have had feedback positive and negative. Some parents think it is BORING but it is a learning process. In which I feel long term will benefit the kids.

The Mariners coached by Gil Dasilva and Brian Poschner won the Victoria Day Tournament beating out the Cloverdale Angels. There was a skills competition held in between the semi finals and the final game in which the kids really enjoyed.

The Athletics finished in first place during the regular season followed by the Astros coming in second.

Special thanks should go out to Dawn Kelly for stepping up to the plate. (pardon the pun) and taking on the Gunderson concession in which she has done an excellent job.



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I myself Doug Sandover , Glen Vanpyuenbroek and Noel Wiber will be coaching the summer ball team this year.

I would personally like to thank all the coaches, team moms and all the other parents that gave up their time this year to make the season enjoyable for the kids.

Thanks
Doug Sandover
Tadpole Rep

Thanks to Rick for the huge amount of help you gave to me. Summerball Tournament will be hosted by ND June 28 to July 1.

Mosquito – The 2007 Mosquito Division competed with 8 teams and 97 players. A wait list was established. The 16 game regular season will conclude on June 10 and the playoffs to follow and conclude with the championship game on June 24, 2007.

Teams have all been very competitive with the majority of games being very close.

Players for the most part appear to have had an enjoyable year with general improvement noted on all levels. The introduction of pitching this year in the Tadpole Division should lead to an improved level of play in next years' Mosquito Division.

All 8 teams were involved in the Victoria weekend tournaments with 4 teams traveling to outside tournaments and 4 teams staying at home to play in our own Jeff Francis tournament. All teams had a very enjoyable time with the North Delta White Sox playing in the final which was won by the Ladner Phillies.

Coaching staff for the 2 summer ball teams (A, AAA) are now being finalized. Tryouts and team selection will take place within the next 2 weeks with practices to follow. Provincials for both teams are in August.

Generally the season has gone well with no significant issues of note. Coaches and players have cooperated well to make it a generally enjoyable experience.

Big thank you to Umpire Coordinator, Sheila Murray who has been asked to make several changes to her schedule to accommodate game changes. The young umpires have done a very good job throughout the season.

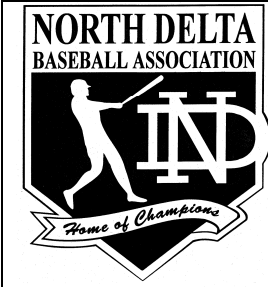
Craig White
Mosquito Coordinator

A and AAA Summerball teams are hosting tournaments.

Pee Wee – PeeWee division teams had a very successful year.

In PeeWee A, we fielded 3 teams.

The Mariners finished 6th out of 19 teams with a 12-5-0 record
The Indians finished 7th with a 12-5-1 record
The White Sox finished 10th at 7-7-1.



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Not all teams finished with the same number of games played due to rainouts and cancelled games.

In PeeWee AA, we fielded one team.

The Red Sox finished 6th out of 9 team with a .500 record (8-8-0)

The Red Sox played in 2 tournaments and were finalists in Cloverdale and Semi Finalists in the John Main tournament.

We are hoping to field both AA and A for summer, but it will depend on the numbers that come to tryout. We are looking for at least 26 kids to tryout.

Double knockout playoff format has started this week for both divisions.

Rob Deeg
Pee Wee Coordinator

Bantam – The Bantam Division had 42 players this year, split between one Triple A, one double A and one Single A team.

The interlock playoffs for Single A & Double A started early June with the finals June 16/17. The Triple A season is a single season format with the provincials running in Rutland this year, August 10 to August 14.

The Triple A team is currently at the top of the BC Minor standings. Both the Double and Single A teams finished with decent records given the level of talent fielded by other associations in both ties.

The ND coaching staff and I would also like to thank Teena Ball and Margaret Kushnerik for their efforts at Westview concession.

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.

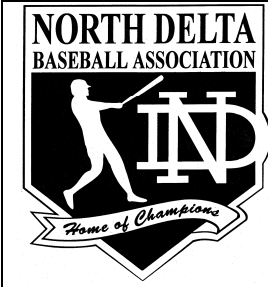
Andrea Martisca
Bantam Division Coordinator

Not sure what Summerball will look like for Bantam. A looks good, but AA doesn't look so good.

Midget – This year North Delta fielded 4 teams at the Midget Level. 3-AA and 1-Premier Team. No AAA team was fielded due to lack of interest on behalf of the players. We certainly have the talent pool as two of our three AA Teams finished in the top 4 places.

Special thanks go out to all the coaches for all their time and effort.

Regular season has just finished for the AA teams and Playoffs started May 4th. There are two pools so lets hope that we all finish near the top. Try out for Summer Ball should start next week. For several years the Midget division finished with a provincial tournament in the second week in August. This year BC Minor with be sending a



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AA Team to westerns. With our good showing in Spring play we should be able to field a highly competitive team. Good luck boys.

The Blue Jays operate a single season format. So playoffs for them do not start till August. The Blue Jays are in a building year with several new players learning the ropes.

This is my last year with North Delta Baseball as my youngest son has now graduated. It has been a great 17 years. I don't know what I'm going to do next spring perhaps I'll have to take some lessons and play myself. If you see me hanging about the park looking lost invite me to sit down and cheer.

Again I would like to thank Debbie Burkmar for her hard work at the Mackie Park concession and Brad Woolf for co-coordinating the umpires.

Good luck to all the players throughout the remainder of the season.

Becky Gilmour
Midget Division Coordinator

Annieville Concession – Margaret Kushnerik prepared this report on behalf of Teena Ball.

Sales:

Annieville: \$14,458

Sunbury: \$887

Westview: \$2946

Total Sales: \$18,291

Expenses:

Annieville Umpires: \$2167

Sunbury Umpires: \$97

Westview Umpires: \$1654

Purchases \$13,067

Total Expenses: \$16985

Approximate Net Profit: \$1306

Weather was a huge factor. The purpose of the Concessions is to pay for the umpires. These figures do not include Summerball, so more to be made!

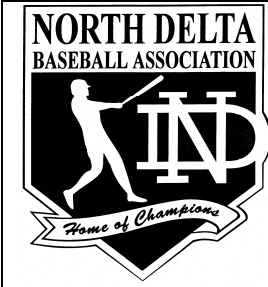
Gunderson Concession – As this was my first year running Gunderson, it was very interesting and busy. We had no big purchases but we did have a new coffee machine put into Gunderson from our Coffee Distributor. Learning where to shop for what things as the time went by got a lot easier.

Purchases for concession \$5607.37

Ump Fees till 28 May:

Tadpole 45 games \$ 990.00

Mosquito 25 games \$ 675.00



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Total expenses **\$7272.37**

Cash advance \$3000.00

To date we have made a profit of **\$1647.00**

Bottle returns to date included in above \$ 80.20

We still have 3 weeks to go and I am hoping with the stock and summer ball to have a profit of \$3000.00.

Dawn Kelly – Gunderson Concession Manager

Thanks to Doug and Craig for all your help this year.

Sunbury Concession: see Annieville

Westview Concession: see Annieville

Mackie Concession – There are 4 teams playing out of Mackie Park: ND Blue Jay Premier, ND AA Rockies, ND AA Dodgers and ND AA Indians. We have had a poor start with the rain at the beginning of the season. This has caused a few rain outs but none the less, full usage of the park. Our season is still going with the Premier program and the Summer All star program (has yet to start) until the end of July. Hopefully we will open for the Fall ball season. At the end of September/October a financial statement will be given in to the Treasurer for the current year.

Beginning Balance	\$50.00
Advance	\$3000.00
Sales	\$2132.75
Total	\$5182.75

Expenses:	\$2474.06
Total (balance on hand)	\$2708.69

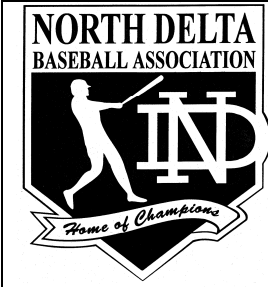
We have approximately \$200.00 in stock on hand.

Debbie Burkmar
Concession Manager

Umpire in Chief – The North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development Program ran for another successful year, in 2007, with several achievements. Overseen by Brad Woof – Umpire-In-Chief the program was supported by 40 official umpires, 4 allocators, and the North Delta Baseball Association executive.

The Level 1 Umpire Clinic took place at Annieville/Bob Bunnett Upper Field & Meeting Room on Saturday 07 April 2007 running from 09:00-12:00 and was attended by approximately 21 umpires, 10 of which were new umpires, instructed by Troy Carmont. The Level 2 Umpire Clinic took place at Annieville/Bob Bunnett Upper Field & Meeting Room on Monday 23 April 2007 running from 18:00-21:00 and was attended by approximately 20 umpires, instructed by Jerry Tregaskis and Bobby Olszowiec. Many thanks are given to Rick Antoniak who helped to coordinate both clinics.

Allocation began Saturday 07 April 2007, assisted by Rick Antoniak for Tadpole, Sheila Murrey-Boychuk for Mosquito, Janet Tivy for PeeWee, and Brad Woof for Bantam and Midget. Allocation ran smoothly although a lack of umpires at the higher levels was identified, due to lack of enrollment or no availability and out of area umpires had to be used to fill games.



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Some e-mails and phone calls were received throughout the year in regards to the umpires, some complaints, some compliments, some ejections and some protests. All correspondence was dealt with internally and communicated to the umpires concerned, suspensions in regards to ejections were served and of the 3 protests lodged 2 went ahead although were denied.

1 rules clarification arose throughout the season, being the mandatory suspension rule for ejections at the Midget level which will be clarified further at next years Rules Committee Meeting although more importantly at the interlock and BC Minor level.

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, October's executive meeting.

The North Delta Baseball Association Umpire Development Program Account was not floated this year as minimum expenses were incurred primarily relating to equipment purchases, most of which were offset by sales or held over in inventory value.

Umpire awards are pending, to be awarded at closing ceremonies to the most proficient umpire for Level 1 and Level 2 along with certificates for honorable mention.

Next year a mentoring/shadowing program is being looked into, and the Umpire Mailout will be reinstated.

All in all, a positive year with a positive outcome, next years outlook is also positive with focused growth in umpire enrollment at the older levels, the upgrading of several senior umpires to level 3 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) 591-8209, or e-mail me at rasher0123@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,

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

Field Manager – Despite very wet early spring weather, city crews had our ball fields in good shape for the start of the season.

School field conditions remain a concern, particularly Gray Elementary, which I've been told is virtually unusable, leaving Midget teams with limited practice options. Perhaps some sort of arrangement can be made, regarding costs and labour with the schools, city and NDBA to improve this.

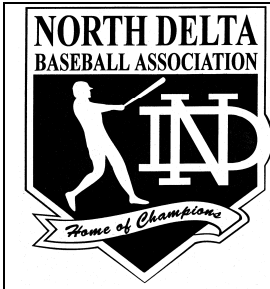
Negative feedback continues regarding the use of spray paint to mark our lines. I'll be looking into acquiring some field whitening (lime) for the summer ball season so that teams will have a choice as to how they mark their lines.

Much of my budget was spent on organizing the Annieville lockup. Monies leftover will be spent on new wide rakes, hoses, and some field whitening.

In my 1st year at field manager I've learned a lot, have forged a good working relationship with city crews and will continue to help and improve playing conditions for all of our fields.

Steve Boychuk
NDBA Field manager

Thanks in advance to all those who will come to help take the Gunderson fence down. Reps – please collect all the Annieville Keys from your coaches to be handed in to Steve at September meeting.



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Coaching Director – This year was very successful in improving the level of coaching knowledge and development of all the volunteers in the association. I used three different avenues to provide the coaches with as much opportunity to improve their skills as possible. The BC Baseball Coaching Conference, Canadian Coaching Certification program and individual divisional coaching sessions that included coaching manual for each coach specific to their division.

BC Coaching Conference

This year we had 10 North Delta coaches attend the BC Baseball Coaching Conference held at Douglas College in early March. This included the following members; Les Suzuki, Corey Parsons, Brent Parsons, Terry Nugent, Ari Mellios, Gary Hockban, Ryan Gallager, Jeff Burkmar, Owen Blacklaws and Rick Antoniak.

NCCP Coaching Certification Program

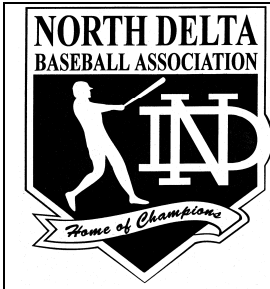
Currently, we still have coaches going to the NCCP coaching certification programs to gain their individual coaching certifications. Coaches from all levels including T-ball, Tadpole, Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam have attended the different sessions around the mainland to secure their Level 1 and 2 coaching certifications. Approximately 8 coaches and managers have already improved or gained their levels to date this year. Next year our league will apply to host both the level 1 and Level 2 sessions to ensure all coaches have this opportunity.

Individual Coaching Sessions

With great cooperation from the divisional reps, I have held on-field or classroom meetings with T-ball, Tadpole, Mosquito and Pee Wee coaches. Each coach in every division has received an individual coaching manual that gave them coaching and practice tips that were directed to their division. Overall, I had approximately 20 sets of coaches that attended these meetings and the feedback was very good at each session. Going forward I think we will continue to do these and add a specific skills component where we will provide sessions for Pitching, Catching and Hitting. Hopefully, we can use some of our own coaches in the higher divisions to help out with these.

Regards
Dev Grewal
Coaching Director

5. **Old Business** – nothing.
6. **Election of Officers:**
 - a. Vice President – Rick Antoniak
 - b. Secretary – Wendy Bunnett
 - c. Treasurer – Margaret Kushnerik
 - d. Registrar – Karen Deeg
 - e. Umpire-In-Chief – Brad Woof
 - f. Field Manager – Steve Boychuk
 - g. Fundraising - VACANT
 - h. Marketing Director - VACANT
 - i. Yearbook – Andrea Martisca



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- j. Equipment (PeeWee and below) – Kevin Brown
- k. Uniform (Pee Wee and below) – Trudy MacDonald
- l. Equipment/Uniform (Bantam & Midget) – Jaret Burkmar
- m. Blastball Rep - VACANT
- n. T-Ball Rep – Wayne Carter
- o. Tadpole Rep – Doug Sandover
- p. Mosquito Rep – Craig White
- q. Pee Wee Rep – Rob Deeg
- r. Bantam Rep - VACANT
- s. Midget Rep - VACANT
- t. Gunderson Concession Manager - Dawn Kelly
- u. Annieville Concession Manager – Teena Ball
- v. Sunbury Concession Manager - VACANT
- w. Westivew Concession Manager – VACANT
- x. Mackie Concession Manager – Bob Burkmar
- y. Publicity Director - VACANT
- z. Social Director – Janet Tivy
- aa. Tournament Director - VACANT
- bb. Coaching Director – Dev Grewal
- cc. Directors At Large – Jeff Burkmar
- dd. Director At Large – Noel Wiber

NOTE: As an executive, we need to get people involved in NDBA. We would do much better if we can get the empty positions filled; the Rep positions especially. We need to work with the younger groups to encourage them to get involved.

- 7. **Motion to destroy ballots. Moved by Norman – Seconded PASSED**
- 8. **Closing Remarks**
- 9. **Motion to Adjourn – Moved by Janet – Seconded PASSED**