

# BENDIGO BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes General Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015

HELD at – Albert Roy Reserve

Meeting Opened:- 7:40pm

Item #	Item
1.	<b>Present:</b> Sarah Plowright, Sean Meldrum, Lana Harrison, Joe Jones, Gay Huggard, Terry Smith, Brendan Aikman, Pam Dawkins, Jason Harriage, Julie Jones.
2.	<b>Apologies:</b> Helen Aikman, Chris Murphy <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Plowright <b>Second:</b> Jason Harriage
3.	<b>Minutes – Motion that the minutes of the 22/07/15 meeting be accepted</b> 4.11 – Amendment required – Re: <b>Motion:</b> Raffle to be run on Presentation Night. <b>Moved:</b> Lana Harrison <b>Second:</b> Julie Jones Julie Jones did not second the motion. Unable to determine who had Second this motion. <b>Moved:</b> Lana Harrison <b>Second:</b> Joe Jones
4.	<b>Business arising from the minutes:</b>  <b>4.1 Over Pitch Count</b> Notification of breach of Pitch Count – Informed Junior Pitcher had pitched couple of batters over (No club identified in report)  Terry has spent 2 hours with Sarah going through match cards. All clubs to receive fines. <b>Action:</b> Terry to follow up within next 7 days. <b>Completed – BBA President meeting with clubs held – All fines tabled @ meeting.</b>  <b>4.2 Core 6 –</b> Clubs still waiting on spreadsheet Not clear on what information Clubs want on spreadsheet.  <b>Agreed:</b> - Any inconsistencies which happen in Core 6 should be picked up by Registration Secretary and tabled at BBA meetings. - Further discussion to be held in 2016.  <b>4.3 SWC U12 Carnival Profit:-</b>  <b>Action:</b> Pam to check through previous year’s minutes to see if parameters have been set for these monies  <b>Outcome: BBA July Meeting (23/07/2014) – States:</b>  <i>“Profit from this year’s and last year’s Und12 Winter Championships, to be at the disposal of the junior Development Committee <b>Moved:</b> Chris Murphy     <b>Second:</b> Terry Smith “</i>  <b>Motion:</b> Profits from 2015 U12 SWC be split 5 ways between clubs and BBA. <b>Moved:</b> Lana Harrison <b>Second:</b> Joe Jones                     Carried.

<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b>  As tabled x 5 Reports:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) August Financial Report</li> <li>2) 2015 Budget</li> <li>3) 2015 Und 18 Championships (Wangaratta) / 2015 Senior Championships</li> </ol> <p><b>U18 Championships –</b>  Helen Aikman's \$400 Donation to Junior Baseball:-  <b>Agreed:</b> - Monies to be used to cover cost of 2 x Baseball Caps &amp; Championship Deficit.  Rest of monies to be distributed to all players in U18 Championships.</p> <p><b>Senior State Winter Championships –</b>  <b>Motion:</b> - Money to refund Pam Dawkins (Scorer) - Re: Made donation at time of Championships (Paid own Accommodation)  <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Plowright                      <b>Second:</b> Brendan Aikman                      Carried</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4) 2015 Und 12 Championships (Bendigo)  Stock left over which clubs are purchasing:-  Hamburgers – Strath Dodgers                      } <b>Action:</b> Gay to chase up payments for goods with clubs  Soft Drinks - Falcons                                      }</li> </ol> <p>1x Gas Bottle (Falcons) – Refilled.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5) Other Reports.</li> </ol> <p><i>Treasurer's reports be accepted.</i>  <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Plowright                      <b>Second:</b> Sean Meldrum                      Carried</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence (in):</b> As Tabled</p> <p><b>In Addition to Correspondence list:-</b>  25/08/15 &amp; 26/08/15 – Great Ideas – Re: BBA Award Winners – List send to Christopher Dove  25/08/15 – Terry Smith – Re: Response to Senior Match Conditions for Finals – <b>Document circulated to clubs.</b>  25/08/15 – Inma Obregon – All Seasons – Re: Cost of PA System Hire  25/08/15 – Cassandra Fuller – Re: Awards Night information  25/08/15 – Dale Lindrea – Falcons Baseball Club – Re: Letters for BBA meeting (August 2015)  26/08/15 – Sean Meldrum – Re: Dietary Requirements for Presentation Night.</p> <p>-</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence (out):</b>  As Tabled</p> <p><i>Correspondence be accepted.</i>  <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Plowright                      <b>Second:</b> Sean Meldrum</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b><u>.1 Secretary</u></b></p> <p>Tabled – Complaints from 2013 to Pam Dawkins  26/06/2013 – From Ratchel McMahon – Re: Complaint – ‘Formal Complaint Re: Pam Dawkins’  03/09/2013 – From Jeanine Fitzgerald – Re: Complaint – ‘Re: Pam Dawkins’</p> <p>Neither of these complaints tabled at any meeting. Investigation held by BBA President (Mick Amos) &amp; BBA Secretary (Cass Fuller).</p>

Disclosure of complaints and investigation made by Pam Dawkins at start of 2015 season, when reading BBA Secretary information. No correspondence received on these issues made by 2013 BBA Executive to Pam Dawkins.

Concerns were made to BBA President (Terry Smith), prior to start of season, for advice.

In light of current outstanding issues from 2014, need for complaints to be formally documented in BBA minutes to ensure transparency of process within BBA.

**Action:** Investigation requested into allegations and mediation to close the complaints.

### **.2 Umpires:**

12 umpires currently members of BBUA

Have had approaches by more players to join in 2016.

3 members assisted GBA with umpires during finals series – Received positive feedback from players and members of association on umpiring.

4 man system being played out during finals season.

Thankyou from BBA President to Pam Dawkins for job with umpires.

### **.3 Publicity:**

Received on 2 Publicity Reports from finals

Publicity Report from U13 Grand Final not received.

### **.4 Registration Secretary:**

#### **.4.1 Core 6 – Nil**

**.4.2 Match Report Sheet** – Home team responsible for the printing out of the sheet each week.

Scorers's / Coaches / Umpires are to ensure all parts are filled out correctly.

#### **Suggested Amendments:**

- Grey out Protest Box
- Increase font size for Managers to sign at end of game.
- Add column for scorer to write C/P/J.

### **.5 Junior Development Committee – Terry Smith**

Summer Program – Re: Seasonal Applicant User Agreement - (Incoming Corres- 34. 20/08/15)

#### **Summary of competition program**

- 6 weeks November – Mid December
- 6 weeks Beginning Feb – Mid March.
- 90 min evening games. (Mondays)
- Venue: ARR or Strathfieldsaye

**'Play Ball'** – Information document tabled by Terry Smith

**Action:** Pam to redesign information document for schools

#### **Cost to include:-**

- Registration fee
- Bag Including Shirt / hat / baseball glove.
- Ground rental (coverage)

**Action:** Distribute Play Ball Information to schools before end of term.

**.6 BAS:** Nil

**.7 ARR:**

New User Group – Using rooms to Judo / Taekwondo. \$15 per week for usage.

**.8 BV:**

Nothing official to report.

Discussion on outcome of BV 2014 Summit – Queried goals set at this Summit with Neale Price – Re: Goals set by BV in 2014 – Have they been met? –

**Action:** Pam to send copy of responses from BV re: Goals with regard to Regional areas.

**.9 VPBL:**

No longer in existence.

Copy of VPBL Logo has been received from Chris Mannes for us to incorporate into hat designs.

VPBL name and logo will remain property of Baseball Victoria.

VPBL Report to be struck off BBA Report list for future.

**Motion:** Reports be accepted.

**Moved:** Jason Harriage

**Second:** Joe Jones.

**9.**

**General Business**

**.1 BBA Finals Series.**

Tied B Grade Preliminary Final.

2 suggested changes to game times discussed:-

1. Start B Grade Preliminary Final @ 11am on ARR1, start C Grade Grand Final 10am on ARR2 – A Grade to play 2:30pm
2. Start Matches 9:00am C Grade – 11:45am B Grade - 2:45pm A Grade
3. Current times 9:30am C Grade – 12:00pm B Grade – 2:30pm A Grade

**Outcome:** - Agreed need to keep to Current ratified times with draws being played following week.

**Agreed:** Times for finals need to be set for finals to ensure time for matches to be played out during finals series on day.

**Action:** To follow through with above early 2016.

**Senior Match Conditions for Finals – 2015**

Draft Document tabled for discussion.

**Agreed:** Document to be adopted with some minor adjustments (As suggested Sean Meldrum)

**Action:** Pam to send copy of document with amendments to clubs by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August.



## **.2 BBA Presentation Night**

Current booking of 104 people booked. Discussed numbers expected to be higher than this figure – (112)

Gay reported Jenny Wallace of All Seasons informed her numbers couldn't be increased from Monday

**Action:** Pam to contact Jenny to see if numbers could be increased to 112 people.

P A System – **Action:** Pam to organise band's equipment for night.

Trophies – **Action:** Organised – Pick up required on Friday – Pick up to be discussed at a later time.

Booklets / Power Point Presentation- **Action:** Cass organising.

Hall of Fame – **Action:** Terry Smith organising in conjunction with

7pm for 7:30pm start – Neat Casual Dress.

## **.3 BBA AGM – November 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Reminder of date.

**Action:** Pam to organise nomination forms and position descriptions for BBA Executive Positions and SWC Officials to be uploaded to BBA Website.

## **.4 Letters from Falcons Baseball Club Email Received 25/08/15.**

1. Apology Letter from BBA – Fitzgeralds'

**Action:** Apology be sent by BBA within 30 days from today.

**Moved:** Joe Jones

**Second:** Sean Meldrum

Carried

2. Further Investigation into Allegations:

**Action:** Terry Smith (As directed by Neale Price) – Continue in organising investigation and mediation regarding outstanding issues.

## **.5 Nathan Healey – Email received 16/08/15**

Terry spoken to Nathan re: current ban from BBA baseball until apologies sent.

Nathan wishes the right to respond to this.

**Action:** Nathan to be given opportunity to respond to BBA's decision at another meeting.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:41pm

Next Meeting to be held: 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 7:30pm

To be held at: Albert Roy Reserve.