

The Backstop



"Nothing gets by us unless it's over our heads"

Spring 2010

LMBA – 2010 Baseball Season

We are fast approaching the middle of our season. I know that the weather has not cooperated with us so far. With the upcoming weeks bringing our biggest events of the season, I hope that everyone is enjoying themselves so far. The next few weeks will see our association hosting May long weekend tournaments. The Tadpole Division Jesse Caron Memorial, the Mosquito Division has the Tom Henderson Memorial and the Peewee Division hosts the Claude Schillings Memorial. We will also see Bantam and Midget teams going outside our association to compete in tournaments throughout the Lower Mainland. There will be teams coming from other associations to compete in these tournaments so make sure you go out and support our Ladner teams. Good Luck to all players and teams!!

We are also hosts, along with Tsawwassen, for the John Main Classic Peewee AA Tournament from May 27th – May 30th. This tournament is one of the most popular tournaments held by BC Minor Baseball during the baseball season. The tournament will see sixteen Peewee teams from around the Province competing in Ladner and Tsawwassen. It is one of the highlights for our Peewee Excel program. Because we do not tier in Ladner, this is an opportunity for the players that are involved in this extra program to compete against some of the top Peewee players from around the Province. This is an excellent time to come out and enjoy some very competitive baseball.

Mark Whincup
President
Ladner Minor Baseball Association.

2010 LMBA Executive

President	Mark Whincup	<u>Division Managers</u>	
Vice President	Ray Beisick	Rally Cap	Gabriela Whincup
Treasurer	Trevor Falk	Super T	Gabriela Whincup
Secretary	Kathy Conn	Tadpole	Rene Holt
Registrar	Margie Edwards	Mosquito	Bindi Dhaliwal
Umpire in Chief	Bobby Olzowiec	Pee Wee	Trevor Falk
Equipment Manager	John Crema	Bantam	Geoff Moubert
Concession Manager	Sandy Amisano	Midget	Peter Main
Fields Manager	Kal Phagura		
Parks and Rec.	Vacant		
Player Agent	Cora Schillings		

Annual General Meeting 2010

The Annual General Meeting of Ladner Minor Baseball will be held May 26th 7:00PM at Delta Secondary School (library). This is your association and this is the time to bring your comments, views and suggestions to the executive. Each position on the executive is open to any member that would like to give their time to making and keeping this association one of the top associations in BC.

There are 19 positions on the Executive as defined under the rules as adopted by the Ladner Minor Baseball Association. Positions on the Executive include: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Player Agent, Seven Divisional Managers, Umpire in Chief, Equipment Manager, Chief Concession Operator, Field Maintenance Director, Parks and Development Director.

These positions are held for a one year term except for the President's position which is a two year term. Elections for the positions are held once a year during the Annual General Meeting. Please take the time to look over the constitution which can be found on the Ladner Minor Baseball website under contacts if you are interested in any of the positions.

If you have any questions, please contact an LMBA executive member who will clarify any questions that may be of concern.

Money Matters Making Sense of your Dollars and Cents

Where does all the money come from in LMBA? Where does it all go?

We all know that it takes money to run a successful organization, and the LMBA is no exception. From coaching clinics to tournaments, from umpires to field preparation, the truth is, LMBA requires a lot of funds to keep up the business of running this club. During the 2009 baseball season, the LMBA recorded total revenue, which is money coming in, of nearly \$132,000. Where did it come from? More than 45% came from player registration; 15% from All-Star fees, 10% from family fees and less than 25% is generated from outside of our club, primarily from sponsorship and a government grant. The remaining 5% is generated from within the association, the dance and concession monies.

During this same period, we also recorded nearly \$110,000 in expenses, which does not leave a lot of room for a surplus. Of the monies spent equipment amounted to 25 % followed by payments for umpires at 22% respectfully, All-Stars at 13 %, concession at 10 % , BC Minor fees, field preparation, tournaments, pictures, coaches, trophies and the remainder of the yearly expenses rounding out the rest of the expenses. The umpire's payment are made directly to members of our club, who have found a good way to help the club while earning a little extra spending money for themselves.

So where do we get money for park improvements and major equipment upgrades? The major fundraising activity for these types of expenditures is to apply for government grants and also each family's equipment and field upgrade cheque. With funds from such activities, we will hopefully be able to continue to meet our ongoing needs as a club well into the future. With the Government funding not coming in to our association this season, we are hoping that we will not run at a deficit.

Coaching

The LMBA will once again fund coaching clinics for coaches who wish to improve their baseball and coaching skills. The initiation coaching clinic is strongly recommended for all coaches who have not been previously exposed to these programs. The clinics are very helpful in keeping your prospective on the coaching role.

LMBA will be hosting two of the three Regional Coaching Courses on May 15th and May 29th at the Ladner Baptist Church 5624 Ladner Trunk Rd from 9am-5pm. The third component of the Regional Course will be held in North Delta. With the costs of these three courses LMBA decided to partner up with North Delta to offer the coaches in each association the opportunity to take these courses close to home. LMBA will reimburse the costs of these clinics to coaches once they have completed the course (keep all receipts). When a coach attends a clinic that is greater than four hours in length that time will go to their Volunteer time. They must attend the full clinic and produce a signed receipt dated the last day the clinic was held.

Volunteers Needed!!

The Association would like to thank the parents who have volunteered for events already in 2010. Without you, the season could not be a success!

Parents are vital to the success of our Association. Our Association is run entirely by volunteers with the only exceptions being our umpires and concession managers. They add to the success of all baseball events. The more people volunteering, the better our events are and the more revenue we can generate for the future of the LMBA. Events and services such as the dance, Fun Day, tournaments and the concession cannot run without the generous support of volunteers.

There are still several events that need volunteer support:

Dance - Door prize collectors, cashiers, 50/50 ticket sales, clean up, silent auction monitors, kitchen help

Fun Day - Coordinator, set-up, dunk tank shifts, radar gun shifts, tossing game shifts, guessing game shifts

Closing Day - Convener

Tournaments - Concession

2010 LMBA Tax Receipts

The 2010 LMBA tax receipts will be given to the coaches to hand out around the middle of May. Please watch for yours and put it in safe place for tax time next April.

Ladner Baseball Fundraiser

Support our kids! 15%-35% of your purchases are donated back to the Ladner Minor Baseball Association. Go to the Ladner Minor Baseball Association website and click on the red box on the right-hand side of the page titled **LMBA Fundraiser**. Most gear purchased will be shipped within 24 hours of placing an order.

Please also see the Ladner Minor Baseball Association Fundraiser Flyer attached for more information.

Equipment Manager needed for 2011!

John Crema is our current Equipment Manager and won't be returning next year. It would be great to have a volunteer throw their hat in the ring right now. John would be happy to train the new Equipment Manager before the season ends. If you are interested, please contact John at equipment_manager@ladnerminorbaseball.com or (604) 943-1041.

Tournament Sign up sheets

Tournament sign up sheets can be found on the LMBA website and will also be posted at the concessions. Sign up sheets will be updated weekly.