

Calgary Apollo Softball Association AGM 2022

2022-10-24

7:17pm

Twisted Element (1006 11 AVE SW Calgary AB)

Meeting Facilitator: Jon Rennie

Attendees: Jarom Moriyama-Bondar, Brett Bromley, Logan Chinski, Mike Christen, Nicole Christiaens, Abigail Cohen, Laren Comelive, Justin Connelly, Robert Coulas, TJ Fedyk, Carson Harris, Taurick Hoven, Alana Konihowski, Carlin Koster, Judith Kwong, Maher Latif, Tommy Lieu, Angela Leong, Craig Lewington, Jeremy Luk, Adam Mcleod, Marva Moriyama, Jon Rennie, Marco Sarro, Phil Travale

- 1) **Introductions:** Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their association with CASA
- 2) **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. **Carlin made the motion to accept the agenda. Marco seconded. All were in favour. The motion was passed.**
- 3) **Review and Approval of the 2021 AGM Meeting Minutes:** **Marco made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. TJ seconded. All were in favour. The motion was passed.**
- 4) **Review of meeting process:** Jon reviewed and explained that CASA follow Roberts Rules for meetings.
- 5) **Treasurer Report:** Marco Sarro (Treasurer) presented the financials. Key discussions points were:
 - a. CASA had a revenue surplus of approximately \$18,000 for our year ending September 30th.
 - b. We had again successfully expanded the league in 2022 from 12 to 14 teams and got sponsorship for all 14 teams.
 - c. **Approval of Financials:** **Carson made the motion to accept the financials as presented. Justin seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion was passed.**
 - d. **Appointment of Auditors:** **Marco made the motion that Jared Martin (CPA) will audit the 2022/2023 financials. Carlin seconded. All were in favour. The motion passed.**
- 6) **Review of 2022 Season:** Jon provided an overview of the 2022 summer season Key Highlights were:
 - a. **Teams and Players:** We had a successful year expanding to 14 teams with over 200 players.
 - b. **Registration:** Our league filled up in a record 55 minutes this year.

- c. **New Initiative:** We introduced a financial assistance program in 2022, where the league would pay the individual's fees and give monies towards the purchase of equipment. 2 people sought this assistance for the 2022 season.
- d. **Events:** We had a number of successful events this year. We added a Team Announcement Party and Skills Day. We also participated for the first time as our own entry in the Pride Parade. MX CASA was a huge success this year – we had 8 performers that raised over \$11,000 for charity (Rainbow Railroad and Outlink).

7) Overview and Discussion Player Survey Results:

CASA ran its 2nd annual player survey this year.

This year 50 players out of 215 players responded to the survey, which translates to 23% of players responding to our survey.

Overall 80% of players this year said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the experience. This is down from 96% the previous year. In the comments there was no clear-cut reason for this drop.

If you go to the question would you play another season with CASA, 96% of respondents said they would play again. It was 95% last year.

What were some of the key takeaways of the survey?

The Fields: Last year 62% said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the fields we used. This dropped to 35% this year. Comments ranged from grass not getting cut, to the shale needing raking, to divots in the fields and people wanting fences. A wide variety of comments on the conditions of the field.

Captains – What did they do well and not do well: Like last year the same items that captains did well were reflected in what improvements players wanted from captains.

Players liked the coaching, player development, encouragement, being supportive and knowledgeable and the inclusion of social times and practices. So conversely people wanted more practices, social bonding, and captains being more knowledgeable.

Like last year many respondents said they didn't see any areas their captains needed to improve.

Events: We asked a new question about events this year. What did people think about our events? The majority of people liked the events that we hosted this year. And we got some interesting suggestions...

- 1) Booking a static field on a Saturday, where players from the league can gather to practice.
- 2) End of the year social
- 3) DJ/Music at the Pride Slam and Playoffs to liven up the atmosphere
- 4) Adding ball caps as part of our team uniforms

CASA Offering Competitive and Recreational Divisions: 56% said they would play recreational. 44% said they would play competitive. Of the 13 comments made most were supportive of the idea only 2 were not.

In summary, the players that responded were mostly satisfied with the league, but there were areas that are highlighted for improvements. The new board will have this information available to them to help guide any areas they may want to target for changes and improvements.

- 8) **Board Position Reviews:** Each board member present gave a review of their position and key responsibilities and any special projects they were involved with.
- 9) **By-Law Changes:** No by-law changes were made.
- 10) **Position Nominations and Elections:** All individuals were allowed time to address those present, as to why they should be chosen for the role they had been nominated.
 - **Social Media Coordinator:** Marva Moriyama nominated Maher Latif. Robert Coulas seconded. Maher accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. All were in favour. **Maher Latif was elected to the role of Social Media Coordinator – 1YR Term.**
 - **Sponsorship Coordinator:** Marco Sarro nominated Carlin Koster. Carson Harris seconded. Carlin accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. All were in favour. **Carlin Koster was elected to the role of Sponsorship Coordinator – 1YR Term.**
 - **Treasurer:** Logan Chinski nominated Marco Sarro. Adam Mcleod seconded. Marco accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. All were in favour. **Marco Sarro was elected to the role of Treasurer – 2YR Term.**
 - **Vice-President:**
 - Marco Sarro nominated TJ Fedyk. Adam Mcleod seconded. TJ accepted the nomination.
 - Marva Moriyama nominated Jeremy Luk. Nicole Christiaens seconded. Jeremy accepted the notation.
 - **Jeremy Luk was elected Vice-President – 2YR Term.**
 - **President:**
 - Marco Sarro nominated Adam Mcleod. Carlin Koster seconded. Adam accepted the nomination.
 - Marva Moriyama nominated Chris King. Nicole Christiaen seconded. Chris King was not present but had put himself forward as a nominee.
 - **Chris King was elected President – 1 YR Term.**
 - **Members-At Large (1st Position):**
 - Nicole Christiaens nominated Logan Chinski. Marco Sarro seconded. Logan accepted the nomination.
 - Carson Harris nominated Adam Mcleod. Marco Sarro seconded. Adam accepted the nomination.
 - Carlin Koster nominated Angela Leong. TJ Fedyk seconded. Angela accepted the nomination.
 - **Adam Mcleod was elected Member-At-Large – 1YR Term.**
 - **Members-At Large (2nd Position):**
 - Carson Harris nominated Angela Leong. Carlin Koster seconded. Angela accepted the nomination.

- Nicole Christiaens nominated Logan Chinski. Marco Sarro seconded. Logan declined the nomination.
- Marco Sarro nominated TJ Fedyk. Alana Konihowski seconded. TJ accepted the nomination.
- **TJ Fedyk was elected Member-At-Large – 1YR Term.**

2022/2023 Calgary Apollo Softball Association Board of Directors: Chris King – President; Jeremy Luk – Vice President; Marco Sarro – Treasurer; Craig Lewington – Secretary; Carlin Koster – Sponsorship Coordinator; Maher Latif – Social Media Coordinator; Will Couture – Events Coordinator; Adam Mcleod and TJ Fedyk – Members-At-Large

11) General Discussion:

- a. Concern was expressed about the potential loss of experience in various board positions and the how that would impact transition and the potential for league growth. It was noted that 5 members of the 2022/2023 board were board members from the previous season and that former board members were still available and willing to provide guidance and input.
- b. It was asked if we could add more elected Members-At-Large at this AGM, so that we could utilize the individuals that have stepped forward but were not elected. That would require amendments to our by-laws. We can always looking at involving individuals in non-voting/committee capacities.

12) **New Business:**

- a. **CASA Adopt-A-Field Program** – CASA is looking at working with the City of Calgary to get its own fields. One of the requirements of the City is to have a motion by CASA to engage with the City.
- b. **TJ Fedyk made the following motion:**

The CASA board is authorized to enter into discussions with the City of Calgary (the City) with the intent of negotiating a Calgary Parks Partnership with the goal of securing home fields for our league, where CASA will work with the City on field improvements and on-going maintenance. A Calgary Parks Partnership would require that CASA supply funding to achieve the required improvements and maintenance. Other changes may be required of the CASA league in such things as our bylaws to enter into a partnership with the City.

Discussion;

- Would this be entering us into an agreement/commitment with the City? No, the motion is to allow us to start discussions and negotiations with the City.
- We have been building up reserve funding for this purpose, since the league started.
- We may require a special meeting to amend our by-laws.

Marco Sarro seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion passed.

13) **Next Board Meeting:** TBD

14) Meeting Adjournment: Marco Sarro made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Mcleod seconded. All were in favour. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.