

NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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NDBA AGM Agenda

June 30th 2021 6:00pm – Videoconference / In-person Mackie Clubhouse

Present: Chris Adams, Brent Dingsdale, Calen Slezash, Lisa Ormston, Sheryl Gray, Clayton Gosnell, L.J. Eiben, Angela Crowther, Carey Dingsdale, Graeme McMurray, Debbie McMurray

Not Present:

Motion to adopt the minutes of the June 2020 NDBA AGM moved by Carey Dingsdale and second by Graeme McMurray.

1. Correspondence

n/a	

2. Old Business

n/a	
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1. Executive reports

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>
President	Vacant
Vice President (acting President)	Chris Adams
Secretary	Jen Bernabe
Treasurer (acting)	Michelle Miller
Past President	Brent Dingsdale
Registrar	Kathy McDougall
Umpire-In-Chief	Brad Woof
Coaching Director	Vacant
Field Manager	Brent Dingsdale

Concession Manager	Vacant
Publicity Director	Calen Slezash
Marketing Director	Vacant
Equipment Manager	Tim Fehr
Uniform Manager	Karen Voykin
Tournament Director	Chris Adams
Scheduler	Cary Boyce
Social Director	Vacant
Yearbook Director	Lisa Ormston
Fundraising Director	Vacant
Challenger Representative	Sheryl Gray
5U Representative	Clayton Gosnell
6U Representative	Brent Dingsdale
7U Representative	Brent Dingsdale
9U Representative	L.J. Eiben
11U Representative	Angela Crowther
13U Representative	Cheryl Vaz
15U Representative	Tara Radstaak
18U Representative	Calen Slezash
Health Officer (DaL)	Carey Dingsdale
Umpire Director (DaL)	Graeme McMurray

1. **New Business**

Brent Dingsdale	<i>Purchase a new Mackie turtle. Discuss options to pay for the turtle. Quote is attached.</i>

Motion to allocate \$8000 to purchase a Big Bubba Pro Turtle and charge \$25 per North Delta Blue Jay player for Fall ball was moved and passed.

Motion to consume 100% of the cost for the Mackie tarps that were purchased this season was moved and passed.

The elected 2021-22 Executive

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Secretary	Jen Bernabe (year 2 of 2)
Treasurer	
Registrar	Carey Dingsdale
Umpire-In-Chief	Brad Woof
Coaching Director	Vacant
Field Manager	Brent Dingsdale
Concession Manager	Daniella Filby
Publicity Director	Vacant
Marketing Director	Angela Crowther
Equipment Manager	Steve Ormston
Uniform Manager	Karen Voykin
Tournament Director	Chris Adams
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DAL – Umpire Director	Graeme McMurray

President Report

n/a

Vice President (acting President) Report | Tournament Director

Hi there, my name is Chris Adams and I served in the roles of Vice President, Tournament Director and I was also the Interim President as the role went unfilled last fall.

The impact Covid-19 is well documented and our executive has done its best to navigate the ever-changing phases and restrictions as they came. While the Spring season opened up to games later than anticipated in January all divisions in our club were able to offer programming this year which is vital in our recovery from 2020. I am proud to say there has been no documented transmission of Covid-19 at NDBA events between participants. This shows the safety plan is effective. Thanks to the recent permission of groups of 50 outside we were able to organize a Coaches Appreciation Night at the park. Coaches have been bearing extra duties due to parents not being permitted at the parks. Many thanks to Lisa Ormston, Calen Slezash and Carey Dingsdale for assisting me with this event. Summer ball seasons are starting and we are fielding teams from 9U to 18UAA. Parents are now permitted to watch and cheer them on.

With daily case counts moving lower while vaccination rates rise we can afford some optimism going forward. We need to promote our fall ball program and coordinate sports schedules with soccer and hockey wherever possible. Fall ball will field teams from Mosquito to Midget. We need to recruit coaches for these teams. With Paul Goomans completing a 2 year term as Bantam AA coach this role must be filled as well before Fall. I am working on some candidates. Our Challenger rep, Sheryl Gray, is starting an exciting program partnership with NDSC this fall. We need to support this program in every way we are able.

As things improve I am hopeful we can bring back NDBA traditions such as Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Jeff Francis Mosquito and Victoria Day Tadpole tournaments. Vancouver Canadians Night. The NDBA Social Night and an expanded Coaches appreciation. Teams joining in fun games with Challenger Division. Concessions Open at our home games. We need to strengthen the connections among all of our membership. We need to recruit and mentor new coaches and executive members so we can fill the many holes we currently have.

I am willing to return next season to the executive. I will retain the Tournament Director role as I anticipate it will be needed again. I am also willing to retain the VP Role. I also offer this: If someone steps into the VP Role before September I will take President full time for a 2 year term. It is not ideal for one person to sit both roles for the club or the individual. I will mentor and train the new VP.

I greatly appreciate each and every one of our volunteers who work hard behind the scenes so our players can learn this great game in their home parks. Your efforts make this community a better place to live and raise our families.

Regards,

Chris Adam

Secretary Report

Jen is on maternity leave. Congratulations to the Bernabes on the birth of their son, Miles.

Treasurer Report

The year end for NDBA is October 31, 2021. Being in the middle of the reporting period, no figures for the year end have been finalized.

The bank account has been reconciled to May 31, 2020. The bank accounts have a combined balance of \$77,000 which is approximately \$25,000 higher than in the previous year. This is primarily because of receiving a gaming grant of \$26,000. The final figures for the year will be reported at a future meeting.

See the attached income statement.

Michelle Miller

Past President Report

I appreciate the time and effort Chris Adams put into the role of (acting) President. The 2 of us have been in constant communication throughout the year. I did my best to help mentor Chris and manage the political landscape. The Association is in very good hands with Chris at the helm.

A 2nd trying season managing covid19 and its impact on youth sports and our society in general. Looking forward to a normal Spring season in 2022.

Reminder that a formal induction of Al McKay to the NDBA hall of fame is needed for the 2022 Spring Opening Day Ceremonies.

Brent Dingsdale

Registrar Report

Umpire-In-Chief Report

Coaching Director

n/a

Field Manager Report

The Field manger role has 2 components: (1) interfacing with the City of field related matters (2) on-site field work and maintenance. Interfacing to the City has grown exponentially in terms of communication and paperwork over the last 5 years. To offload the City interfacing work that was falling into Chris' lap I offered to take on the role of Field Manger late into the year.

Prior to the return of games on June 15th I did a thorough inventory of field equipment at all our fields. Each "game" park was stocked with: field paint, lime, PPE, first aid kits, ice packs.

Cougar Canyon was closed for a number of months while the City worked on the field. Gunderson was hit with the chafer beetle and was offline for a short period of time while the City treated the field.

Sunbury is getting new drainage and an upgrade starting this Fall. The park will be offline starting in Sept. Chris and I were told we'd be getting a look at the park plans. We are still waiting for a zoom meeting invite with the City.

Chris and I were invited to a meeting with the City to discuss the park plans for Gunderson. The fields are being redone, the lacrosse box is being removed, 2 new soccer pitches, new bathrooms and concession building, more parking. We requested a couple "Tball" backstops. The work at Gunderson won't start until 2022. We are expecting to see a revised plan based on the User groups (baseball, soccer, lacrosse) feedback.

Mackie park of all our parks is being the least maintained and is easily in the worse shape of all our parks. Disappointing given this is the premier field in Delta. Things are improving though. The pitcher's mound was reconstructed and built out in recent weeks. New tarps for home plate, pitcher's mounds, bullpens were ordered and are now in place. Work to do before Winter: reconstruct the home bullpen (2) thorough

cleaning of the seacan (3) order a new turtle (4) clean the scoreboard. The turtle is in sad shape and needs to be replaced. The board can expect a turtle replacement proposal in the coming weeks.

The City hit us up for a license agreement on our Bob Bunnnett batting cage. Yearly cost will be approx. \$1200 per year. For all our buildings the cost is over \$9500/year in fees to the City. The Bob Bunnnett batting cage LA was deferred for a season. I need to make a request that our concession buildings (didn't open this season) are excluded from fees this season.

Concession Manager Report

Our concession remained closed for the second season due to covid19 restrictions.

Publicity Director Report

The season began as usual – thrown into a role we know little about!

The pandemic certainly brought technology into the foreground, in all aspects of our lives, and it's along those lines that most of my work has been concentrated this past year.

- Learned and supported the SportsEngine platform
 - o Website Development & maintenance
 - o Online Registration system
- Supported the association with technology
 - o Online waivers
 - o Registration system customizations
 - o Online Executive Meetings
 - o Registration Reporting
 - o Website overhaul, reorganization, & facelift
- Set up NDBA Facebook Sports Organization
- Coordinated our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts
 - o Added Angela, Sheryl, and Chris as “admins” to the accounts.

- Published the monthly newsletter
- TV interview with Eastlink Community TV
- Supported the work to apply for the 2021 Gaming Grant
- Email & Google Drive Migration to Microsoft 365 Premium (Non-Profit)

I am stepping down as Publicity Director, and I would recommend that the next Publicity Director utilize our social media more so than I had the time to do. Getting out to the parks, taking more pictures...showing our community what we do. This might necessitate stepping away from some of the other techno-tasks that have been informally put upon this role, such as involvement in the registration system.

Finally, I would recommend that a “Member Orientation” be developed for new Executive members, providing some training/guidance for each position, as well as the utilization of our NDBA systems and resources.

Thank you to my colleagues who have helped keep our association alive and relevant through this particularly difficult year.

My best

Calen Slezash

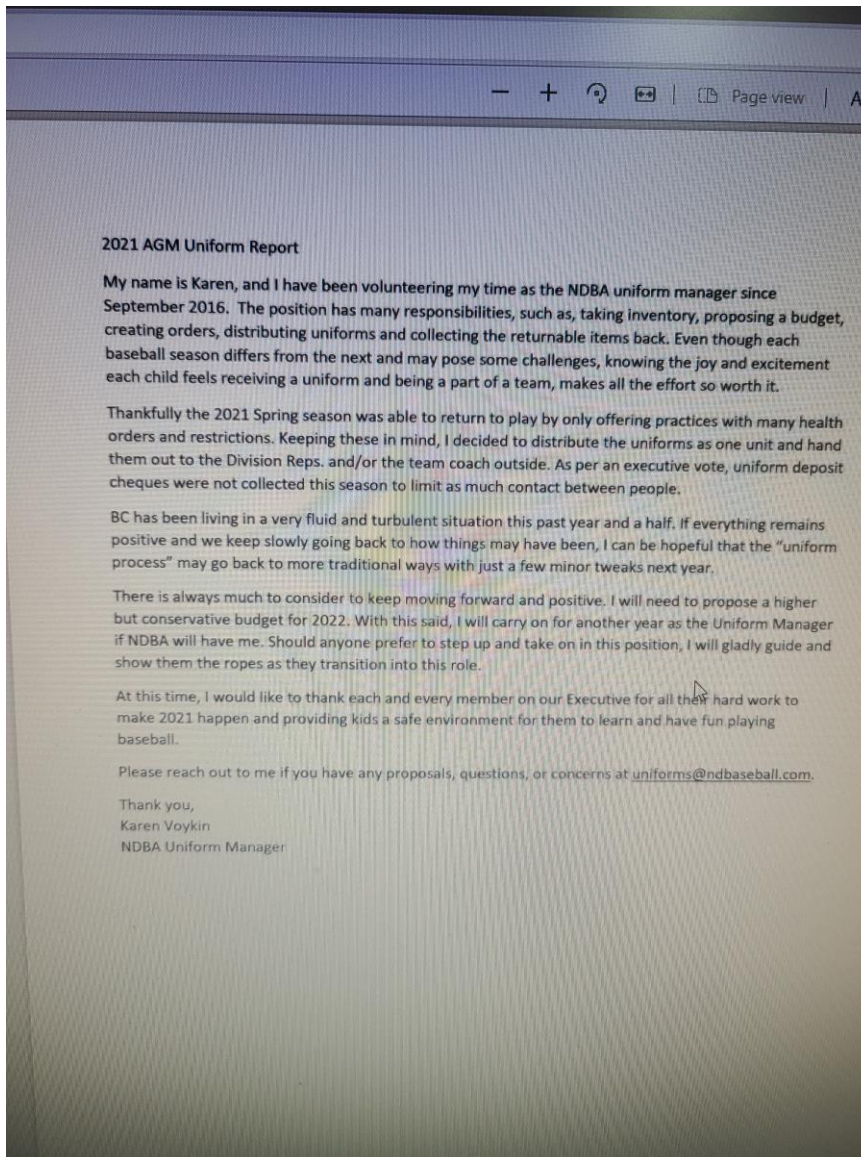
Publicity Director

Marketing Director Report

n/a

Equipment Manager Report

Uniform Manager Report



Scheduler Report

For the second year in a row, we didn't run the Fraser Delta Interlock (13U A/AA, 15UA) due to the covid19 restrictions (no games until mid-June).

Cary kept our online field calendars up-to-date and accurate throughout the season.
Thanks Cary!

Brent Dingsdale (reporting for Cary)

Social Director Report

n/a

Yearbook Director Report

While this season's yearbook looked a little different than in past years, I saw many happy players' and parent's faces when the books were handed out. We came in significantly under budget (~30% under budget) because we printed fewer books with fewer pages; a lower enrolment and no events to photograph resulted in a thinner book than previous years. We had one sponsor step up with a \$200 contribution for a full-page ad, and Fresh Slice was given a full-page ad for their donation towards the Challenger Division. The composite team photos from Darby Photos, while innovative, did decrease the player photo size in the yearbooks, which makes it a bit hard to see faces. I'm hopeful that next year we can go back to the typical team photo. Minuteman Press was excellent to work with, and completed our books by my requested date, and all books were delivered to coaches and/or division reps on Friday June 18th, in time to get them to all players before year end.

Lisa Ormston

Director at Large (Challenger) Report

Challenger started the year without a division representative; however, Sheryl Gray returned to the program in January to avoid the risk of seeing the program fold. Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, overall planning and promotion for the program was low-key and limited to reaching out to past participants. With COVID-19 case counts soaring in late winter/early spring, the decision was made to delay the start of the program by a month as a "wait and see." As vaccinations started to reach general population and numbers started to decrease, the program launched on May 2, 2021.

Weekly programming was held on Sunday afternoons between 4-5pm, on the Delsom Turf, which provides a flat and accessible playing surface with nearby washroom facilities, and ample accessible parking at that time of day.

The spring program ran with 13 participants, 6 non-family volunteers, and several family members assisting on-field. Families were given the choice of providing a family member to support their player or to access one of the volunteers. This was strictly due to the pandemic and is not optimal for the children's participation or the parents' ability to enjoy the program as a fan.

The Challenger Program was certified through the official Challenger league for 2021, in affiliation with Little League Canada. The support from Jays Care was minimal, as they were strongly encouraging all programming to remain virtual, likely based on their location in southwestern Ontario, which was very hard hit by the pandemic. In lieu of this support, Challenger accessed funds received from Jays Care in previous years and a community support donation from Randy Mann Realtor, to purchase Challenger logo tshirts (from WestCoast Creations), team photography from Lisa Porter Photography, and end-of-season medals from Winners Circle.

Recommendations for 2021/22

- The Challenger program will run a pilot multi-sport adaptive program in September/October, partnering with NDFC and offering participants soccer and baseball activities. Promotion and sponsor recognition will be shared by NDFC and NDBA and should be viewed as a community development opportunity to engage kids in sport rather than “fight” for participants, starting with adaptive programming and ideally spreading out to all youth sports programs in our community.
- Plan for a “usual” Challenger Baseball program in spring – be open to what this might look like depending on interest in multi-sport programs for younger players, or interest in skill development for older players nearing age for Special Olympic team sports.
- For all NDBA Board Directors to become ambassadors for this program and support the ongoing reaching out within our community to people who might not know Challenger exists, and to work together to ensure this group isn’t an afterthought in regular planning/field allocations/recognition, etc.

Sheryl Gray

5U Representative Report

6U Representative Report

6U returned this season after being cancelled in 2020. In total there were 22 players and 3 teams. Thank you to head coaches: Greg Block, Tia Kambas, Steve Doggett.

Thank you to everyone on the board that made 6U baseball possible this Spring.

For the first 5-6 weeks I provided practice plans to the coaches. I hoped the plans helped some of our coaches.

There was no 6U div rep heading into the season so I took on this role as a stop gap. I was able to get do the minimum div rep tasks (create teams, schedules, communicate league info to the coaches, organize equipment bag pickup/drop off, uniform, medals

and yearbook pickup) but with my hectic schedule I was absent from the field for 6U practices and games. Ideally, a parent in this age group will step up and become the 7U div rep in 2022.

A top priority for 2022 for the Association is reaching out and promoting ourselves as a sport for the youngest age groups. We are invisible in town right now. Need to do a much better job of marketing to and recruiting from parents of our youngest demographics.

Brent Dingsdale

7U Representative Report

7U returned this season after being cancelled in 2020. In total there were 19 players and 2 teams. Thank you to head coaches: Ravi Minhas, Michael Ospina.

Thank you to everyone on the board that made 7U baseball possible this Spring.

For the first 5-6 weeks I provided practice plans to the coaches. I hoped the plans helped some of our coaches.

There was no 7U div rep heading into the season so I took on this role as a stop gap. I was able to get do the minimum div rep tasks (create teams, schedules, communicate league info to the coaches, organize equipment bag pickup/drop off, uniform, medals and yearbook pickup) but with my hectic schedule I was absent from the field for 7U practices and games.

We have aimed to introduce the pitching machine and coach pitch to the 7U division. The goal is to better prepare the 7U players for 9U. I did walk the coaches through the pitching machine. Not entirely clear how much use the pitching machine got this year. We need to continue on this path of differentiating 6U from 7U, better preparing 7U for 9U. Need a normal season to be able to better evaluate the introduction of the pitching machine. No callups this Spring also hurt 7U players from getting a taste of 9U.

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Brent Dingsdale

9U Representative Report

Tadpole fielded 4 teams with 50 kids total. Teams practiced the first part of the season 3 days a week, and then once approved, I created an 8 game round-robin season, with 2 games per week played every Wednesday and Saturday at Gunderson Park. No Tournaments this year. The season was short but the kids needed the extra practice with no baseball last year for most. Our spring season will close with a round-robin championship game at Gunderson. I will have the results at the AGM meeting. We also had enough interest to field a 9U Summer Ball team this season. See you next year!

L.J. Eiben

11U Representative Report

We had five teams registered for the 2021 Spring Mosquito season – the Blue Jays, Giants, Mariners, Rockies, and White Sox.

We did not run evaluations this year due to COVID. Scores from the 2020 evaluations were used for the draft. Players who were new to baseball or were not evaluated in 2020 were assigned an arbitrary score.

The draft was completed mid-March. Per health guidelines no games were allowed at the start of the season, so teams held practices beginning the last week of March/first week of April.

As restrictions lifted, league games began June 1, with all teams playing an eight-game schedule, ending with the final game on June 26.

As this was an unusual season, and spectators were not allowed when we first started playing games, the coaches agreed to use one pitcher per inning (to eliminate the need for pitch counts) and stealing home was not allowed for the first four games. Again, as restrictions lifted, we returned to playing under normal rules for the last four games of the season.

I'm greatly appreciative of the coaches who are committed to developing these players and ensuring they enjoy their experience playing baseball.

11U summer ball tryouts were held on June 21 with 29 players attending. Brent Dingsdale, Tim Fehr and Steve Farnden kindly volunteered their time to evaluate the players (thank you!). NDBA will have both AAA and AA teams selected for the 2021 summer season.

Thank you,

Angela Crowther

13U Representative Report

15U Representative Report

2021 Fall ball- Paul Gouman coached Fall ball and 17 players registered were registered. Winter clinics- Paul Gouman ran a winter clinic out of a church gym for a nominal fee. Fifteen players registered and Paul ran it in two sessions to abide by Covid guidelines. Players and their families regularly donated to the church's food bank as a way to give back.

Spring- Tryouts were held for Bantam AA (coached by Paul Gouman) in March with 17 kids trying out and 13 players selected. We had two Bantam single A teams coached by Shawn Ashton (Gary Price) and Jonathon Taylor (Clayton Gosnell). Practices continued through the Spring until Covid guidelines lifted allowing games.

Summer ball- The Bantam AA team will continue playing into summer and Single A was able to field one team coached by Shawn Ashton. Tryouts for Single A were not needed.

Once again an application was submitted for the BC Gaming Grant. The club requested \$30,000 and we should hear by September if we were successful. Thanks again to Calen for submitting it electronically and anyone else I badgered with questions.

Tara Radstaak

18U Representative Report

We experienced an excellent turnout for Fallball in 2020, with a roster of 14 players. Hall of Famer Craig White volunteered to coach, with the introduction of 3 younger assistant coaches (all Jr Men players), and we managed to limp through the season. There was much confusion at times, regarding the Covid-19 protocols to follow, but we made it through the season thanks to the hard work of our Safety Officer. Our 3-team cohort consisted of Richmond, Vancouver, and North Delta, allowing us all the opportunity to play games. Due to the failing autumn light, and the inability to host mid-day games on weekends at Mackie, most of our games were played in Vancouver or Richmond.

Once the season had ended, we arranged to have bricks delivered to the Mackie equipment box. These supplies were to be later used to rebuild the pitcher's mound.

February and March of 2021 began the recruitment of coaches for the Spring 2021 season. Six coaches were secured, with a team roster of 18 players. Most

of the season, like other divisions, consisted of training and practices. Again, the players seemed to enjoy being outside on the field, regardless of the absence of games. Near the end of the season, as restrictions opened up, a flurry of last-minute game scheduling took place, allowing players to experience a “near normal” game of baseball. It was nice to get that in before the season ended.

Between seasons, we were able to order new field tarps, and coordinate work to get the pitching mound rebuilt. However, more work is needed at home plate and parts of the field.

Summer season is now in full swing, with scheduling being led by BC Minor. The season will run July 5th to August 2nd. Our coaching staff has been reduced to three coaches – with Nick Albrino (Jr Men’s division) as the Head Coach. Although the 2021 Provincials have been called off, plans are being made for a tournament or similar event to end the season.

I won’t be returning as Midget Rep, but in looking forward for 18U AA/AAA, I would like to see our programming continue to be re-developed and better supported, not only for the Spring season, but the summer and fall seasons as well. I believe if this division is made more ‘visible’, the younger players will have something to look forward to. More work on Mackie Park field must occur. It is our chance to showcase our community sport.

I want to thank every member of the Executive for their work and determination. This past year was a struggle from start to finish, and only now are we coming up for air. A special thanks to Chris for reluctantly allowing the presidential role to fall upon himself.

All the best,

Calen Slezash

18U Midget Rep

Health Officer Report

Well we found ourselves in another crazy year – but at least we were able to offer some fun for the kids and we were able to play in the form of practices for most of the spring season. I was not around the park much due to the no spectators rule; however, I have heard all the kids had a great time.

Some highlights for 2021 on the safety end

Coaches – were all engaged and online with all protocols in place. Had over 30 coaches on the safety zoom call (in the dark due to power outage!) Shows the level of dedication to ensure we all are doing our part to keep everyone safe. Huge cuddos for keeping it fun and interesting while it was only skill development for the majority of the season.

Players – everyone was compliant with hand sanitizing, mask wearing (if opted for this), keeping the distance, and keeping engaged during all the practices. It was a hard year not having game play, but it was a year of development and you'll all be ready for game play next season.

Div Reps – Thank you for all your hard work behind the scenes and for keeping the communication from me to the coaches and membership as fluid as possible. Without your dedication and support this spring and summer season would have not happened. I appreciate all your efforts to adapt, change, and hard work.

I would also like to shout out Calen for taken the helm on getting the registration streamlined and to include the covid waivers and Declaration of Compliance imbedded into the registration page. This made my job so much easier!!

All in all during the Spring Season we had only 2 teams effected by COVID (and when I say effected I just mean someone on the team or family of team had COVID and the team was places on a “Self Monitor” watch. The great news is that everyone recovered policies and procedures in place are working.

We have finally got the green light for some easing of restrictions and allowing game play! I know many of our membership only got in a handful before the season ended but I hope it was a highly and ended the season with positive memories.

I hope as we head into summer and fall ball we will continue to have low transmission and Covid number in our province and we can enjoy the game we all love so much. Keep having players filing out the contract tracing forms for each event, and keeping distance as much as possible. Although we are in a MUCH better position as a Province we know it only takes a few before we get ourselves back in a crazy situation.

To the Executives – thank you for all your tireless efforts these past 2 years. All of us have had moments of throwing in the towel and giving up. Without the dedication of these people, showing up for zoom meetings and working behind the scenes – baseball in North Delta would have not happened. There are many people who have really put their lives on hold to get this association in the place where it is now. All executive members need a huge congratulations and thanks for their efforts. I feel there are a few that really went above this season and I would like to thank them now.

Chris Adams – thanks for stepping into the role you did. You became the face and point of contact for NDBA despite wanting to take on this role. Having not president means all defaults to VP – and you have done a remarkable job navigating the waters, keeping the communication open, and leading the association.

Tara Radstaak – Thank you for all the hours you put in to secure our gaming grant this season. It's a behind the scenes job and the funds you earned us will be put to good use to upgrade our parks and equipment for the membership going forward.

Calen Slezash – Your work on the website, newsletters, registration, and gaming grants did not go un-noticed. Thank you for putting in the hours to keep our communication pieces current and accurate. It was forever changing and you accepted these with ease and in a very timely manner despite the time crunches we faced.

Sheryl Grey – Thank you for stepping into the Challenger role and creating a fun and adaptive program for our exceptional youth. The volunteers and members all loved being out playing ball together.

Brent Dingsdale – Even though the exit strategy was short lived, thanks for stepping up to take on your grass root program in the 6U and 7U divisions. Also thanks for helping with the fields position. Your knowledge and experience really aides within this role and it is needed as plans are moving ahead with the city and our fields.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer.

Carey Dingsdale