



NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LOCATION: MACKIE CLUBHOUSE

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1. Motion to adopt AGM minutes of June 12, 2013

NDBA –President's Report

First off I would like to thank the NDBA executive, players, coaches, team moms/dads, umpires, volunteers, sponsors and parents for an outstanding job this spring season as without you all, we would not be able to offer the amazing experiences to our kids to play the best game in the world that is Baseball. My hat is off to each and every one of you. This year has been a truly amazing year for the NDBA. Have there been struggles? Absolutely. But much like any ball game, we have done our best to overcome them one inning at a time. Believe me when I say, great things are coming to the NDBA community.

To all outgoing Executive... I would especially like to thank you for all you have done for the association. Some of you may have been involved for a short period of time and others for a number of years. Just the same without your hours upon hours and/or years upon years of dedication our kids would not have been able to, from the blastball age, learn new skill sets and develop friendships and for the graduating players developed and honed those skill sets and leave with memories as well as life lessons that will last a lifetime.

I would like to personally thank Grant Butler, Anne Hayes, Mark Hope, Ryan Harmer, Craig White and Todd Loucks for their invaluable support and for going beyond the call of duty to help make our association one of the strongest within BC Minor Baseball and helping to rebuild the foundation to success as it was many years ago.

Highlights of the year to date:

- The Bantam A Giants for a well earned silver medal at the Okanagan Spring Classic.
- The Peewee A Angels (Diane Cook Tournament) and Peewee A Yankees (Claude Schillings Tournament) for their silver medal finishes.
- Jeff Francis Tournament... The North Delta Blue Jays put on a clinic to win the 10th annual Jeff Francis Tournament. They were in tough against the North Delta Braves and pulled away in the later innings to be crowned "Champions" It was a special day as Jeff's parents Mike and Joanne were in attendance to witness the final game and the NDBA is extremely grateful to Jeff, Mike and Joanne for their ongoing support. Kudos to John Delasoda and Mike Spencer for making this the best mosquito tournament in BC.
- The Tadpole Angels (Diane Cook Tournament) "Gold Medal Champions". The Tadpole Mariners (James Caron Tournament) "Silver Medal Finalists"

- Our new brand “North Delta Rays” was born and gives our association branding that I believe was lacking for way too long. We now have an identity! When any of our teams walk into an opposing teams park they will turn their heads and say look!! Here comes the “ North Delta Rays”.

As I write this the spring season is in full play-off mode. I wish the best of luck to all teams in their respective divisions. I was extremely pleased at BC Minors implementation of Rule 15.11 (Zero tolerance) that has given our umpires a safe haven from the ridiculous abuse that we have all witnessed at one point or another. Our young umpires are a huge part of our association and need to be treated with respect. Do they make mistakes? Sure they do, however I have yet to see a coach or parent berate a player that makes a couple of errors during a game. I urge you to understand that much like players our umpires are also learning their way to be the best that they can be. I have learned many things as a president, coach, parent and player, but most importantly I have learned something this year that I will never forget. Baseball is a game!! Kids are involved! All coaches and parents need to be reminded that this game is not all about winning!

Personally, I have never heard of a player being drafted to the “Bigs” at the Rally Cap/Tadpole/Mosquito/Peewee/Bantam level. There are kids that are extremely talented and kids that are brand new to the game and show promise. During our spring season there are also those kids that just want to be part of the “Team”. These kids consistently give 100% effort to be a valuable asset to their team-mates but at the end of the day, skill aside they just want more than anything to be part of the “Team” I am a big advocate of kids having a place to play, learning skills, having fun and most importantly returning year after year. This is in all of our hands as members of the association going forward. Let’s not forget the reason we are here.... Whether it be yours or mine... It will always be about the kids!

Tony Deane
President, NDBA

Executive Reports:

Vice President:

2014 was an incredibly busy year for me and a few others on the executive this year. We need more of our members to step up to ensure our baseball community stays strong and vibrant. I would like to thank Mark Hope for his steadfast and tireless commitment to North Delta Baseball over the years. While maintaining his busy career and dealing with life's adversities, he has always been there for us as a strong and reliable voice for our association. I would also like to thank Tony Deane for his leadership and patience this year. Through his leadership, we've reached many, many new and wonderful goals. The road wasn't always easy, but he sure helped us cover a lot of ground.

We accomplished many tasks this year; ranging from cleaning up the rule book through new volunteers security measures.

- Evaluations were all completed on time utilizing school gyms to mitigate against our winter weather.
- The NDBA rulebook was overhauled to make the changes added over the years to be more consistent and easier to read.
- Existing disciplinary cases were followed through on, helping maintain a safe and constructive environment for our players to play in.
- Parents, Players and Coaches all signed Code of Conduct agreements helping set expectations for our membership this year.
- The Police Information Check process has been centralized. It should be easier for all volunteers to complete the PIC process next year.
- Opening Ceremonies include many new and old dignitaries this year. Thank you to Mayor Lois Jackson, Police Commissioner Jim Cessford, MLA Scott Hamilton, and Councillor Ian Patton for attending this year.

As expected, we had a few minor challenges; some still need to be addressed.

- BC Minor's new rule 15.11 Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires has been difficult to enforce. We've made great strides forward here and need to continue to educate our coaches, parents, players and umpires to see continued success.
- Police Information Checks have been difficult to obtain from our younger divisions. We need more emphasis on their importance at the beginning of the season in our coaches and parents meetings.

Overall, things ran very smooth this season. I look forward to seeing continued fair play and sportsmanship from our coaches, parents and players this Summer Season. I am also looking forward to working with the new volunteers who have stepped up to help in the executive for the 2014/15 season.

Kind Regards,

Ryan Harmer

NDBA Vice President

Treasurer:

See attached Document

Registrar:

2014 Registration by division:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Players</u>	<u>Spring Forecast</u>	<u>% Achieved</u>
Challenger	17	20	85.00%
Blast Ball	43	35	122.86%
7U-Rally Cap	103	90	114.44%
9U-Tadpole	60	75	80.00%
11U-Mosquito	64	70	91.43%
13U-Pee Wee	52	54	96.30%
15U-Bantam	15	22	68.18%
18U-Midget	26	25	104.00%
Premier	31	32	96.88%
Total	411	423	102.92%

The NDBA continued the upward trend from the 2013 season with moderate total growth from 396 to 411 players across the association. Most importantly we had great retention in the 11U and 13U age categories and we expect this retention to continue which will help rebuild our Bantam and Midget division player numbers in the years going forward.

Blastball:

As the ND Baseball 2014 Blastball season comes to an end, I can say that all of the players are sad to see their last week of games. There was great enjoyment on the field Wednesday nights for the past 10 weeks.

This season we saw an increase in the number of teams from 4-6 and also were able to reduce the amount of players from 9 to 7 per team. This is a much more manageable number for the coaches, many of whom are doing this for the first time. There was an increase from 36 to 42 players this year as well. I'd like to thank the coaches and assistant coaches for volunteering their time, without them we would have not had a successful season. For many of them, this was their first time coaching baseball. A basic coaches clinic before the season starts as well as once more shortly after would be a great asset to the many first time coaches. We need them to be able to instruct kids the proper mechanics of throwing and receiving the ball.

This year a basic set of rules and structure for gameplay were introduced to help get things moving in the right direction at the beginning of the season. Next year I would like to have the kids work towards the White Rally cap at the end of the year. This would be a great introduction to the Rally Cap program for the players, coaches and parents.

Jason Tregaskis

Rally Cap

The 2014 Rally Cap season was an exciting one with the re-introduction of the Rally Cap program to our league. This was my first year coordinating this level and it was a fun challenge. It was decided early on to separate the kids into two divisions, first year and second years. This made it easier for the evaluations when the kids earned their Rally Caps. The Rally Cap program worked well and kids really enjoyed the challenge the evaluations set out for them.

We ended up having 15 teams (104 players) with 6-8 kids per team depending on the age group. This was very helpful as it gave a lot more time to work with kids individually or in small groups. Both divisions ended up playing 10 games this season and usually had at least one practice per week. Adding 2-3 more games next season would be a good idea as 10 seemed a little too few.

The Tuesday and Thursday game nights did cause some conflict with families that had siblings playing in the 9U Tadpole division as the players in the two divisions are only 1-2 years apart. It may eliminate some overlap if we explore different nights or Saturday/Sunday mornings for games. Youth soccer employs the weeknight practice/Saturday morning game day routine and that may be a smart option for us and does cut down on coaches and parents having to rush home to make it to weeknight games.

For the most part, the player's skill levels were equal across the board with most kids still benefiting from 2 years of T-ball/Rally Cap. However, there are a handful of kids, first and second year, that do need more of a challenge at this age. Moving forward, I recommend that the league explore the possibility of having them play in the next division up, if deemed able by the coaching director/division rep. A natural athlete should be given the chance to excel and not have to be held back do to their age.

I feel that the 2014 Rally Cap season was a success and will be continuing asset in growing our league in the future.

Jason Tregaskis

Tadpole:

Tadpole 9U 2014

Tadpole 2014 season was a great success. We were able to field five full teams of 12 or more players on each. We also were able to inter-lock with three teams from Newton a good group of players and volunteers. The season was filled with excitement, development and a growing knowledge of this beautiful game. The regular season went smoothly and with the addition of new uniforms all North Delta teams looked fantastic. We were able to send three teams to the Ross Newton tournament and two teams to the Ladner tournament.

It is in my opinion that all teams had successful seasons. I say that with confidence because you just had to sit back and watch the kids play, each week I saw improvements and a greater zest for the game in the players. That being said it's a methodical game at times and if I can lend a tip or two, kids / players respond well to encouragement, acknowledgement and praise. "Be positive and you will see positive results".

Our parents and volunteers need to be acknowledged for all their extra efforts and dedication. Thank you all. Finally to all the players you made every play, every hit, every throw and every run a memory for your friends and families. It is because of you that we see a future not only in baseball but in life. We can all learn a lot through the eyes and actions of our youth. It was said often to me by many a player "it's just a game and what's for snack coach". Don't take the fun out of the game or you will take the kid out of the game. Thanks for letting me be part of NDBA.

Paul

Mosquito:

Mosquito (11U) Report

The Mosquito season started in typical fashion – with snow falling during Spring Evaluations !! This year the NDBA secured a nearby gymnasium and although this gym likely proved to be a little small, it proved to be invaluable (especially for the evaluators who were there all afternoon).

65 Kids registered for Mosquito this season – up by almost 8% from the previous year, mostly thanks to a large 2004 registration class. 5 teams of 13 players were formed and Spring Season begun with the traditional interlock league of North Delta, Newton and Surrey. This 11 team league saw two North Delta teams (Rockies and Blue Jays) finish 1st and 2nd, one win separating the two teams.... and 4 of the top 6 teams were North Delta teams with all five ND teams having a combined record of 15 games over .500

The NDBA hosted the 10th Annual Jeff Francis Tournament for Mosquito Division teams and this year's tournament was another success. Mother Nature was mostly cooperative throughout the weekend, only putting countless volunteers to work on the Monday morning to get the field in playing condition after heavy overnight rains let up in the morning. The concession was run seamlessly by volunteer parents throughout the 3 day weekend and did extremely well, as did the 50/50 draw. Mike and Joanne Francis, mother and father of Jeff, came out to celebrate the 10th anniversary and were warmly welcomed by the North Delta crowd as they gave on-field interviews about Jeff back in his North Delta baseball days, they threw out the first pitch of the finals, and even mingled amongst the large crowd that had gathered to watch the two North Delta teams that had advanced to the finals of the 8 team tournament.

By season's end, 62 of the original 65 registrants continue to play Mosquito baseball and the Round Robin on the playoffs are well under way. By all accounts, North Delta should have a strong showing in the semi-final rounds that follow.



Peewee:

Peewee this year started off a little different, and I believe it was a successful way to go.

We started off with some great player clinics in Nov and Dec - thanks so much to Craig White, Terry Nugent and John Delasoda. I think if we do these again next year we should change the name to winter training.

These went off great - the kids totally enjoyed them and it set us up for our next task that was to pick our AA coach way ahead in December. With that in place the goal was then to have the AA team selected and in place by the end of January. This served two purposes. One to have the team get some winter training in as a team well ahead of the season. I believe if we continue to do this; players and parents will be on board and thinking about registering and training early. The second advantage to this is it allowed us time to get our A coaches in place and set up evaluations for the remaining players for A without being in a tight time frame. A third bi product of this plan was we had the peewee registration numbers coming in early and which was a great help in determining team sizes etc.

Speaking of numbers we had one AA team and three A teams this year. Totalling 52 players registered. We did however have to wait list three kids this year based on manageable numbers. I recommend that all families register early so as to not be disappointed in upcoming years.

All teams competed well this season but the bigger picture with spring ball is development! I believe all teams did their best to develop and make playing ball fun!

Thank you to all the parents for all that you do to allow your Son/Daughter play this great sport. We appreciate all the hours of score keeping, pitch counting, raking, concession duty etc.

Thank you to the coaches for the hours put in - on and off the field.

Please know your Executive Members are always a short click away to hear any feedback you may have about the game, the season, the rules etc. You may have a great idea we never thought about. I for one would love to hear feedback good or bad.

Lastly a huge thank you to my fellow Executive Members for your tireless efforts and hours you put in for the kids! Hear Hear!

Sincerely ,

Shawn Sabourin - Peewee Rep 2014

Bantam:

This year, we had 15 kids register for Bantam. Four of which were second year kids. The 1999 group of kids is the smallest age group that NDBA has and it's always a challenge. We took it on and with a bit of luck, made this a great season for all of them.

We wanted to set the groundwork for a Bantam AA/AAA program and we took the first step by merging with Tsawwassen to form a AA team with 3 of our kids making the team. They finished strong with an 8-6 record

and have made it into the semi-finals of the playoffs. The Summer season will include a double header weekend of exhibition games in the States with a Saturday night Mariner's game. Followed by more exhibition games on the Island. This will hopefully help them make the Provincials.

The single A team went 0-20 in the regular season. We knew they were improving but we struggled when it came down to crunch time. This all changed when we had our final set of games in a Kelowna Tournament and went 4-1 losing the final to Kelowna who we beat the previous day. Thank you to Ernie Dickson and Scott Mairs for your hard work, PATIENCE and dedication to the team.

8 of the 12 kids have signed up for summer ball and we are strengthening our relationship with Tsawwassen by merging with them again. They have 5 kids that want to play summer ball. Big thanks to Shawn Sabourin for stepping up to be one of the coaches. Just like the AA team, we will be called the Delta Tigers and we will be playing out of Westview and Winskill parks. We plan to go up to Kelowna for a rematch.

Another big thanks to Wayne Laviolette, my counterpart in Tsawwassen for making these merges happen. Our next target is Bantam Fall Ball and the beginning of a Delta Bantam AAA program.

Finally, thank you to all the executives, coaches, parents and players for making this a fun and rewarding year.

Kevin Koyanagi

NDBA Bantam Rep

Midget:

North Delta was again able to field 2 teams in the Midget AA division. We had 26 players registered. The teams were built into two categories, a senior team primarily of grade 12 students and the other a mixture of ages. This allowed the kids in their final year to have one last chance to play together with all their buddies. This also transpired well onto the field as both teams finished the regular season with pretty much identical records finishing at or around the 500 mark and in the middle of a 21 team division.

The weather was very much an issue with both teams scrambling to make up games lost to wet weather and unplayable field conditions at Mackie Field. Unfortunately this field has been neglected by the municipality

and has created some serious safety concern in both the wet and dry conditions. I would strongly recommend that consideration be made to replacing the surface at Mackie.

The playoffs for both teams start the first week in June. Summer ball commences following the playoffs and North Delta will be fielding a team for the summer season.

The wheels are in motion for North Delta, in conjunction with Newton and Surrey, to be putting together a Midget AAA program starting this fall. Any interested parties are encouraged to contact the midget director. Once again I would like to thank all the players, coaches and parents for their help throughout the year

Terry Nugent
Midget Director

Annieville (including: Gunderson, Sunbury) Concessions

2014 has been one of my busiest seasons in all the time I have been with North Delta Baseball. I ended up running 3 concessions. We had very few cancellations this year. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine for the rest of the playoffs and the Summer Season.

We ran a very successful tournament this year at Annieville and Gunderson. The Jeff Francis Mosquito tournament over the May long weekend brought in just over \$2,200 in sales. Thanks go to Mike Spencer & John Delasoda for stepping up to open and close the concessions for me during the tournament while I was away. Thanks also to all the parents of the Mosquito teams that helped make it a very successful time.

Since the Spring Season runs into the Summer Season, the Income Statement is still ongoing.

Sales to Date	\$14,435.06
Concession Purchases	\$9,088.62
Estimated Net Income	\$5,346.44

The Summer Season should bring in a significant amount of income and final amounts will be available in the fall.

We will be running a Peewee A Provincial Tournament this year at Sunbury and Annieville from August 7 to 10. So if you are looking to watch some great baseball or just want to have a last hotdog of the season come out and see us.

I would like to take the time to thank Nancy Bailey who has stepped up and helped to run Sunbury Concession. I would also like to thank all the parents that come into the concession and work their shifts. It has been a pleasure to meet you all.

I know that I have said this before but this really is my last year in North Delta Baseball. Grant & I are moving to Vancouver. We have enjoyed our 19 years in North Delta and are looking forward to the next great adventure.

Anne Hayes

Field Manager:

See attached report

Equipment:

Uniforms:

2014 has marked a change for North Delta Baseball. This year the executive approved and instituted a 3 year plan to replace uniforms in all divisions. The Tadpole received new uniforms this year, as did Bantam, and Pee wee had a much needed upgrade in its uniforms. Next year Mosquito is slated for new uniforms, and the following year, Rally Cap and Midget. For the first time North Delta also saw the new ND logo on its hats moving us forward into a modern look.

Uniforms also began to phase out supplying gray pants for the spring to ultimately keep association costs down and to help support the much needed new uniforms. We offered to pants sales, which were very successful. We will continue to offer the sale until our stock is depleted, after which time uniforms is working on a project with Prostock to continue to offer a reasonably priced pant for members to purchase as a convenient service to our players and families.

Also introduced this year was a change to uniform distribution. All teams were individually fitted over two days. One big reason for the change was accountability (receiving deposit cheques, and contact information) the other reason efficiency. The response from parents was very encouraging.

I am really excited about our summer attire. I have been working with suppliers and uniforms to create a great new look for our summer ball teams, and thrilled to be able to introduce the new Rays uniforms over the next few weeks.

I would like to thank the executive and the parents in supporting the change this year, and trusting my vision. It has been a pleasure to work with and support such a dedicated group.

Marketing Director:

Thank you to the executive and association for allowing me to fill the role of Director of Marketing for my second year. It was a challenging year from me from a time perspective, however, I feel good about progress made this season.

My sponsor revenue target for the year was \$6,000. To date, we have collected \$1,100 with approximately \$1,500 yet to collect. This is down markedly from last year's \$3,000. The primary reason for the decrease is a marked decrease in budget from our returning sponsors. It is clear that we'll have to increase visibility and activity to increase the value perceived from their investment in the NDBA. The year isn't over and I'm busy with gathering more sponsors for the remainder of the season to ensure I reach my goal. Overall, I'm very optimistic. Our sponsors this year included Delta Cable, Pediatric Dental, Canopy West, Envision Financial, Re/Max Court Crew, Salon Manhattan, Prostock and Altmaerker Deli.

Of course, a very large bright spot was this year's social pub night hosted by the One20 Public House. It seems like a great format, and from the copious positive reviews from attendees, looks very likely to happen next year. While I felt that the donated gifts were adequate, and that there was just enough room for what we had, I would like to see more participation from the teams next year. The key will be to reach out very early in the season to start the preparation. A toonie toss would have helped us bump up our revenue by about \$400 dollars, hence, we'll make sure to include it next year.

For the Delta Days parade this year we will be leveraging our relationship with sponsor, Canopy West. Combined with NDBA signage and a booth at ND park to connect with the crowd, it looks to generate a lot of awareness and interest. The closing ceremonies will see Canopy West buying all uniformed players in attendance a hot dog.

Another unique sponsorship was from the Pita Pit who donated in the form of free wraps and smoothies for the Player of the Game program. The logistics of handing out the forms proved challenging, however, I'm sure we'll see this return next year and the coaches can expect the forms through this year's playoffs to ensure all players receive their pita.

Thanks again for your support and I look forward to the remainder of 2014 and beyond.

Regards,

Stan

Social Director:

Annual Report – Katie Harmer, Social Director
This year's social activities were very successful!

April 3rd, Team Parent Meeting

Most of the Team Parents came to the meeting. Some Coaches as well which was great to share the information with them. The booklet was condensed this year as some of the previous content was obsolete, as well we are able to access a lot of our information from the website.

May 11th, NDBA – Mariners Youth Baseball Day

This was our first year participating in this event, with 150 NDBA players and their families we had a great time. The prices were reasonable, the players received Mariner rope necklaces and the Mom's got hats! To improve on this for next year, we will price slightly higher to cover exchange and service fees as well as request seating with more sun.

May 24th, NDBA Social Night

Congratulations to the 9U Giants for selling the most tickets and winning \$200 towards their wrap up event! The event was a huge success with 160 attendees having a great time! Thank you very much to Stan Cherak for all of his hard work and to his band for the great music. The teams all stepped up with fantastic prizes, a special thank you to Grant Butler and Anne Hayes for donating a Big BBQ! I suggest some minor changes that will help keep the momentum that has been created in the last couple events: Keep some donated gifts as door prizes and hold silent auctions on the others, negotiate more of a 'kick back' from the venue as they had a very lucrative evening and have a couple more helpers on hand for sales of tickets etc. This year we made a profit and were successful in creating a fun social environment for the Parents and Volunteers. Great work everyone!

June 7th, Coach Appreciation Night

42 of our Volunteers attended this year's event. There were beverages, food and door prizes. Thank you to the One20 for donating 6-\$25 Gift Cards. We had plenty food and beverage, we had used up our supply at roughly 930pm and I made a decision to not replenish as I felt that we had served plenty of beverages considering the numbers of attendees. Improvements for next year will include adding an END time to the event to help manage everyone's expectations. Also I suggest that Players not be present, to be clear the players who were there were well mannered and behaved but I suggest this as a general consideration and leave it to the discretion of the executive.

June 22, North Delta Family Day Parade

Our Association will be participating in the Parade again this year. My recommendations are that we have as many players participate that would like to, that they wear their practice shirts and bring their gloves. Thank you in advance to those of you who will participate and bring out your players!

Publicity:

During my second term as the Publicity Director we accomplished a number of branding, website, printed and social media initiatives. We have continued reaching out to our members in new ways. Info-graphics were heavily used across a number of mediums to make it easy for our members to know what is going on with our Association. I would like to thank Original72 with their continued support and assistance in realizing our brand and communication needs. I look forward to continuing to keep our members well informed with engaging, and diverse methods of communication.

Some of the improvements I would like to highlight are;

- Continuing with our brand overhaul for North Delta Baseball, we have come up with a new Summer Team name and Summer Team crest. This summer, we look forward to seeing our players take the diamond for the first time as the North Delta Rays.
- We've created a set of key values for the organization: Development | Community | Respect | Sportsmanship | Achievement | Fun
- We've continued to advertise our registration by using a targeted pamphleting campaign. We've continued to see the rise in our registration numbers, especially amongst our younger divisions.
- Our periodic electronic newsletter was distributed 3 times to our members and subscribers. We enjoyed a 75% average view rate of the newsletters proving it to be a very successful way to communicate events, issues and sponsorship information to our 500+ subscribers.
- We are working on a new version of our website that will include our Rays brand and offer greater ease of use on mobile devices.
- Whenever possible, we have tried to take a collaborative approach to our brand and key messages to our members and the public. By doing so, we hope the executive members can be the stewards of the overall vision we have for North Delta Baseball.

I enjoyed a very productive term as the Publicity Director. It has been a lot of fun using my existing skill set to bring our executives' new and thoughtful ideas into fruition. I do, however, hope someone else will step up for this role for the next term so I can focus on my responsibilities as the Vice President.

Kind Regards,
 Ryan Harmer
 Publicity Director

Coaches Director:

The spring season is winding down with all divisions currently involved in playoff games. By all report the various ND teams are doing well in interlock play

The season got started back in October when we ran indoor clinics for the U13 (Pee wee) group. It was an enthusiastic group and the sessions were well attended and there are many fine young players in this group.

In January we moved into Sands High School and worked with the younger groups (Mosquito and Tadpole). These sessions were very successful (maybe too much so as it was a very exuberant group) the players all

seemed to have a lot of fun and their skills increased as the sessions progressed. Big thanks to all the coaches who volunteered their time for these sessions.

The BC Minor Coaching Convention was held in Langley in January and despite the snow on Saturday was well attended. As usual the presentations were excellent with entertaining speakers and useful and informative demonstrations

ND hosted the Coaches Caravan in April and the weather cooperated and we had a dry day. This event was very well attended with over 30 coaches obtaining their Initiation level . Great to see so many coaches out program as early as next year. The sessions that I attended showed clearly that the players are having a great time and are also developing solid baseball skills.

We continue to encourage all our coaches to obtain their various NCCP levels and to continually upgrade their coaching skill. Better coaching will lead to better players and a better experience over all
Many thanks to all the executive members, coaches and players that have helped with the various program this year

Craig White

Tournament Director:

As the Spring season is coming to a close we have currently successfully completed the Mosquito age 11U Jeff Francis Tournament. The tournament featured 8 teams in total 5 from within and 3 paid entries from Coquitlam and 2 from Newton. 2 North Delta teams met in the Finals which was won by Mike Spencer's Blue Jays. The week end was a great success with the weather holding up and we got plenty of sun. The concessions were busy as well 50/50 tickets were drawn for all the games and a final raffle draw was made with featured 3 prizes donated by our tournament namesake Jeff Francis. Speaking of Jeff Francis this was the 10th annual version of the Jeff Francis tournament and we played that up. His parents Mike and Joanne were invited to be the guests of honor and it was a pleasure getting to know them. The Francis's were

presented with a commemorative trophy to forward on to Jeff and also some gifts from the association for them and they were truly grateful.

My expenses for the tournament totaled \$120 which paid for the commemorative trophy as well as flowers for Joanne. My expenses were taken care of by our Mark Hope treasurer. I'm assuming that one day the tournament could get a new namesake but for the time being I have been told by the Francis's that Jeff is truly honored that our association has recognized him with our Jeff Francis Tournament.

With the summer season almost here there are still 2 more tournament occurring in North Delta the 8U, July 24-27th and the Pee Wee A, Aug 7-11th Provincials, a small committee has been formed to help get the Provincial A Pee Wee tournament coordinated. The committee features Sue Dean, Sean Sabourin and myself, I know that come Provincials we can use plenty of assistance

John