

2025 AMFA AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: July 24, 2025,

Location: via Zoom

Total Attendees (including executives): 50

Called to Order at 7:00 pm (Tom)

Land Acknowledgement (Tom)

BYLAWS ADHERENCE

- Meeting Chair elected = Tom
- Quorum established with 50 participants
- Motion to approve the AGM agenda (James), second (Darren)
- Motion to approve 2024 AGM minutes (Katie), second (James)

PURPOSE / VALUES STRATEGY

- "Connecting our community and helping kids find joy in sport"
- Key successes: record number of players in 2025, multiple teams in A, B and C categories, more off-season development opportunities and clinics, balanced financials,
- More spending on equipment this year, rediverted funding to development
- Consistently hosted outstanding and highly organized events (Opening Day, Spirit of the Game, House Districts), with Westerns coming up
- We are competing at every level – B level with 5 of 6 teams securing a Provincial bid, A teams competing hard in their Provincials, U15 and U20 House teams also represented at Provincials; 2 teams will be competing at the highest level they can compete at: U13B (Westerns); U17A (Nationals in Warman, SK)

REGISTRATION UPDATE

- Slight increase in registration from 2024 to 2025 (580 to 584)
- Goal for 2026 is 650
 - o 480 Abbotsford
 - o Next highest is Mission, which is looking to reboot its softball program shortly
 - o 20 to 30 from Chilliwack and a handful from other Lower Mainland communities
- 175 to 180 players in U7 / U9 Learn to Play program, with 12 teams in U7 / U9 this year
 - o New Executive team member (Nathan) leading LTP this past season with updates to lesson plans, guidance for parent coaches, overall look of the program, opening and closing day activities
 - o Potential for U5 program in 2026 +/- LTP tournament

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

- High-level update of amendments provided (these have been posted on the website):



- o Timing of the meeting to elect the board (may be done before or after the AGM)
- o Title Change: VP People to VP Culture
- o Removal of the ability of members to hold more than one board position
- o Removal of the supervision of Managers by the President, who other board members manage
- o Role clean-up and creation of new roles (addition of the Manager of Logistics)
- o Allow the President to Vote on All Matters
- Broadening the definition of membership to include past players and their families
- Amendment to quorum requirement for AGM
- Signing authority process to capture e-transfers
- Motion to adopt bylaws as circulated (*Phil*), seconded (*Katie*); motion carried



FINANCIAL UPDATE

- o Amazing budget management by Nikki in a challenging, high-growth year
- o Five large deltas:
 - o Registration – budgeted for 610 and registration fell short of this (budget: \$190,610; actual \$179,400)
 - o Equipment – underspent this year (likely due to more liberal spending in past seasons) – \$12,000 surplus
 - o Fields – overbudget by ~ \$4800, inflation, increased usage, as well as underestimates in terms of supplies and maintenance
 - o Umpires – just under budget (highlighting great work from James in his first year in the role in terms of umpire development, etc.)
 - o Tournaments - TBD
- o Of note, the AMFA typically projects a budget surplus annually, but due to hosting Westerns in August, this remains to be seen at this time
 - o Consideration may be given to moving the AGM to after hosting any big events in future years



KEY INITIATIVES FOR 2025/26

1. Improved facilities
 - o Re-establishment of Ex Park as the AMFA's primary home from April to July, with a target of at least two consecutive nights weekly available for games (with a goal of every kid in the AMFA playing games at Ex Park) – the goal would be to have primary access to all fields in an early time slot
 - o Facility upgrades for existing fields – storage, seating, backstops, dugouts, fences, irrigation (Ellwood, Clearbrook – especially a washroom at Clearbrook, which seems to have been added to the capital budget for the city for early 2026)



- o Potential for land acquisition south of King Road from ALR, a recreational facility would be built here, and the AMFA is advocating for ball fields dedicated to the AMFA to be a primary priority
- 2. Launch Annual Banquet – attendance of 500, year-end event to cap off the season
- 3. 5-year strategy – build and deliver a comprehensive strategy to guide the growth of the AMFA to become a well-respected and one of the largest softball organizations in the province (with a growth strategy focused on local kids becoming interested in and joining softball here in Abbotsford)
 - o 1-page summary to be shared with the AMFA community at AGM next year



KEY DATES 2024/2025

- July 24 – 2025 AGM
- July 25 – August 16: AMFA Executive Summer break
- July 30-August 3: U17A Nationals – Warman, SK
- August 7-10: U13B Westerns – Ex Park
- Early August: Rep Coaches & Tryout Announcements
- September 1-10: Outlaws tryouts
- Mid-September: Rep Coaches & Managers Meeting
- Late September-End of October: Outdoor Outlaws Practices
- October 17-19: Fall Classic
- October-March: House Skills Clinics
- October-March 13: Outlaws Off-Season Indoor Training
- Late January: Rep Picture night
- March 1: Registration closes
- Mid-March: House Coaches & Managers Meeting
- March 14-April 12: House Indoor / Outdoor Preseason Team Practices
- Late March: Ice Breaker Tournament
- March 30: Rep Game Schedule begins
- April 1: House Picture night
- April 4: Opening Day
- April 10: LTP begins
- April 13: House Game Schedule begins
- Mid-May: Spirit of the Game U11C
- Mid-June: Districts
- June 25: Inaugural AMFA Banquet
- July: Provincials
- July 16: AGM 2026



EXECUTIVE ROLE REVIEW 2025/26

- Gratitude towards those AMFA Executive members
 - o Kim Morrison – Communications

- o Laura Eaton – Apparel
- o Corine Lovegrove – Social Media/Schedules
- o Carmel Klassen / Joe Middleton – combined have contributed 31 years to the AMFA
 - Final two members who were on the Executive team 11 years ago when Tom joined!
 - THANK YOU for your dedication and commitment
- Board roles have been reviewed and voted on at the most recent AMFA Executive meeting (June 27th) –
 - o Only members of the Management team can ascend into Board Level roles
 - o Wendy, Darren and Sarah have accepted their nominations to carry on
 - o Nikki, Phil and Emily will continue (moving into their second year of 2-year terms)
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- Management roles are one-year terms



Managers staying in current roles:

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| - <i>Manager of Coaching Development</i> | <i>Daniel Goertz</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Rep Program</i> | <i>Sarah Masson</i> |
| - <i>Manager of House Program</i> | <i>Steve Halliday</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Player Promotion</i> | <i>Narinder Badesha</i> |
| - <i>Manager of LTP</i> | <i>Nathan Riest</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Compliance</i> | <i>Sarah Mohle</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Fundraising</i> | <i>Gary McCaskill</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Team Managers</i> | <i>Stacey Richmond</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Website/Communication</i> | <i>Katie McKay</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Tournaments</i> | <i>Sheri Howlett</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Community Engagement</i> | <i>Kara Bertram</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Logistics / Opening Day</i> | <i>Jayden Joubert</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Fields</i> | <i>Josh Morrison</i> |
| - <i>Umpire Allocator</i> | <i>James Chassie</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Uniforms</i> | <i>Caila Reid</i> |



**All nominated/acclimated (Tom); seconded (Sheri)*

Open role nominations:

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| - <i>Manager of Sponsorship</i> | <i>Kara Aiten (nominated by Tom, seconded by Darren)</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Social Media</i> | <i>Taisha Purper (nominated by Tom, seconded by Katie)</i> |
| - <i>Manager of Events</i> | <i>Candice Hagen (nominated by Tom, seconded by James)</i> |



- *Manager of Schedules* *Scott Cadwell (nominated by Tom, seconded by Jayden)*
- *Manager of Apparel* *Megan Faber (nominated by Tom, seconded by Darren)*
- *Manager of House Program (co)* *Shaun Budden (nominated by Tom, seconded by Katie)*
- *Manager of Rep Program (co)* *Sebastian Wong (nominated by Tom, seconded by James)*

**All acclimated*

There are two roles available (*reach out to Tom if interested):

- *VP Operations*
- *Manager of Equipment*

President's term is ending in 2025 → Tom (nominated by Sheri, seconded by James) – *acclaimed x 3 years.*

Special thanks to AMFA Executive membership and all those who devote time, energy, and dedication to the kids!

Round table/questions

- Kudos to James re: work on umpires this year!

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 pm.

