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Notification of Request to Appear as a Delegation

Request from Gary Brotzel to appear before City of Regina Council as a delegation.

TOPIC: That the City of Regina sign a Letter of Intent with the Regina Red Sox and LSSE to proceed, collaboratively, with a study regarding the feasibility of a new baseball stadium in Regina

Name of Delegate Gary Brotzel

Regina Red Sox President

Regina Resident

Summary

The Red Sox were granted a WCBL Franchise in the fall of 2004 and our first season of play was 2005.

We are run by a volunteer board of directors.

The league was initially an amateur baseball league with no age limits. The League transitioned to a Summer Collegiate Baseball League in 2007 and all players must be on a Canadian or USA Collegiate baseball roster to be eligible. All players are amateur collegiate athletes from NCAA and NAIA Programs are prohibited from any financial compensation.

Our success has laid the foundation for the youth of Regina and area, to strive to play college baseball. We aid in their development as a player and a person by providing a very high level of Collegiate Baseball in the Summer.

Baseball before the current Regina Red Sox went something like this!

Players played seriously up until the U14 age. At the U17 level interest started to fade with a few of the high-level players still taking interest and pride in the game. After U17 they moved on to the junior ranks where they showed up and played when convenient and the ball was generally of poor quality. A handful of players moved on to the college ranks.

Baseball since the Red Sox began play in 2005

Things really started to pick up after we won the WCBL Championship in 2011 and 2012. Our players are roll models to Regina's youth ball players. The kids flood the field after games looking for autographs. To them they are MLB players. We send players to attend youth practices and we run a summer ball camp for 100 kids each year.

We have developed a culture called 'The Red Sox Way' and without going into all the details it is the way the players handle themselves on and off the field and how they develop and player and more importantly a person.

The baseball cycle now goes like this.

Players move from U14 to U17 and participate in the Saskatchewan Premiere Base ball League established in 2011 after our first WCBL title. Players in Regina and area start at Martin Baseball Academy in grade 9. Martin develops the players skills and help find baseball scholarships. They have sent 36 players to college in recent years and their enrollment had gone from 30 to 80 players. Over 50 players have played college baseball from Regina since we started. The players come home for the summer and continue playing with the Sox against high calibre collegiate players from all over Canada and the USA.

The proof is in the pudding as they say! Many of our local alumni are productive Tax paying citizens and are contributing to society and baseball in a big way!

Examples:

Tanner Brotzel- Firefighter

Jesse Pentz- RPS

Justin Eiswirth- Teacher and Head Instructor at Martin Baseball Academy

Rob Cherespuschak- Former Field Manager- Now Head Baseball Instructor and Administrator at Martin Baseball Academy

Ben Fines and Chris Untereiner- Owners and Instructors of RBI Baseball Training Center

Morgan Reiter and Cory Hall- Owner/Instructors at Inside Pitch Baseball Training Venter in Regina and Saskatoon

Nolan Bracken: Technical Director at Sask Baseball

Dustin Molleken- Sox Pitching Coach and Former Team Canada and Professional Baseball Player: Owner Operator of 2SK Performance Baseball

There have been many WCBL Players make it Major League Baseball

Josh Taylor- Currently Pitching for Boston Red Sox in the playoffs

Marco Gonzalez- Pitcher- Seattle Mariners

Mike Soroka- Okotoks AB : Atlanta Braves- Currently injured with torn Achilles