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Baseball Seeks Civic Centre Tie-up

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Prince Rupert Baseball Association, at their annual meeting last night, decided unanimously to send their executive to a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Civic Centre Association with a proposition to become affiliated. The affiliation proposal will contain the following points:

1. That the baseball association be called the Civic Centre Baseball Association.
2. That the Civic Centre Association approve all negotiations for out of town trips.
3. That the Civic Centre Association back the baseball association morally and financially in order to simplify credit arrangements and equalize financial problems over a period of years.
4. That all ball players in the league become members of the Civic Centre.

The closing date for entries of teams into the city league was set for May 11 with the first game to be held May 14.

The secretary was instructed to write the Parks Board asking for use of Roosevelt Park on the evening of May 24 in order to hold an old timer-rookie ball game.

Registration of players will close May 16 with no limit as to number of players on each team.

Old business transacted at the beginning of the meeting included reading of the minutes and the financial statement. The financial statement showed a small operating surplus barring payment of \$100 to the winning team last year. Speaking for the winning team, Dave Abel said he thought they would be satisfied if the association paid for crests the team had purchased.

In his president's report, Art Murray thanked the executive team sponsors, managers and coaches and the players for their fine co-operation during the year and asked for their continued support through the coming season.

The following slate of officers was elected for the 1950 season: Honorary* president, Mayor George Rudderham; president, Art Murray; first vice-president, A. S. Nickerson; second vice-president, Gunnar Anderson; secretary-treasurer, George Murray.

It appeared from the meeting that it was likely there would be two teams from the city and one from Watson Island. Don Forward was asked to carry an invitation to Terrace to enter the league with those games to be played Sundays.

The meeting closed on a note of optimism for baseball in the district this year.

**Reply Of Civic Centre Director
To Prince Rupert Baseball Ass'n.**

The following statement was presented to the executive of the Prince Rupert Baseball Association last night by Don Forward, executive secretary of the Prince Rupert Civic Centre:

The Baseball Association has intimated through the newspaper that the Civic Centre Association will be asked to operate the Baseball Association this year. In fact it has been intimated that the Civic Centre plans to get out from under this responsibility. First let me explain that the shoe is on the other foot. The Baseball Association, not the Civic Centre, has always operated baseball. If there is an attempt to get out from under, it is not the Civic Centre that can be so accused.

The Civic Centre Association, to the best of its ability, and within the scope of its staff and finances, endeavours to operate a program for the youth of the community during the summer months. Available funds and a budget adopted by an annual meeting determine the scope of this youth work. The Association is given a yearly grant by the Gyro Club to cover work on the Gyro Playgrounds. This means the operation of a playground programme at McClymont Park, Seal Cove Park, Totem Park, Westview Park and Gyro Ball Park, also supervision of the outdoor swimming pool and wading pool. When you consider that \$600 is the amount of the yearly grant, you will realize that the work is necessarily limited.

This Association has never undertaken the operation of any Senior Club or Association. The Basketball Association has its own executive, runs its own affairs, handles its own funds and pays its own bills. The Civic Centre does look after the City League Basketball but their home is the Centre. Every player is a Centre member. City league funds go 100% into the operation of the Centre. However, the Basketball Association decides on policy and controls the actual league operations.

All other sport and activity is operated by those interested in that activity. The Badminton Club is self-operative, just as all adult organizations in the Centre are operated by the membership involved. If we were to undertake the operation of baseball, would soccer, lawn bowling, tennis, bowling, the Yacht Club,

the Aero Club and every other organization in the city expect us to do the same for them, and, if so, where would the funds for staff be obtained?

The Civic Centre operates at a \$4,000 or more per year deficit. We try to keep that deficit at a minimum by budgeting for a skeleton staff in the summer time. Already, because of budget limitations, our Pro-Rec instructor has been laid off until needed in the fall. The program secretary goes on leave of absence without pay till September. The physical instructor is employed on a seven-months-a-year basis and is not presently on the staff. The janitor staff is cut to the minimum. The office staff is employed for the winter months only. Until that day when the Civic Centre is able to employ a large summer staff, the operation of Senior Sport Leagues is definitely not in the scope of the Civic Centre.

Too often it is glibly suggested that the Civic Centre should run this and run that! Who is the Civic Centre—it is its membership! Those members who wish to play badminton band together to operate badminton. Those who wish to have a symphony or a band, organize to have such a group. My contention is that baseball should be operated by the baseball players and fans, not by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Co-op, the Service Clubs, the Women's Organizations, the boys' groups, the sport groups, and other interested groups, who band together to provide an operating executive for the Civic Centre.

We are fortunate this year in obtaining as our Playground Supervisor for the summer months, Keith Maltman, a recent graduate of the University of B. C. Physical Education Department. He will be with us from June 15th till Labor Day and will arrive this week to work in the fishing industry till going on our staff. Because of his experience, we are able to undertake the organization of Junior Baseball this year. This is a worthy work organized last year by the Baseball Ass'n. I feel it comes within the scope of our youth activity. We are pleased to offer our staff services in this respect but the success of the project will depend on full co-operation from all baseball players. If the Juniors are to be

**Pre-Season
Soccer Game**

Executive Plans Igor Opening Activities

The executive of the Prince Rupert Football Association met last evening in the Canadian Legion Clubrooms and drew up plans for the opening of the 1950 football season. A pre-season game will be played next Sunday afternoon when two selected teams will meet prior to the regular league games.

The President's eleven will be selected from H. Morgan, "Monk" Sunberg, "Blek" Eby (captain); P. Mazzoni, Glen Olsen, Charlie Currie, W. Baxter, Alvin McKay, Nick Pavlikis, Andy Wyatt, D. Ward, Vanderheide, John Wilson, Arne Lien, James Greer, J. Bremner, R. Robinson, Stan Veitch, Billy Gomez, W. Beaumont, Bob Currie, Percy Welter.

The Vice-president's eleven will be selected from Tommy Boulter, Ian Dunbar, G. Ferguson, J. Cornwell, K. Yeland, Darrow Gomez (captain); Dick Cameron, Pat Wilson, Ralph Smith, Bob

Armstrong, Dave Murray, Gus Krause, Charlie Sunberg, Joe Adams, Sid Alexander, W. Price, T. Parkhouse, Bob Vuckovich, George MacAfee, Charlie Graham.

Both teams are to meet at the Armory on Sunday afternoon before the game. It is hoped to have the ace referee Sidney Woodside handle the game. The President's team will wear the Battery strips and the Vice-president's team the Legion colors.

The Association will inform the Port Day committee that the footballers are anxious to co-

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