



Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum

"Honour Our Past - Ensure Our Future"

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New Administrator / Manager for the Baseball Hall of Fame

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame (MBHOF) Board is pleased to announce that they have an "all-star designated hitter" stepping up to the plate for their Administrator / Manager position for the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum.

"Jim Mutcheson will be a welcomed addition to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Clubhouse. Jim's call up to the Big Leagues began this October under the tutelage of long time Manager Joe Wiwchar.

Jim's interest, commitment, and service to community and the province will no doubt serve him well in his rookie season in the dug out at the helm, of the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, emphasized Lane Curry, Local Morden Committee Member

Jim Mutcheson has an extensive repertoire on the sporting stage and experience related to the Administrator/Manager Position.

He played junior and senior baseball as well as umpired baseball and refereed hockey.

An Inductee into MB Baseball Hall of Fame with Mutcheson Family, a Morden Sports Volunteer Hall of Fame Inductee in the inaugural year, Jim has been a mainstay for many years of local, regional, provincial, and national executive volunteer roles for Hockey Manitoba and Canada. The list is endless, and includes World Junior

Championships in Morden in 1999, Manitoba Directors Cup Executive for eight consecutive years hosted in Morden Recreation Centre. Hockey Canada U 16 Championship Host Committee Executive, Hockey Canada U18 Female Esso Cup Host Committee Executive, 2014 Manitoba Winter Games Committee Morden/Winkler and is current member the Morden Legion Executive.

Mutcheson has extensive experience in volunteering, leading, and managing people throughout his 44-year career and sports across Manitoba. He participated in planning and budgeting for local and national events. He currently operates his own consultancy company.

Jim decided to submit his name to the new Executive Director of the Baseball Hall of Fame after being approached by Joe Wiwchar.

"Joe Wiwchar approached me, during an induction ceremony for our city's sports volunteers. He asked if I would be interested in taking over his position at the Baseball Hall of Fame Museum. It was like a golden opportunity was asked of me. I was looking for something to occupy my time in retirement and this seemed like a no brainer to apply for this position," stated Jim.

Mutcheson was intrigued by the position and opportunities that could be expanded.

"I have always liked a challenge. The chance to follow in my dad's footsteps, as this was one of his passions through the years. To be

involved in something like this to promote as a tourist attraction for the City of Morden and the province of Manitoba is an awesome opportunity," underscored Jim.

His immediate goals are to get a sense of the operation and deal with any general improvements.

"Firstly, would be to get an overall picture of the daily operations of the Baseball Hall of Fame and work towards making general improvements with the guidance of the board of directors. Joe has agreed to mentor me through the introductory phase which will make the transition a lot easier," outlined Mutcheson.

Looking ahead, Jim has a list of things he would like to see happen.

"To be able to expand the Baseball Hall of Fame and upgrade viewing and all of its artifacts. Like tablets, touch screen computers, and so forth," said Jim.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors I am thrilled to welcome Jim Mutcheson to the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Administrator/Manager position. Jim possesses a unique set of skills and experiences that will compliment our existing team and positively impact the MBHOF as it continues to grow and prosper. We look forward to supporting Jim as he shares his perceptions and creativity in a manner that will uphold the highest of standards as we continue to "Honour Our Past – Ensure Our Future." Best Wishes Jim," concluded Dan Giesbrecht, Chairman, Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

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It will be an impressive list of selected individuals who will be making a historical statement when they are inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame.

The Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame will hold its 25th Induction Banquet on June 3, 2023, at the Access Events Centre in Morden.

Eight individuals and four teams will be inducted. The individuals are Corey Billaney (Boissevain), Jeff Bouchard (Winnipeg), Junior Brake (Boissevain), Keith Carriere (Winnipeg), Patti Hacault (Holland), Laurie Langrell (Warren and Winnipeg), Thomas Smith - posthumously (Steinbach), and Todd Smith - posthumously (Hamiota).

The four teams are the Minnedosa Mavericks 2006-2015 in the Senior Club category, the Reston Rockets 2009-2013 in the Senior Club category, the Hamiota Juvenile Royals of 1966 in the Special category, and the Norwood Community Club Baseball Team 1953-1956 in the Minor Club category (minor because of age).



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