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<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Mike Sarai, President	
<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Board Meeting	
<b>Minute taker:</b>	James Raymond	
<b>Attendees:</b>	M. Sarai, J. Raymond, A. Hayes, S. King, S. McCann, S. Drysdale, M. Kelly, T. McGuire, G. Rimer, L. Szabo, E. Toneff, P. Weatherill	
<b>Conference Call:</b>	C. Martin, T. Chudyk, M. Holyk, V. Greenwood, G. Butler	
<b>Absent:</b>	J. Braaten	
<b>Guest(s)</b>		
<b>1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM</b>		
<b>2. President's Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Request from Mike Sarai to please maintain meeting decorum all discussions to be directed through President</li></ul>		
<b>3. Additions to Agenda.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>None</li></ul>		
<b>4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>		
<b>4.1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>MOTION: S. Drysdale / P. Weatherill</b></li></ul> <p align="center"><b>Motion to accept May minutes as distributed.</b></p> <p align="center"><b>M/S/C</b></p>		
<b>5. Correspondence</b>		
<b>5.1</b> Letter from member regarding the process for selection of yearly annual award of association of the year. Communication passed on to V. Greenwood for follow up.		

- 5.2** Letter in response to correspondence from Mike Sarai regarding Baseball BC's formation of their high performance committee received from John Berry of Baseball BC. (note. response from John Berry received 3.5 months after original letter from M. Sarai) No reply from BC Baseball forthcoming.
- 5.3** Letters from members of Van Minor regarding selection of 18U AA teams. M. Sarai met with correspondent to discuss, also discussed with Mary, President of Van Minor. Resolution to understand and address moving forward.

## **6. Business Arising**

- 6.1 Field growth – Letter complete, to be forwarded to all executive members by Stuart Drysdale
- 6.2 Provincial directors spreadsheet - all events covered. Mike Kelly questioned dates of Ladner and Mission as confirmation.
- 6.3 Worldplay - Mike Sarai asked sought update as to why we did not run at John Main. Trevor McGuire explained that time became an issue in getting all elements in place for it to roll forward in such a short window. Committee has met and has decided on identifying specific Provincial Championship games. James Raymond to approach BCIT for students to operate cameras and sound equipment. Hope to keep costs down for pilot events.
- 6.4 Medals, Banners, Baseballs, Sizing Boxes. - Medals to be distributed at conclusion of meeting. John Braaten has picked up baseballs. Banners and sizing boxes still outstanding James Raymond will follow up on both.
- 6.5 Rule 5.06 motion for exemption regarding WKMB. Motion was approved via email. Mike Sarai recommended we file the request letters submitted by WKMB as reference for future exemption requests. Recommended that Sanda King (Rules Chair), Val Greenwood (Secretary), Trevor McGuire, Grant Rimer and Pat Weatherill. Mike Sarai requested that James Raymond create file for storage and organization of future reference docs.

### **➤ Motion to go in camera**

**Motion: Pat Weatherill/Eric Toneff**

**M/S/C**

### **➤ Motion to move meeting out of camera**

**Motion: Pat Weatherill/Eric Toneff**

**M/S/C**

## **7. Director Reports:**

### **7.1 President – Mike Sarai**

- The operational side of our board is in full swing (Pardon the pun) as we move towards the spring season closing, and putting in place details on the outlay for summer ball to our associations. I'm pleased to report that we have confirmed all director assignments for our attending Provincials, and management of summer programming.
- Our board has dealt with some challenging eligibility items over the past couple of weeks, and I believe B.C. Baseball needs to review and effort towards a unified position on eligibility which supports any proposed changes we are considering presenting to our associations for 2019.
- Also brought to my attention from BCBUA is, Rule 13.11 "Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between Coaches, Players and Umpires", is not working in a capacity that is satisfactory to all invested with maintaining a healthy environment for officials to participate in. BC Baseball will further review this, and act accordingly.

## **7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Braaten**

### **BC Baseball 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President report June 2018 report**

- Unfortunately there is nothing to report.

## **7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Grant Butler**

- Suggestion that email voting policy be written into official rulebook. Suggestion by Mike Sarai that, instead it be part of the procedures manual.

## **7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes**

- Have now received all the affiliation forms except for North Shuswap.
- Still waiting for payment from Chilliwack, Mission, North Shuswap and Powell River.
- Also missing the 15UAA payment from Duncan.
- We are down 72 players/coaches from last year without North Shuswap.

### **➤ MOTION: Trevor McGuire / Les Szabo**

**Motion to accept Treasure's report as distributed.**

**M/S/C**

### **➤ MOTION: Stuart Drysdale / Grant Rimer**

## **Discussion**

**Motion to approve 15U Selects budget as distributed.**

**M/S/C**

## **7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood**

- No Report

## **7.6 Administrative Director – James Raymond**

### **Player Assistance Program**

- No further applications at this time

### **BC Travel Teams**

- 16U Tournament has been switched to the Greys Harbour in Aberdeen, just negotiating accommodations. The South Sound Firecracker has been cancelled due to lack of participants

## **Finance**

- HP Development Camp real number should be in by late next week. June 15th

- Forecast for 2019 to be in place for mid to late June. Will use 2018 budget plus actual to forecast

### **Provincial Medals**

- Medals to be picked up and to be distributed at Jun. 5th meeting.

### **File Management Proposal**

- No new update

### **15U Bantam AAA**

- Provincial berth distribution has been set. Tier one 4 + host, Tier two 3, Wildcard 2. Inter-tier weekend set.
- Logistical challenges based on uneven tiering number (8 and 7 teams).
- Resistance from Chilliwack and Kamloops not wanting to travel and play each other as they are already in the same tier and will play each other four times in regular season play. Discussed at length and will grant them the weekend off.

### **Communications**

- Recommendation for designated “correspondent” at special events such as the Team BC development camps, Coaches Caravan, and others so that we can get more consistent and thorough promotion out to our member associations, membership and general public.

### **Website**

- Some technical challenges with the back end and accessing certain areas. Discussion at length with John Braaten will be looking at alternative for the future as frustration with TeamPages seems to be mounting and recurring.

### **Coach Development Report**

- Follow up email scheduled for registration to host coach training.

### **High Performance**

- 13U and 15U Development camps complete.
- Team BC for both have been selected. Working closely with Cam Frick to advise and inform parents and players of next steps.
- Positive feedback being received from both events.

### **Marketing and Sponsorship**

- Project with Traveling Teams has been progressing consistently and Marketing committee has reviewed proposals. Traveling Teams presents a substantial solution and revenue stream in providing the accommodation management for BC Baseball events, specifically the Provincial Tournaments.
- Requested contract for final review and authorization as lead time to put appropriate relationships with lodging properties is approximately 9-12 months.

- There is no cost to BC Baseball, all lodging logistics are managed by Traveling Teams and rates are guaranteed to be the best available online rates.
- Projected revenue is conservatively estimated at \$50K which will help offset our current annual spending deficit.
- Additional perks and comps to be negotiated on a per case basis.

### **7.7 North – Carmen Martin**

- The spring season is now underway in PG and Quesnel.
- Summer season declarations have been submitted, and hoping to add a team in the not so distant future at the Mosquito A level.
- We had 2 players in both Mosquito and Bantam from Quesnel that were given tryout releases for our summer season tryouts and it appears that 3 out of the 4 will require player movement forms to be completed- nice to see the interest from Quesnel in playing with PG for the summer.

### **7.8 Interior – Terry Chudyk**

- On 29 th May held a Summer meeting (conference call) for the Interior Associations. In attendance for the conference call were COMBA, Vernon, Salmon Arm, Kamloops. Absent was Princeton, Osoyoos, SOMBA, Summerland, West Kelowna and Revelstoke. We covered some of questions in respect to rules, summer team possibilities, zones and questions in general about baseball. I also brought up the fact that we're still looking for an additional Interior Director.
- The Associations have been reviewing there capabilities and they may have the following Summer teams:
- COMBA 11U AAA Tier 1m 13UA, 13UAA, 15U A and 18U AA.
- Vernon 11U A, 11U AAA Tier 2, 13U AAA.
- Salmon Arm 11U AAA, 13U AA
- Kamloops 11U AAA Tier 1, 11U AAA Tier 2, 13 U AA, 13 U AAA, 18U AA
- SOMBA 13U A, 13U AA.

Zone host may be as follows:

- 13 U A SOMBA
- 13U AA Kamloops or SOMBA
- 11U AAA Tier 2, kamloops.

### **7.9 Island –Eric Toneff / Mike Holyk**

- Attached is a summary of the Islands declarations and Zone hosts for the Summer. Island associations are eager to hear back on the Provincial berth numbers for Island Teams a each division.
- A couple of decisions are still pending based on player numbers or BC Baseball Decision (Powell River Pee Wee A/AA) as well Saltspring Island deciding whether they will play up as a Pee Wee AA Team.

### **7.10 Web Site – John Braaten / S. Drysdale**

- Twitter, would like to see daily updates - however dependent on content
- General consensus that BC Baseball needs to improve social presence. Recommendation that both membership and executive board members be encourage to tag BC Baseball social media accounts when posting events of note on social media platforms

- Grant Rimer spoke to the need for a dedicated correspondent at key events. Further discussion in regard to options in providing methods/personnel for better coverage
- Suggestion made to provide a press package for associations to utilize as a tool for promoting key events within their association to social and traditional media outlets

#### **Director's Report**

- The website recently had a bug which was reported and forwarded to our host. It was repaired but took several days and was an error on their part regarding our subscription dates. I have begun a search for a possible new website host and in communication with James on. Since the Teampages was sold to Active Networks customer service has been in constant decline.

#### **Website page visits of note:**

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| ● BC Baseball website views May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – June 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 121,853 |
| ● #1 15U AA most viewed page   | 8,062   |
| ● #8 BC Baseball Provincial Championship page                          | 2,350   |
| ● #9 High Performance page   | 2,065   |
| ● #13 BC Baseball calendar   | 1,108   |

#### **Worldplay live streaming.**

- Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and will have James and Trevor accompany me in this meeting. They can provide update to the Board as I might not be able to attend via conference call as I will be out-of-town

### **8. Committees:**

#### **8.1 Coaching Development:**

- Dates Set for Coaches Conference Feb. 8-10 Date has been advanced due to 2019 Family Day being moved.
- Discussion in regard to compensation to Pete Caliendo for creation of BC Baseball 7U and 9U Coaches Manuals.

#### **➤ MOTION: Stuart Drysdale / Les Szabo**

**Motion to approve compensation and payment to Peter Caliendo for work on Coaches Manuals .**

**M/S/C**

- Recommendation to make current manuals more visible and easier to access through the BC Baseball website
- Mandate set to send another call out to member associations to host coach training clinics, availability offered throughout the year.
- 11U Coaches training manual to be ready for distribution by fall AGM

#### **8.2 Coaching Caravan – Mike Kelly**

- Tentative dates set
  - Mar. 30 - Apr. 5 Lower Mainland
  - Apr. 6 North
  - Apr. 7 - 12 Interior
  - Apr. 13 - 18 Island

### **8.3 Marketing – Les Szabo / Sanda King / James Raymond/ Trevor McGuire / John Braaten**

- New BC Baseball Provincial Championships logo for winners jerseys. Will also be made available to all member associations for use on literature and merchandise (swag and apparel)
- Les to provide file in vector format for associations
- Les to bring patch as a proof for next board meeting so that we can vote on implementation
- BC Baseball Banners will be done in black
- BC Baseball Provincial informational boards to be at all Provincial tournaments and to also be uniform
- Press release to be sent out promoting the 2019 BC Baseball Coaches Convention

### **8.4 Girls – Val Greenwood**

- Plans are under way to have a 16U team in the Single A Summer league.
- Upcoming events
- Media Events:
  - June 08 and 09 – Kamloops – National Team Players to celebrate girls participation in baseball
  - June 23 – Badgers Evening game – Richmond – Latrace Field
  - June 09 – Kamloops (Norbrock Stadium) for grassroots and selects ID – grassroots free – ID session \$25
  - June 11 and 12 – Kensington (Burnaby) – ID session ONLY – 6:00 pm
  - June 13 – Holly Park (Surrey) ID session ONLY – 6:00 pm
  - June 16 – Serauxman Field (Nanaimo) – grassroots and ID - grassroots free – ID session \$25

If needed there will be an additional ID session set for Kelowna

#### **➤ MOTION: Val Greenwood / Trevor McGuire**

**Motion to allow female players to play on two rosters in order to provide teams to hold a complete roster. Player's home association will be the top priority in the event of scheduling conflict. BC Baseball pitching rules apply.**

**M/S/C**

#### **➤ MOTION: Val Greenwood / Trevor McGuire**

**Motion to allow girls 16U roster to expand to 20 players for summer season.**

**M/S/C**

### **8.5 Challenger - Steve McCann**

- The Challenger Division has slowly crept upon its peak period. On June 12<sup>th</sup> they will be hosting their annual golf tournament. This is their big fundraiser for which Mike Sarai, along with a couple of local Presidents will be attending,
- BBA will be hosting the annual Challenger Jamboree out of Kensington Park on June 16<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending that event.
- It has also been confirmed that the annual Night AT THE NAT this year will be July 9<sup>th</sup> and again I will be attending that event.
- Jamboree on June 16 at Burnaby

## 8.6 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

- 206 Spring Tryouts
- 141 Spring Releases
- 43 approved move ups.....although probably more out there as some do not know about receiving approvals from BC Baseball
- 26 approved move downs.....same as above
- 22 Try out requests for Summer.....mostly Pee Wee AAA from associations not declaring, and Midget AA as some associations not able to field
- No Summer release as of yet
- Penalties assessed to Delta Tigers Bantam AAA, North Island Bantam AA, Salmon Arm Pee Wee, White Rock Bantam AA, for various issues involving rosters, with NON-approved player's.....each has been dealt with on an individual basis. Continuing to look through the rest of the information provide, and will speak to those whom are non-compliant.
- Going forward, we will need to further educate association's on rules and how they are applied.
- Concerns voiced around the trend of associations making the determination when eligibility rules apply and the impact of this approach on players and other teams
- In determining fines and suspension Pat Weatherill can bring before the board as he deems necessary otherwise he will determine the severity and form of fines as suspensions at his discretion
- BC Baseball stands by the process and the mandate to administer rules as they apply
- Fines and suspensions are assessed on a case by case basis
- A request was put forth by Powell River to allow their spring AA team 35 of their 45 registered players are first year players. Permission granted by Pat Weatherill.
- Request from North Delta in regard to eligibility of one player. Upon further review question of eligibility has been managed in accordance with BC Baseball rules by North Delta.

### ➤ MOTION: Pat Weatherill / Trevor McGuire

**Motion to allow an exception to rule 9.01 allowing players who have played less than 50% of their spring season to play summer ball in NSMBA. This is limited to Peewee A and Mosquito AA. Condition - no local player can be displaced by any import players**

**M/S/C**

**Abstention - Pat Weatherill**

### ➤ MOTION: Pat Weatherill/ Trevor McGuire

**Motion for an exception to rule 9.04b allowing NSMBA a fourth import player (Squamish) for summer Peewee AAA team as they were under the belief that players from Squamish were not considered “out of catchment”**

**M/S/C**

**Abstention - Pat Weatherill**

## 8.7 Umpire Liaison - Eric Toneff

- Contract signed and sent
- Three man system budget requested by BC Baseball from BCBUA, not received as of meeting of the board



- A couple of member associations not carding umpires, based on resources not being there. Eric will respond to BCBUA and will follow up with those associations to investigate
- Incident of official not assigned to game (UIC for home association) entering the field of play and reversing a call. Request made for BC Baseball to address, discussion, it is the position of BC Baseball that the UIC is designated by association, therefore it is the responsibility to govern the behaviour of their UIC.
- BC Baseball on April 3 inquired from BCBUA all new 2018 rule changes from Baseball Canada related to umpiring. BC Baseball had previously received this information from BCBUA back in January to which our board had simply forgotten. BC Baseball circulated the material to its board, but fell short of processing the items.

## **8.8 Discipline - Eric Toneff**

- Aldergrove Jr. Mens - Letter received from association outlining their position in regard to role of BC Baseball in governing the assessment and application of any disciplinary actions. It is the view of association that this is not under the umbrella of BC Baseball but in fact the responsibility of the home association to investigate, interview and implement ruling. It is the view of BC Baseball as the governing body to act as a neutral third party to review in an unbiased framework and administer any appropriate sanctions as deemed necessary by the reviewing director(s).
- North Shore - Parties in question has requested to speak directly with Mike Sarai. Mike will connect with them and report back
- Chilliwack - Appeal received, appeal fee outstanding. Appeal will be heard upon receipt of appeal fee. Mike Sarai allows appeal to be dealt with.

Discussion around extenuating circumstances that impact the behaviour of parent involved in the incident. Consideration given to overall impact on other parents and players including letter received from coach team appealing.

### **➤ MOTION: Eric Toneff/ Pat Weatherill**

**Motion to uphold 5 game suspension to coach. Consideration of adjusting parent suspension provided that plan of care is in place to monitor and regulate parent behaviour.**

**M/S/C**

**Abstention - Sanda King**

## **8.9 High Performance - Grant Rimer/Trevor McGuire/Mike Kelly/Mike Holyk/Pat Weatherill/James Raymond**

- 13U Selects Roster to Anne, all paid and in good standing
- 15U Selects Roster to Anne, payments still outstanding, forms for air travel to be completed and returned to Anne in a timely manner. Hotel and flight info has been communicated to players and parents
- 16U Selects Dev Camp, 38 players invited. Weather is of concern but camp will proceed
- All Star Game and Prospects Camp lined up and ready to go. Promotion via BC Baseball Website and other social media platforms

## **9. Division Reports**

### **9.1 11U - Grant Butler**

### **11U Summer Ball**

- Many Associations are still putting teams together and the declarations are coming in, the deadline being June 15, Rule 9.03
- The summer ball meeting for 11U is scheduled for 2pm, June 10 at Cloverdale Clubhouse.

### **11U A Provincial Host Re-designation**

- On May 22, Valerie McCullough, New President of Campbell River informed me last week that they would not be able to Host the 11U A Provincial Tournament as they would not be fielding a 11U A team this year. I did discuss this with her and found while they didn't have a team last year also she didn't know why the decision to host was made. On Saturday, May 26, Val sent out a mass email to all presidents and the same was posted to the website message board. I received interest from Oceanside, Nanaimo, North Delta and some others I encountered at the John Main Tournament. On May 27, I received a call from Chris Lund, President requesting and confirming that they would Host, to which I accepted due to the urgency of having a Host.

### **Request from North Shore to play down from 11U T1 to AA**

- Was received and through discussions with NS the request was revised to play down at the 11U T2 level subject to evaluations under Rule 9.04(A)(vii). The reason/feeling of NS was that their players would not be able to complete at the T1 level and wanted a positive summer experience to build their program. Upon reviewing current play registration we find NS has 111 players and last year with 109 did field T1 and AA teams, so our initial review would be that NS should be able to field a T1 team. Nonetheless, we agreed to do the evaluations.
- Grant Rimer, BCBA High Performance Director, accepted my request to watch an MSET game in Cloverdale while Anne Hayes, BCBA Director and myself watched two (2) NS home games that involved all 3 of the teams in the AL Tier (Top Tier) of the NS 11U program. After discussions with Grant Rimer and reviewing what Anne and I observed we found that the NS level of play was at a mid to late season level for 11U. The players were athletic and able to make the most basic plays while putting the ball in play while up to bat. The coaches were supportive and informative during the game while observing general playing rules including wearing catcher's masks while warming up pitchers and ensuring chin straps were in place. The level of play of these Tiered teams was significantly more sound than the level of play we watched recently at Duncan who do not Tier and play prospects with a revolving roster.
- As a result from our evaluations and discussions the request to play down from the 11U T1 level to the T2 level for the 2018 summer season was not approved. The reply from NS was not only disappointment but a suspicion that they will not be forming any 11U summer teams.

### **North Langley, Request to Field 11U AA ahead of 11U A**

- North Langley, having 87 registered players in 11U this year and only 24 - 30 players trying out for summer ball, requested to field the required 11U AAA T2 team under Rule 9.04(A)(v)(a) and then a 11U AA team instead of the required 11U A team. The reason being is that North Langley does not have enough first year players (10) to field the 11U A team and they wish to field as many players as possible and create more interest in summer ball in the future and give the proposed team and those players somewhere to play. Also, North Langley has inquired with their neighbouring Associations and do not find a good fit for these players at this time. The 11U Division supported this request for the 2018 summer season and granted approval.

## **9.2 13U – Anne Hayes/Sanda King/Steve McCann**

- Provincial Directors coverage assigned and confirmed for A/AA/AAA
- Discussion around Provincial berth allocation at AAA level. The current path distributes eight berths to lower mainland, host and Island. This leaves two berths remaining with one automatically designated to the Northern region resulting one remaining spot to be determined through wild card tournament. Recommendation is to increase tournament to a twelve team format. Will reach out to host association to discuss and confirm logistical ability

## **9.3 18U – Grant Rimer / Les Szabo**

- Surrey and White Rock have requested motion to merge in order to field 18U AA Summer team.

### **➤ MOTION: Pat Weatherill/ Les Szabo**

**Motion to allow Surrey and White Rock to merge at 18U AA level for summer season.**

**M/S/C**

**Remaining agenda items tabled until next meeting June 23**

**Motion to adjourn: Eric Toneff/Stuart Drysdale 10:04 pm – M/S/C**

**Next Board Meeting: June 23, 2018 Location – Sandman Signature, Langley**

**Other Important Dates:**