



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Annual General Meeting

November 15, 2014

Langley Events Centre, Langley, B.C.

1. Call to Order – 10:00 AM
2. Roll Call
3. President's Welcome

Kelly Parker – President – North Langley
Jorie Burgess – North Langley
Mark Burgess – North Langley
Bill Becket – CABA

Thanks to all the Associations for a successful year
Thanks to all Board members for their hard work this past year

4. Minutes – 2013

To accept the 2013 AGM minutes as distributed.

M/S/C – White Rock / Ladner

5. Business Arising – None
6. Correspondence – None

7. President's Report – Mike Sarai

I'm pleased to report B.C. Minor had a successful 2014 baseball season. We have observed improvement at our grassroots levels of programming which is a direct result of our associations leading the direction and focus on applying best practices within your communities to better our sport. We all need to continue with those efforts. On a related note speaking with representatives from Quebec, their registration was up 10 % through their entire Province specifically at 9 year olds. The primary factor for the increase was their 6 on 6 program they have implemented the past couple of years. I have asked for a copy of their Power Point presentation, but it is in French and Jean Boulais will try and covert it in English next week.

Five years ago I stood here before you having completed my first year as President and said to you all that in my view there existed too much "Individualism with Selfish Motives" in this sport and the sooner we could work through that barrier the better chance we all have in sharing a common vision for all. That message has not changed

today. B.C. Minor is at a crossroads with other organizations. Today as we coexist with those groups, you our members shall decide B.C. Minor's direction.

Our forwarding message towards next year will be to create more focus and visibility on other successes within our sport besides the sheer measure of winning or losing ball games.

B.C. Minor's brand of baseball continues to be attractive throughout communities. In addition to North Langley as our newest member, we also have Sooke Baseball (Located on the West Side of Victoria) joining B.C. Minor. South Okanagan Baseball Association better known as SOMBA and Penticton Minor Baseball have amalgamated as one. White Rock has also moved all its younger age groups over to us.

In closing I would like to acknowledge all teams this year for their successes and accomplishments from spring and summer.

Baseball Canada Convention Report

Mike Sarai, Stuart Drysdale, Mike Kelly and Pat Weatherill attended the Baseball Canada Convention in Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island from November 5 to 8.

Upon arrival, on Wednesday evening Provincial Presidents and Baseball Canada Executive and Staff were very receptive to listening and discussing BC Minor's concerns with regards to the contingent issues involving both Baseball BC and the Premier Baseball League (PBL).

Later in the evening, Mike Sarai met with David Laing – Executive Director with Baseball BC. During this meeting, David did not contest any of BC Minor's contingent points, but did share his prospective on BC Minor's hardline approach.

On Thursday evening, Mike Sarai met with John Berry – President of Baseball BC, who requested that the motion to withdraw from Baseball BC be rescinded, as he felt that open communication would bring a better resolve. Berry, indicated that if BC Minor went through with the motion to leave Baseball BC and the motion was successful, Baseball BC would move in a forward direction ensuring that they were able to send representation to both the Western Canada Championships and Baseball Canada National Championships.

Berry stated this would be accomplished by supporting the PBL and/or individual association and/or teams to represent BC at these championships, using such terms as Peewee Premier and Premier Bantam.

At present, through discussions with the executives at Baseball Canada and Western Canada, it has been explained that if BC Minor decides to withdraw from Baseball BC, it would not have access to either Western and/or National Championships for the 2015 season, as Baseball BC is the

recognized Provincial Sport Organization – who is responsible for sending teams to these championships, as per their constitution and by-laws.

Sarai explained to Berry, that the current dispute is two (2) separate issues. The first being with the PBL and the second being with Baseball BC. Sarai stated that BC Minor will meet with the PBL to see if there can be a mutual resolve to the concerns that presently exist. The second issue with Baseball BC is a matter of membership and affiliation, to which BC Minor's Associations shall determine if it is in the best interest to continue its affiliation with Baseball BC. The motion to withdraw from Baseball BC has been motivated by our membership on the basis that Baseball BC has not been serving its largest member (BC Minor) in the best interest of the sport, as a whole.

In closing, the trip was very successful and encouraging with the level of support that was shown by the other provinces and Baseball Canada.

8. Treasurer – Ray Wearing

Discussion on financials as distributed

Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

M/S/C – Aldergrove / South Burnaby

9. Secretary – Val Greenwood

I would however request that only one (1) person from each associations preferably the registrar send them in all at one and that they are complete with all the information that we need. Below is an example of how it should be laid out and the information that is needed.

<i>LAST</i>	<i>FIRST</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>PC</i>	<i>PHONE</i>	<i>DOB</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>GENDER</i>
<i>Smith</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>1234 Main St.</i>	<i>V5R 1J2</i>	<i>604-256-9871</i>	<i>03-01-92</i>	<i>Bantam</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>Doe</i>	<i>Jane</i>	<i>9876 Elm St</i>	<i>V3S 1K2</i>	<i>604-123-4567</i>	<i>01-01-95</i>	<i>Midget</i>	<i>F</i>

Time to put your thinking caps on. We are looking for nominations for the BC Minor Roll of Honor. The categories are for builder(s), coach(s) and umpire(s). The nominees should be long time participants in your program who have shown dedication and hard work to help develop your program over the years.

Please submit your nominations before January 31st, 2014 (as they will be voted on at our Board meeting on February 4th, 2014) to Val Greenwood at boilers@telus.net. **Please be sure to include a short bio on the nominee.**

10. Committee Reports

As distributed before meeting with the exception of 1st Vice President and Discipline Committee which have been included below

First Vice-President – Stuart Drysdale

It was an extremely busy summer for the First Vice President. BC Minor seems to be more and more working with our Local Associations when issues arise. I believe this is partly because of the recent turnover of executives within our Local Associations, partly because Associations do not have a Dispute Resolution Policy to deal with various issues that arise throughout the year and partly members of the Local Association attempt to by-pass and get their answers directly from BC Minor. During the off-season, a project to undertake is making sure all of our Local Associations have a Dispute Resolution Policy. Association that do not will be required to create one and submit it to BC Minor for review – this will not only benefit BC Minor, but it will assist the Local Associations when dealing with these sometimes difficult situations.

I had the opportunity to supervise the 13U AAA Provincial Championships in Cloverdale on the August Long Weekend. Again, Cloverdale did a superb job in all aspects, as they do year after. It is clear why Cloverdale is a leader within our organization.

I would like to thank all of our Provincial Hosts and their volunteers. It was another success this year. And to all the teams that participated, congratulations to the winners and congratulations to all teams that qualified for the provincials.

I attended the Baseball Canada Convention in Prince Edward Island, it was an excellent trip and an opportunity to listen to the best practices of each province, as well as having a say in the business of Baseball Canada.

Second Vice-President – Brian Davis
Island: Fraser Campbell – Eric Toneff

Interior: Janice Wright – Tom Katelnikoff

Midget AAA/Selects – Serj Sangara - Wayne Bampton – Tom Katelnikoff – Fraser Campbell

Bantam AAA, AA, A – Mike Kelly - Pat Weatherill – Tom Katelnikoff – John Braaten

Pee Wee AAA, AA, A – Orville Germaine – Janice Wright – Brian Davis

Mosquito - Grant Butler – Janice Wright

Tadpole/Rally Cap – Grant Butler

Girls: Val Greenwood / Wayne Bampton

Coaching Development – Mike Kelly

Coaching Conference – February 20 -22. 2015

NCCP – Ray Wearing

High Performance – Mike Kelly – Orville Germaine

Rules – Stuart Drysdale

See Proposed Rule Changes

Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

Discipline – Stuart Drysdale

The 2014 season saw a total of 123 ejections during the course of the year (both Spring and Summer), which was an increase from 74 during the 2013 season. While, many may believe the reason of the increase is solely based on the new implementation of 15.11, for the most part I would have to disagree. What, I do believe has occurred, is that umpires are not tolerating incidents where foul and abusive language is being used, when communicating with officials.

For example, if a Coach approaches an umpire to say “That is a terrible call”, then he should be ejected under Rule 15.11; however, what we are seeing is a Coach who approaches an umpire to say “That is a fucking terrible call”, which he is then ejected – but this cannot be classified as Rule 15.11, this is wrong before Rule 15.11 was implemented and should have not been tolerated.

While Rule 15.11 may need some fine tuning, I believe that the implementation did its job this year. Why? Well, it caused coaches to really think about what they were going to approach an umpire about and had coaches really think about the real reason they are on the field – not to question umpires, but to teach his players.

11U	5
13U A	3
13U AA	0
13U AAA	6
15U A	13
15U AA	13
15U AAA	17
18U AA	50
18U AAA	14
Junior	2

Out of these one hundred and twenty-two (122) ejections, fifty-six (56) are contributed to both coaches and players “Questioning, Arguing and/or Making Comments” on judgment calls. The severity of these offences has a

wide range, from gestures to comments to arguing. The new rule accounts for less than fifty (50) percent of the ejections this season.

All managers, coaches and players need to be reminded that any ejection (regardless of the reason and severity) carries an **AUTOMATIC ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION**, based on Rule 15.12 that was passed the Annual General Meeting. This has taken must work off of the Discipline Committee, as we are only reviewing ejections that require additional games, past the automatic one (1) game suspension.

All ejections for Summer Baseball will be handled by BC Minor. Coaches are reminded to report ejections to the Discipline Chair, so that they can handle in a timely manner.

Umpire Liaison – Stuart Drysdale

Boundaries – Brian Davis – Orville Germaine

Scholarship – Midget Division Directors

Challenger – Grant Butler

Risk Management – Stuart Drysdale

Grassroots – Grant Butler

Marketing/PR/Sponsorship/Media – Pat Weatherill – Tom Katelnikoff

11. General Business

37 Association Members in attendance:

Abbotsford, Alberni Valley (proxy), Aldergrove, Burnaby Minor (proxy), South Burnaby, Campbell River, Chemainus, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Comox, Coquitlam/Moody (proxy), Duncan, Kamloops, Kelowna (proxy), Ladner, Ladysmith (proxy), Mission(proxy), Nanaimo, Newton, North Delta, Oceanside (proxy), Penticton, Port Coquitlam, Prince George, Richmond City Baseball (proxy), Ridge Meadows, Rutland, Salmon Arm, Summerland (proxy), Surrey Canadian, Tsawwassen, Vancouver Community, Vancouver Minor, Vernon, Victoria (proxy),, West Kelowna, White Rock.

16 Boards of Directors

3 Lifetime Member (L)

Mike Sarai (L), Ray Wearing, Val Greenwood (L), Brian Davis, Janice Wright, Mike Kelly (L), Orville Germaine, Pat Weatherill, Grant Butler, Wayne Bampton, Tom Katelnikoff, Stuart Drysdale, Fraser Campbell, John Braaten, Serj Sangara, Bryon Williscroft

Eric Toneff – Island Regional Director – non-voting

Absent Board Members:

47 Non-voting guests

Thanks to Stuart for putting all the proposed rule changes together

30 votes needed to pass by-laws/constitution

28 votes needed to change rules

MOTION: Newton / Ridge Meadows

Motion to move elections before voting on rules and special resolution.

M/S

Motion withdrawn after discussion on voting procedures regarding directors who may not be re-elected and their ability to vote

By-Laws:

Constitution – Name change - **Carried**

Various Articles within the Constitution, By-Laws and rules pertaining to name change - **Carried**

Rule Changes: (full changes will be in new 2015 rule book)

1. 1.03 Conditions of Membership – websites – **carried**
2. 1.03 – Conditions of Membership – Affiliation – amended – S. Drysdale / Richmond – **Carried – Motion Carried as amended**
3. 2.01 Player Fees – Challenger – **Carried**
4. 6.04 (c) 15U Summer play – **Carried**
5. 6.04 (c) 15U Summer play – **Defeated**
6. 6.05 – Release of players – **Carried**
7. Rule 8 – Single Season 15U AAA and 18U AAA – **Defeated**
8. 8.01 – Declaration dates – **Carried**
9. 8.02 – Submission of rosters – **Carried**
10. 8.03 – Roster Changes – **Carried**
11. 8.03 – Roster changes – **Carried**
- 12.9.01 (A) – Coaches and Managers Certification – **Carried**
- 13.10.03 – Overage players – **Carried**
14. 10.04 Permanent Move-Up – **Carried**
- 15.10.05 – Temporary Call-Up – **Carried**
- 16.10.05 – Temporary Call-Up- **Carried**
- 17.11.05 – Release dates – **Carried**

- 18.12.02 – 18U AAA Exceptions – **Carried**
- 19.12.02 – 18U AAA Exceptions – **Carried**
- 20.17.06 – Maximum Games per day – **Carried**
- 21.20.04 – Bats – **Carried**
- 22.21.02 – Protest Procedure (Summer League and Single Season – **Carried**
- 23.23.08 - Penalty for violations – **Carried**
- 24.23.03 – Pitching on consecutive days – **Carried**
- 25.23.04 – Pitching/Catching or Catching/Pitching same day – Amended –
M/S O. Germaine / W. Bampton – **Defeated – original motion Defeated**
- 26.29.02 – Forfeit Fine – **Carried**
- 27.33.02 – Associations Hosting Provincials – **Defeated**
- 28.Rule 35 – Qualification/Pick-up/ Fee Guidelines – **Carried**
- 29.Rule 35 – Qualification/Pick-up/ Fee Guidelines – **Carried – R. Wearing
voted against**
- 30.Rule 35 – Qualification/Pick-up/ Fee Guidelines – **Carried**
- 31.35.02 – Pick-up Procedure – **Carried**
- 32.36.02 – Junior Division – **Defeated**

12.Directors up for re-election:

Mike Sarai
Ray Wearing
Pat Weatherill
Janice Wright

Stuart Drysdale
Serj Sangara
Grant Butler

Grant Rimer, Gary Trudell (Island), Mike Pheasey and Ken Wood (North) resigned from the board this past year.

Replacements were put in place for Rimer and Trudell

Seven (7) Lower Mainland position

One (1) Island position

One (1) Interior

One (1) North

Nominees: above board members plus:

Serj Sangara not running

Bryon Williscroft
Grant Rimer
Tracy Mabone
Dave Barry

Anne Hayes

Island Director elected – Eric Toneff (2 years)

Interior Nominations:

Chris Balison – Kamloops
Wayne Bampton –
Janice Wright – Kamloops
Todd Russell - Rutland

Interior Director elected – Chris Balison (2 years)

MOTION: Pat Weatherill/South Burnaby

Motion to destroy ballots.

M/S/C

Northern Director – Brenda Astorino (1 year)

Board Members elected: (all 2 year terms) – all elected by acclamation

Mike Sarai	Stuart Drysdale
Ray Wearing	Pat Weatherill
Grant Butler	Grant Rimer
Anne Hayes	

Tracy Mabone and Dave Barry – elected – 1 year term

MOTION: Vancouver Minor/Burnaby Minor

Motion to destroy ballots.

M/S/C/

New board consists of:

Mike Sarai, Stuart Drysdale, Ray Wearing, Pat Weatherill, Grant Butler, Grant Rimer, Tracy Mabone, Dave Barry, Anne Hayes, Brian Davis, Tom Katelnikoff (Interior), Fraser Campbell (Island) Mike Kelly, Orville Germaine, John Braaten, Chris Balison (Interior), Eric Toneff (Island), Brenda Astoino (North) and Val Greenwood

Current board members will vote on the Special Resolution. New board takes effect at the conclusion of the AGM.

Special Resolution:

Effective immediately, British Columbia Minor Baseball Association will withdraw its membership from the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association.

M/S North Delta Baseball Association and Vancouver Community Baseball Association

Amend mover and seconder to Cloverdale Minor Baseball Association and Stuart Drysdale, First Vice-President British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

Carried

Amend Motion to:

Effective immediately, British Columbia Minor Baseball Association has the mandate and support of its member Associations to withdraw its membership from the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association.

Moved – Stuart Drysdale – Seconded Cloverdale Minor Baseball Association

Amend Motion to:

Effective immediately, British Columbia Minor Baseball Association has the mandate and support of its member Associations to withdraw from the British Columbia Amateur Baseball Association. Notifications to Presidents MUST be made fourteen (14) days prior to withdrawal.

Moved – Kamloops Minor Baseball Seconded – Burnaby Minor Baseball

Motion was carried:

Association:

**31 for
3 – Against
3 – Abstentions**

Board:

9 for

8 - Abstentions

13. New Business

South Burnaby made a request to know what it happening with New Westminster in the regard to them making the full transition to B.C.M.B.A.

If they do not enter BCMBA fully what happens to their players
Mike Sarai will follow up with Ron Suffron
BCMBA will define the boundaries should New Westminster
withdraw

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:50 P.M.

M/S/C