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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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July 15th, 2023 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

Summer Season In-Person Event

Sandman Signature Inn, Langley

10:00 AM

Roll Call: G. Butler, R. Puri, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Wong-de Leon, N. Dhaliwal, M. Kelly, S. Coleman, A. McKearney, C. Lund, M. van-der Loos, D. Michaud, A. Forman, R. Hall

Administrative Director: James Raymond

Absent: H. Gurney, V. Vankoughnett, D. Cabalfin (coaching VOC), J. Braaten (coaching), L. Hotell (coaching VOC), M. Hall, T. Baker-Cornett

Meeting Called to Order: 10:03am

Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler

- NCCP messaging to all Presidents sent to day by James
- Other business included Discipline, Rules, Baseball BC (BCABA) and BCBUA
- Looking forward to Provincials and the 13U Select trip to Vegas.
- Provincial directors should make sure that a barrier is in place around the scorekeeper and pitch count person, so they are not disturbed by parents.

Adoption of Minutes : Moved - A. McKearney, Seconder: M. Kelly M/S/ Adopted

Additions to the Agenda:

- 13U Interim chair -> E1) President
- 13U selects -> D6) 13U Report
- Baseball BC (BCABA) changes to qualifiers -> C17) Baseball BC
- BCMBA - BCABA - BCBUA Memorandum of Understanding -> C5) Umps
- NCCP messaging to Presidents -> C8) Coaching/NCCP
- C18) Tournament Director, Abigail -> C18) Add Committee to Agenda and Minutes

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

● Team Declarations:

1. Comox Valley - Summer Single Season Affiliation
2. David Laing - Baseball BC - Memorandum of Understanding
3. Michael Carriere - White Rock - looking for information on 11U summer season - to Anne
4. Cal Broomfield - lodging a complaint - to Grant

5. Heather Melenchuk - White Rock - team declarations - 8U (2), 9U (2), 11UA, 11U AA, 11U AAA, 11U AAA Tier II, 13UA, 13U AA
6. Jeff Appleby - are there any paid positions of board members in an association? What is the criteria and what is the judging process on Association of the Year
7. David Knott - 13U A summer ball - to Marty V.
8. Ryan Bowie - looking for summer camps - July 31 to August 4th for girls in Kelowna - to Marty
9. Cheryl Healey - Burnaby - age bracket for girls - overaged players - to Marty
10. Brandi Frehlick - calling early AGM for association - to Grant
11. Jonathan Chan - Burnaby Valkyries - update on season - combining BC Minor and Little League girls so they play each other in the spring and summer season?
12. Cindy Schofield - looking for 13U AA schedule - to Al
13. Jordan Jerema - Signature Sandman - confirming meeting
14. James Raymond - SOMBA coach for Team BC13U - newspaper write up
15. Karen Morgan - president New West - change of email address
16. Christine Chen - Element Vancouver Metrotown Hotel - team bookings
17. Sean Palmer - Cloverdale -
18. Sean Palmer - looking for summer ball schedule and division set up - to Marty
19. Madeleine Tattersall - information on 18U College Prep Provincials - to Chris
20. Cory Kessier - coach North Langley 13U A - looking for schedule - to Marty
21. Jeff Cooper - TeamLinkt - to Jamie
22. Cheryl Healey - Burnaby - request for Olivia Lazaruk to play down
- 23. League Registrations:** Chilliwack, Chemainus, Quesnel, Revelstoke, Abbotsford
24. Angela Young - Custom Caps - send to James
25. Kim Murcheson - Secretary Comox Valley - insurance re: batting cages and outside associations - to James
26. Corrie White - Cloverdale - affiliation
27. Cheryl McCullough - 18U AAA provincial schedule - to Chris
- 28. League Rosters:** New West (18U AA) - Aldergrove (13U AA / 18U AA)
- 29. League Affiliation:** North Shore (11U A / 11U A(10U) / 13U AAA - New West (18U AA) - Cloverdale (11U AA (2) / 11U A (10U) / 13U AA-13U AAA / 13U A / 15U A
30. Nick Van Dyk president North Shore - confirming affiliation fees
31. Nick Van Dyk president North Shore - Article XX motion - seconded by Randy McKinnon White Rock - Grant to follow up
32. Richard Karpik - Penticton Tigers - looking for schedule
33. Justin Harris - TeamLinkt - forwarded to James
34. Pat Brown - looking for 11U AAA Tier I schedule - forwarded to Anne
35. Paul Stevens - looking for standings 11U AA - Interior - forwarded to Anne
36. Valerie Duran - 13U AA - team appeal follow up - sent to Marty V.
37. Neil Thomas - son aging out of Little League - looking for fall ball - directed him to Burnaby Baseball
38. Sandman - invoice for July meeting
39. Robin Thompson - Whalley - Back to School Blitz Tournament
40. Sandman - Events order for September 09
41. Angela Crowther - North Delta - 13U A roster
42. Cheryl Healey - Burnaby - Valkyries - no further support and adjusted numbers for 11U
43. Shannon Olynyk - Chilliwack 13U - Feedback inquiry re: treatment of players - forwarded to Marty, Grant and Jeremy Hall, president of Chilliwack as per Shannon's request
44. Monica Haab - looking for 13U AAA provincial location - sent to Jeremy Hall, President Chilliwack

45. Mid Island forwarded to Chris
46. Chris Lund to Kelly McGriffin - Mid Island
47. Ronaldo M. looking where he can play 26U in Vancouver
48. Justin Tetrault - Chilliwack - 13U - feedback as per Shannon's email - forwarded to Marty, Grant and Jeremy Hall, president of Chilliwack - as per Shannon's request
49. Kris de Ruiter - 13U AA provincials - forwarded to Marty and Al
50. Josh Pugh - Ridge Meadows - concerns on how 9U is run - forwarded to Neal
51. Brian Losse - Tsawwassen - to Grant re Baseball BC 13U AA qualifier
52. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC 13U AA Qualifier - to Grant
53. Nevin Tsui - questions on scholarship - forwarded to Abigail
54. Keisha - President North Shuswap - fall ball - insurance and fees - forwarded to Anne
55. Jeff Raymer - Kamloops coach 13U - to Marty V. assurance team will be at zones and provincials
56. Nevin Tsui - asking for Abigail's email for questions on scholarship
57. Lynne Tasumoto - Ladner 13U AA manager - Provincials - forwarded to 13U - Al and Marty
58. Chase Putnam - NAIA Eligibility - forwarded to Chris and John
59. Darnelle Wilson - 13U Qualifier tournament - forwarded to Kyle Williams - Baseball BC
60. Sydney Mills - Insufficient funds for 18U AAA - forwarded to Kyle Williams - Baseball BC
61. Rob Brandsma - Interim President Abbotsford - appeal on forfeiture of game
62. Gavan Friesen - player Abbotsford 13U AA - looking for opportunity to play in Westerns- forwarded to Grant
63. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC looking for information from division directors
64. Riverview Estate - Accommodations - Langley - forwarded to James
65. Kelly McGriffin - forwarded to Chris
66. Chris Lund - Mid Island
67. Axel Davalos - Bazoom Advertising - forwarded to Marketing
68. Sarah Price -Forwarded to Marketing
69. Nextup 2023 - coaching conference - October 25 - 26 - New York
70. Monica Braddick - looking for contact for photographer for 18U - AA - told to contact host association
71. Evan Hammond - error on tie breaker 13U Provincials - Oceanside
72. Lily Gee - looking for girls programming - I told her was over for the year - look for registration in your area December/January
73. Eric Lecompte - Marty V.- information on girls programming
74. Cornelia Naylor - Burnaby NOW - 13U A - forwarded to Grant and James
75. Charles Melandrez - 15U Provincials - forwarded to Anne, Neal, President of Burnaby

Outgoing:

1. James to Jeff Appleby - paid staff and Award for Association of the Year
2. Raj Puri - Jeff Appleby - confirmation of James' answers
3. Marty V. - to Cheryl Healy - girls age bracket
4. Grant - to Brandi Frehlick - get a copy of the constitution before calling
5. Val - to Jordan Jerema - Sandman Signature - confirm meeting
6. Chris - to Madeleine - dates for Provincials in Ridge Meadows - schedule done after regular season games are done
7. Marty V. - Kristy Watson - 13U A provincials and rules and important dates
8. Neal - to Cheryl, Burnaby - approved move down for Olivia Lazaruk

9. James to Kim Murcheson - insurance and outside associations
10. Anne to Nick Van Dyk president North Shore - confirming affiliation fees
11. Grant to Nick voting numbers on Article XX - motion was defeated
12. Grant Butler to Nick - reasoning for Article XX defeated
13. Anne to Corrie White - confirming affiliation fees
14. Grant via James to all Presidents - NCCP requirements for 2023
15. Grant to David Laing. Executive Director Baseball BC - Ejection report
16. Marty V. to Angela, North Delta- proper roster form
17. Anne to Cheryl Healey - Burnaby - 11U numbers
18. Grant to Jeremy Hall, president Chilliwack - issue with 13U A
19. Grant to Al Forman (13U AA) - Brian Losse (Tsawwassen) 13U AA Qualifier - Notice
20. Grant to Rob Brandsma - Interim President Abbotsford - 13U AA Provincials Finals
21. Marty V. to Jeff Raymer - Kamloops - regards to Kamloops not fielding a team
22. Marty V. to Jeff Raymer - Kamloops - Thanks to Jeff who gave assurances that Kamloops will field a team
23. Ryan Hall - to Rob Brandsma Discipline
24. Chris Lund to Allan Padgham
25. Chris Lund to Kelly McGriffin
26. Grant Butler to Brent Dingsdale - Parent meeting
27. Daniel Michaud - response to Evan Hammond
28. Grant Butler to Evan Hammond - re: tie breaker error on tie breaker - 13U Provincials - Oceanside
29. Marty V. to Eric - girls programming

Business Arising from Minutes: None

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler

- With Tina's Approval I asked Marty Van-Der-Loos to take over 13U as the Interim Chair, he agreed
- Multiple Discipline and Incidents. Some Internal LSO business but a couple more serious and under review at this time. On (with 8 parts) had to be moved to BCABA as BCMBA was in a conflict which has been ruled on by BCABA.
- North Shore A-XX to allow a complete team to move down defeated by BoD vote.
- Following up on BoD CRC's. All CRC's in place for Provincial Tournament Directors.
- Still no answer from Rulebook rewrite, looks to be dead in the water, will work on this in the fall to hopefully have a draft for AGM ratification to continue.

First VP - Raj Puri - **see written report**

Second VP - John Braaten

- Unable to attend the meeting due to coaching commitments.
- Staying in my 2nd VP lane, continue to watch local Summer All Star and 9U interlock games
- Attended LSO AGM last week and participated in another association call re: 2024
- Still enjoying the local travels...specifically in the Lower Mainland region. Still confirmed and monitoring eligibility concerns

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financial Statements to end of June , as distributed
 - Motion: A. McKearney Secunder: M. van-der-Loos M/S/Adopted

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- confirmed numbers for July 15th with the Sandman
- Aldergrove, Abbotsford and Powell River still have not sent in their league registrations - if not sent ASAP they will not be in good standing come the AGM and will lose their right to vote

Administrative Director - James Raymond:

- Provincial Director in Charge assignment confirmations, if applicable - 11U A Friday during the day will be Daniel and the evening will be covered by Steve
- Distribution of Banners, tents, medals, etc. will occur after the meeting, **DO NOT** take anything until it is assigned to you by me
- **See written report**

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee - Daniel Michaud, Abigail Wong-de Leon, Ryan Hall

- Confirm BCMBA Provincial Rules Director and contact procedure. (Whatsapp)
- This month multiple questions on 9U tournament rules. 9U tournament section needs its own number to differentiate from 31.03, to be determined at AGM
- Questions on call-ups. With the new single season 13U AAA there might be a need to clean up the rules ie. spring/summer season of AA versus single season of AAA - if player plays 5 games he becomes a permanent player on the roster and cannot go back down
- Questions on pitch counts when there are rainouts. Cleared with no issues
- Grant to work on rule book
- Go over the tiebreaker thoroughly at the pre-tournament meeting

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Neal Dhaliwal, Steve Coleman, Marty Van-Der-Loos

- **Neal - see written report**

3) Discipline Committee - Ryan Hall, Raj Puri, Lyndsey Hotell, Neal Dhaliwal

a) Ryan - suspensions and action in the last reporting period as follows:

9U - 3 total - referred to internal review and training at the LSO

11U - 4 total - referred to internal review and training at the LSO

13U A - 3; AA - 0; AAA - 1

15U A - 1 which was a 5 game suspension per the Major infraction section. Undisputed.

15U AA - 6, one repeat offender with a 3 game suspension

15U AAA - 3 - one repeat offender with the file open

18U AA -1; AAA - 4; CP - 4

26U - 2, one with a three (3) game suspension, under appeal

- b) BCBUA needs to stay in their lane
- c) BLE tournaments - we don't receive ejection reports
- d) Grant would like to see the suspension of 1+1 changed to 1+3 as 1+1 doesn't work

Files of note:

- A two (2) game suspension was handed out to a coach for not ensuring a pitch count was adhered to, and there was a subsequent violation of the one game limit
- BC Baseball investigated a game in an association where house team parents and players were taunting each other with name calling and some shoving. Multiple game suspensions were handed out
- One (1) parent ejection where there is a dispute as to what happened, multiple contradictory written reports from witnesses and the umpire ejection, partial identification of the parent. File is open

4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Marty van-der Loos, Val Greenwood

- Marty - Provincial teams have been selected to represent BC at Westerns and Nationals
 - BC Minor is well represented on these teams

5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** - Alan McKearney, Steve Coleman, Raj Puri

- Ryan Carpenter, Ridge Meadows - College Prep - didn't sign the BCBUA annual contract for next weekends Provincials
- BCBUA came back with if you don't sign contract then you won't have umpires
- BCBUA is insisting the tournament start on Thursday, but still may not be able to supply umpires for all the games
- Currently working through a number of umpire issues around and currently working on umpires for the Fall Classic
- Baseball BC is trying to get BCMBA and BCBUA on the same page
- 90% of BCBUA monies come from working BCMBA games.

6) **High-Performance Committee** - Chris Lund, Mike Kelly, Hugh Gurney, Raj Puri

- Mike Kelly - No report
- John Braaten - (non-voting) - no report

18U Selects - Chris Lund , **No Report**

16U Selects - Chris Lund

JJ has selected the team with one player dropping out and replacing with an alternate. Flights, hotels and rental van have been booked (Thanks Alan and James)

13U Selects - Chris Lund

Some issues with registering in the 14U tournaments after the spring season with 60/90 playing fields. Have been fielding some concerns with this raised by the parents. James tried to work with Perfect Game to allow the players born prior to May 1st to be eligible but had no luck. We are going to move ahead with the tournament but expect a player or 2 to drop out because of this. May have to look at doing an in-season tournament in Washington for 13U but we'll wait until after we see how this goes to start the conversations about it. All flights for coaches and players have been booked (Thanks Alan), hotel and rental vans. Thurman is going to try and get a practice scheduled sometime in August to try and get the players ready for 60/90

7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman, No Report

8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - Mike Kelly, Grant Butler, Chris Lund, Marty Van-Der-Loos, Dino Cabalfin, Anne Hayes(NCCP)

- Mike Kelly - See Report
- Anne Hayes- NCCP
 - All rosters reviewed.
 - Will notify each coach that they can't coach at Provincials - these are mainly 13U AA and 18U AA
 - Associations have been told that they must have a certified coach on field. If an uncertified coach won't leave the field games will be forfeited
 - 13AA and 18AA Rosters need to be in by June 15th not the current July 1st.
 - A list will be given to the Provincial Director of those coaches not allowed on the field
 - Coaches must have Roster, PMF's (release/movement) and birth certificates with them.
 - NCCP messaging from the BCMBA President sent to all LSO Presidents this am.

9) Marketing Committee - James Raymond, Dino Cabalfin, Raj Puri, Ryan Hall

- **See written report**
- contact James, Abigail or Alan if you need the logo for Provincials

10) Grassroots Committee - John Braaten, Steve Coleman

- Remember BCMBA is grassroots programming that is supplemented with high performance programming
- This is being lost with many as had many communications and concerns re: specializing and tiering at younger and younger ages (8U and 9U included). Retention is key and focusing on a select few as opposed to the membership will not help grow baseball for those who are especially late developing/maturing players

11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee - John Braaten, Alan McKearney, J. Raymond (Insurance)

- John - Ridge Meadows is holding their annual Rumble in Ridge tournament and have approval from the City and Police to have a beer garden

- Placement of garden is in the wrong area and doesn't meet Safe Sport requirements
- can't police the outfield
- BCBUA demands that it be shut down or no umpires
- BCMBA insurance won't cover a beer garden
- liability on Ridge Meadows would be great if something happened to anyone who partakes of the garden

12) Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman

- Golf tournament is July 27th - foursome is made up of Steve, Ryan Hall, Dino and an Abbotsford city councilor

13) Website Committee - James Raymond, Alan McKearney, Anne Hayes, John Braaten(Tournaments)

- **James - see written report** - no live streaming of games this year
- **John - no changes in tournament postings**

14) Human Resources Committee -Anne Hayes, Raj Puri, Val Greenwood. No report

15) Awards Committee - Val Greenwood, Dino Cabalfin, Marty van-der Loos

- All BODs just a reminder to keep in mind the nominations for Association of the Year
- Will (hopefully) be handed out at the AGM
- Deadline - September 15th please submit to all committee members

16) Scholarship Committee - Abigail Wong-de Leon, Al Forman, John Braaten, Lyndsey Hotell

- The application form has been finalized. Just waiting for the online application form to be finished and go "live" - it will be circulated shortly
- One scholarship recipient has not deposited his cheque. An email was sent

17) Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler, John Braaten

- John - no update in committee but did coach in the recent Baseball BC Summer Games
- Grant as VP of BCABA is the acting President of Baseball BC until next June
- there has been a change in the qualifier at 13U AAA - all four in semis - winner will go to Nationals and the other three (3) will go to Westerns
- messaging all teams going to Nationals of the costs - James and Abigail to draft letter
- College Prep 15U AAA, 13U AAA must pay for their flights - some questions if they have been booked yet as has been done in the past
- Baseball BC will help with the funding on flights
- Chilliwack and Kelowna teams must fund all fees

18) Tournaments - Abigail Wong - de Leon

- a) John Main Tournament - sent thank yous to both Cloverdale and Ridge Meadows presidents

- b) Provincial Tournament sent an email request to all division directors to send their Provincial Game format and schedules
- c) Have been receiving emails from Provincial Host Associations
- d) Western handbook has been sent out
- e) As this in a new position, a job description needs to be done

Meeting called to order after lunch break at 12:35pm

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Anne Hayes

- getting ready for playoffs
- schedule is done for Provincials
- Brad Woof is doing the umpires

b) 18U - Chair - John Braaten

- Nothing to add outside of 18U CP, AAA & AA reports as had generally discussions internally

18U College Prep Director - Chris Lund

- Chris - Provincial teams will be decided after Sunday's play. We have had some major issues with BCBUA and securing umpires for the provincials in Maple Ridge. The only way we were able to make it work with the umpires was to add Thursday into the schedule. All teams have been informed to be ready to play Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. New schedule to be circulated this weekend
- will do a virtual meeting - rosters will be put on screen so coaches can challenge if needed
- would like applications for College Prep out before August with a decision by end of September

18U AAA Director - Chris Lund

- Provincial teams have pretty much been decided with the standings. Have been in communication with North Langley and they appear to have everything under control for the Provincial tournament

18U AA Director - Raj Puri - see written report

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes

- 15U AAA Wildcard next weekend (July 22) - Mike Kelly will be BCMBA Director on site
- 15U AAA Provincial Tournament Director will be Neal Dhaliwal
- Division Ratified Cowichan Valley Mustang 15U AAA Merger
 - Duncan, SSI, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan
- **15U AAA Director - Hugh Gurney No Report**

- **15U AA Director - Abigail Wong-de Leon**
 - email the four (4) teams that are missing games
 - North Shore and Abbotsford not going to make up game - fine for not completing games - \$500 each for not completing two (2) games
 - Vancouver Blue and Cowichan played first game - 3rd game called by umpires due to rain - they did not reschedule the game - Rule 21.04 - fine of \$500 (\$250 each) if they don't reschedule - if not rescheduled forfeit of games to both team
 - Could have used game from the tournament as league game - no fine
 - put in Article XX board vote for fines - let division director decide if they should be fined or not
- **15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal - Host for provincials will be Burnaby**
 - 15U A - has secured a Provincial host - thank you to Burnaby for being the host, Provincials are August 10 - 13
 - Held Provincial host meeting with Sonja and Cheryl from Burnaby to go over the host package sent by BCMBA - board members in attendance were Anne (15U Chair), Alan (BCMBA Umpire Liaison) and Abigail - Tournament Director
 - 15U A Provincial berths will be the following:
 1. 5 Lower Mainland
 2. 1 Host (Burnaby)
 3. 2 Interior
 4. 1 North
 5. 1 Island
 - Al Forman will cover Thursday and Friday, Abigail will cover Saturday and Sunday
 - Prince George had a player drop off roster due to family moving

d) **13U - Chair - Marty Van-Der-Loos**

- Division will allow Prince George to field a team at 13U AA and 13U A for the summer of 2023
- **see written report**

13U AAA Director - Anne Hayes (Interim)

- talk to Presidents on how many tournaments a team can enter
- Provincials will be in Chilliwack - Abigail to supervise

13U AA Director - Al Forman

- **See written report**
- Has been a trying season - all scores very lopsided - good football scores
- Recommend a six (6) run limit rule change for spring - 6 runs or three (3) outs for the inning with last inning being open
- open innings for summer

- **13U A Director - Marty van-der Loos**

- **see written report**
- 13U A East will be in Mission Wednesday - pre-tournament meeting will be live
- 13U A West will be in Oceanside, Tina will supervise

e) **11U - Chair - Anne Hayes**

- John Braaten, have advised chair I will not be able to be attending Director in Provincial championships if any single season team advances to Baseball BC qualifier.
- Provincial Championships Director Assignments:
 - AAA T1 - Neal Dhaliwal at COMBA
 - AAA T2- James Raymond at Vernon
 - AA - Alan McKearney at Surrey
 - A - Steve Coleman at Cloverdale
- Merger Ratified by Division: Salmon Arm and Revelstoke
- Merger Ratified by Division: Abbotsford and Mission

f) **9U - Chair - Dino Cabalfin, No Report / John Braaten**

- John - Reports of various associations tiering....remember this is grassroots programming
- There is no tiering in 9U

g) **Island 1 - Tina - 18U and 15U, No Report**

h) **Island 2 - vacant - 9U, 13U and 11U No report**

i) **Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal, 18U and 15U - No Report**

j) **Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin, 9U, 13U and 11U - No report**

k) **North - Veronica Vankoughnett,**

- New to the board, I am constantly reading the rules and learning

New Business:

- Director expenses deadline for Year-End before August 31st

Motion: A.Wong-de Leon / Seconder V. Greenwood

Motion to increase per diem from \$30 to \$50 for local tournaments
(local is when one is able to go home)

M/S/Adopted - Anne Hayes and Chris Lund - opposed

- Fall Workshop dates/times
 - virtual - 2nd week of September 19th Island/20th Interior/21st Lower Mainland
 - after much discussion it was determined to hold only one (1) meeting to be held September 19th starting at 7:00 pm

Next Meeting(*In-person*):

- MANDATORY - Post Season meeting September 9th, 2023
- Post Season and Provincial Reports due at September Meeting
- Return all supplies, tents, banners etc.
- Next meeting will be held September 09th at the Sandman Signature starting at 10 am

Meeting Adjourned: 1:51 pm

Motioned: D. Michaud