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BCMBA Monthly BoD Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, 7 February · 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Google Meet

Call to Order: 6:02 pm

Attendance: G. Butler (Chair), R. Puri, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Forman, A. McKearney, N. Dhaliwal, A. Wong-de Leon, L. Hotell, M. Kelly, M. Hall, S. Coleman, C. Lund, M. van-der-Loos, H. Gurney, R. Hall, D. Cabalfin and J. Raymond (Staff)

Absent: T. Baker-Cornett, D. Michaud

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- With the usual scramble at the start of the season I'm pretty happy to see that "stay in your lane" has been working and that questions and answers are being provided in a timely manner or passed on to those who can provide them.
- If anyone needs help sorting things be sure to contact myself or any of the Executive.
- Looks like it's going to be a busy year with Baseball BC putting on a 15U "Summer Games", Qualifiers to Westerns and Nationals, our own Championships and the Westerns being hosted here in BC,

Adoption of Minutes :

- November 20th, 2022 BoD Meeting
 - Motioned: R. Puri
 - Seconded: M. van-der-Loos**M/S/C with Correction**
- January 10th, 2022 BoD Meeting
 - Motioned: A. Forman
 - Seconded: H. Gurney**M/S/C with Corrections**

Additions to the Agenda:

- Directors per diem and kilometers, See Treasurer's report

Correspondence:

Incoming

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Sean Harris - Sandman Hotel
- Vanessa VP Chemainus - looking to link them with our website
- Dan Williams - President Mission - female player age
- Jordan - Sandman Group - contract for event

- Cheryl Healey - President Burnaby Baseball - declaring 18U AAA
- **Executive Roster: Mission, Kamloops, Sorrento**
- Cheryl Healey - numbers for 13U AA?
- Russell Wilson - VP Greater Victoria - update email list - send to James
- Vic Pereira - coach 11U Whatcom Mudcats - looking for exhibitions games - to Anne and Steve
- Ali Sheikh - Hize Sporting Goods - to Marketing
- Rachel Zalinko - Insurance question - sent to James
- Jordan Carriere - request for NCCP information - forwarded to Anne
- Ken Quinn - Bob Cene Memorial Tournament - Strothers, Ohio - forwarded to 18U group
- Taylor Green - Insurance update - forwarded to James
- Max Battle - 18U - overage - forwarded to Chris
- Sean Sullivan to Grant Butler - looking at working together
- Sonya Jefferies-Ellen - UIC Coaches Conference
- Sonya Jefferies-Ellen - clarification on time of UIC on the weekend - to John
- Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - updates on Baseball BC Qualifiers and Travel
- Carla McColeman, President Ridge Meadows, UIC on holidays
- Michael Worth - looking for refund - forwarded to Anne

Outgoing:

- Anne Hayes to Tina Baker-Cornett - Duncan - confirming mergers
- John Braaten to Cheryl Healey - Burnaby - confirming 18U AAA
- Anne to Cheryl Healey - 13U AA numbers
- James on behave of Grant - Western Hosts needed urgently
- James to Rachel Zalinko - Insurance
- Grant Butler to Shannon Gaboury (past president Comox) - re rule 11.02
- John Braaten to Presidents - deadline for declaring 18U AAA teams
- Anne Hayes to Jordan Carriere - NCCP request
- Grant Butler to Ray Clark, President North Langley - Rule 11.02
- Grant Butler to Presidents - follow up on Western hosts for 2023
- James Raymond to President's - Team Roster Forms
- Grant Butler to Jeremy Hall, President Chilliwack - Rule 11.02
- James Raymond to Duane Geddes - clinics
- Grant Butler to Sean Sullivan, President BCBUA
- John Braaten to David Laing, Baseball BC - player sessions at convention
- John Braaten to Sonya Jefferies-Ellen - Coaches Conference UIC
- Grant Butler to Ray Clark, President North Langley - clarification on Rule 11.02
- John Braaten to Sonya Jeffries-Ellen - clarification on time of UIC
- John Braaten to Carla McColeman, President Ridge Meadows, any of your umpires can attend

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Richmond / Ladner merger - Email vote/passed January 16, 2023

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler

- Sorted issue with Richmond Parent regarding "Conditional Try-out Release"

- Rule 11.02 responses to Shannon Gaboury Past President Comox, Jeremy Hall, President Chilliwack and Ray Clark, President North Langley.
- Pursued BCMBA membership for Western Tournament Hosts. All hosts confirmed.
- Correspondence with Baseball BC regarding Team Eligibility requirements for Westerns and Nationals
- Correspondence with Paul Craven who is starting the Review of the Rule Book leading to the rewrite.

First VP - Raj Puri

- People are calling Baseball BC, they send them to us, usually turns out to be an internal issue within the association
- Baseball BC only looks at what's important to them.
- BCBUA - Baseball BC will be doing all the discipline for the umpires
- Should Baseball BC do our discipline?
- See written report

Second VP - John Braaten

- I have been emailing association contacts the last few weeks in support of the upcoming Coaches Conference February 10-12 at the LEC. So far I have had a great amount of interest and registration. Great to be a back-in person. Thanks in advance to the support of our members and Baseball BC
- Continue to assist Eligibility committee on occasion with historical registration data and declarations in regards to tryout releases and such

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials distributed, Motioned: R. Puri, Seconded: R. Hall M/S/C
- Director's Expenses

Motion: A. Hayes / V. Greenwood

Motion to increase mileage rate to 68 cents for the first 5000 KM(.62/KM after 5000) and to increase directors per diem to \$75 per day for out of town from \$50

M/S/C

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Anne, have the Society papers been filed as we are currently not in good standing?
- Val - No have been having problems getting into the Society pages. Will try again.
- Society papers have now been filed - thank you to Anne for doing them (Post meeting message)

Administrative Director - James Raymond:

- Directors need to read the Policies and Procedures documents
- See Written Report

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee - Daniel Michaud / A. Wong de-Leon / R. Hall

- Ready to issue to the new rule book
- Ryan has been reviewing Baseball BC's Safe Sport policies
- Paul Craven has undertaken the start of the new rulebook rewrite

- **Motion: M/ Raj Puri, S/ Marty van-der Loos, C/ no abstentions.**

- "Motion to adopt Baseball BC's Safe Sport Policies in principle and continue with our Rules and Policies while reserving the right to use said Baseball BC policies as the case may be."

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Neal Dhaliwal - See written report

3) Discipline Committee - Ryan Hall/Tina Baker-Cornett - See written report

4) Girls Baseball Committee - Marty van-der-Loos / Val Greenwood - No Report

5) Umpire Liaison Committee - Steve Coleman/Alan McKearney - No Report

6) High-Performance Committee - Chris Lund/Mike Kelly

- John Braaten - meeting scheduled prior to February 7th board meeting
- Event dates and format
 - Team BC Selects 13U/15U/16U Camp
 - 18U College Prep All-star weekend

7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman

- There has been much more engagement and progress made in cleaning up and clarifying Association Boundaries this year
- For those associations who do not submit their Boundaries, the assumption will be made that they agree with the BCMBA Boundaries Map as posted on the BCMBA website, and also that their neighbouring Associations' boundaries are correct and agreeable

Grant Butler: Regarding Affiliation: There was early interest by Cranbrook and Nelson to join Trail at a couple of levels in BCMBA but logistics got in the way. I've invited them to meet later this year to see if this can get sorted for 2024. It's exciting to see the Kootenays showing interest in BCMBA which would really make the BC in BCMBA stand out.

8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - Mike Kelly/John Braaten

- It's the week of the annual Coaches Conference at the LEC. So far in-person registration is tracking in advance of previous years. NCCP courses offered to Coach Conference has been a success to-date and continues through this week. Player session registration also trending very well and looks like it too will exceed previous years
- Post mortem report will be provided to the BoD for March
- Conference registration update
- Conference budget approval
- Conference miscellaneous
- Conference Chairs
 - Hospitality - John
 - Budget - done
 - Registration - Anne, Val and Joanna
 - Luncheon - Abigail - 12:30 to 1:30
 - Signs & Tents - Anne and Grant
 - Photos -
 - Web Pages - James

- Player Registration - Mike and Abigail
- Audio & Video - LEC
- Transportation - all BoD members welcome - can't pay for rooms
- Dinner - Val
- Silent Auction - none
- Speakers - Mike and John
- Exhibitors - may have none - speakers can set up to sell their books
- Online Registration - James
- Luncheon Awards - Abigail and Val
- Programme - Mike
- Virtual Services - James to work with LEC
- John as per written report
- All board members are welcome to attend, dress appropriately in BCMBA clothing
- 122 coaches have taken courses at this time

NCCP Training Coordinator - Baseball BC - Anne and James

- huge success - reaching out to all coaches
- Marty Hall - Victoria was under the impression that if they didn't attend the conference they couldn't take the courses. Anne. too late now as the last one is Thursday
- Anne, if monies left over we may run all seven (7) courses again
- John, James and Anne all sent emails to associations - distribution has to come from the top, message is not getting out

9) 2023 BCMBA Traveling Caravan - Mike Kelly

- John Braaten - Committee still has to meet regarding the Travelling Caravan and should after the conference is over to begin planning for the provincial grassroots program that will visit 20+ communities in March and April
- Island and Interior schedule is done

10) Marketing Committee - James Raymond

- Hope to have sizing box ready for new "Anniversary" clothing - hat, jacket and shirt with new 60th anniversary logo
- **Motion: R. Puri / J. Braaten**
Motion to increase marketing budget by \$5000 to cover cost of new directors apparel.
M/S/C - Abigail abstained
- moving forward with ShopTalk Media
- See Written Report

11) Grassroots Committee - John Braaten/Steve Coleman

- Awaiting reply/feedback from recent internal communication requests on next steps from Grassroots Survey prior to implementation

12) Risk Management - John Braaten/Alan McKearney

- No immediate risk management issues at this time
- Insurance - As per Anne and James' update

13) Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman

- Programming has mostly returned to normal
- Since attending the BC Challenger Baseball AGM November 2022, I have been communicating with Tim Hall to try to bring in two (2) new Challenger associations for BCMBA, Chilliwack and Kelowna have both expressed interest in running this program
- Cloverdale is the likely host for the 2023 Challenger Jamboree

14) Website Committee - James Raymond/Alan McKearney/Anne Hayes

- follow up on Iscore, Game Changer and Sports Engine - don't work together
- Alan to look into live stream the College Prep as per their request
- Game Changer for Single Season
- Lengthy discussion on how best to live stream games - YouTube - free, just need camera
- What about the privacy of players - they are in a public park
- See Written Report
- John Braaten - 39 tournaments now posted on the website

15) Human Resources Committee - Anne Hayes - No Report

16) Awards Committee - Val Greenwood / Marty van-der-Loos /

The committee had a conference call discussing the nominees and came up with the following:

- Recommendations/Winners
 - Team of the Year - North Langley Trappers - Coach Tyler Renwick
 - Player of the Year: Carter McLachlan - Chilliwack Cougars - 15U AAA
 - Umpire of the Year:
 - Matthew McAdam - North Shore - all levels
 - Nolan Pshenblsky - Surrey Canadian Baseball - all levels
 - Zander Hope - Nanaimo - 13U and up
 - Coach(es) of the Year :
 - 11U Duncan Cardinals - coach - Jesse Davis
 - 13U AA - North Langley Trappers - coach - Marty Beyers
 - 13U AAA - Nanaimo - coach - Brandon Dornan
 - 15U AAA - North Island Cubs - coach - Justin Kenning
 - 18U AAA - Cloverdale Spurs - coach - Mike Dance
 - Roll of Honour - there were no nominations this year.
- Thank you to all members of the committee for your assistance

17) Scholarship Committee - Abigail Wong-de Leon

18)

- **Motion - A. Forman / A. Wong de-Leon**
 - Motion from the Scholarship Committee to increase the Scholarship Fund by \$1,000.00.
 - Discussion took place and an email vote was held. **M/S/C**
- **Motion - A. Forman / A. Wong-de Leon**
 - Motion for the recipient plus two guests to receive tickets to the luncheon.
 - Discussion was held and an email vote was held **M/S/C**

19) Baseball BC Committee - As reported by Grant Butler, Acting President Baseball BC

- Chaired January 28th Baseball BC BoD's in person meeting.
 - Raj Puri, voted to the BoD as John Braaten "resigned" (Housekeeping)
 - Confirmed that BCMBA is going to adopt Baseball BC's Safe Sport Policies and will have them incorporated into the revised Rule Book. If BCMBA does not have/use a specific policy in the Rule Book BCMBA will fall back to Baseball BC's policies.
 - BCBUA has adopted their own Safe Sport Policies using Baseball BC's templates including adopting CRC's.
 - Significant topic, Travel Costs to Westerns and Nationals, tbd.
- To keep you up to date are the Qualifiers to Westerns and Nationals hosting update Qualifiers:
 - 18U AAA Tier 1 & 2 - July 28-29 @ Serauxmen Stadium, Nanaimo
 - 18U AA - August 4-6 @ South Surrey Athletic Park, Surrey
 - 15U AAA - August 4-6 @ South Surrey Athletic Park, Surrey
 - 15U AA - August 4-6 @ South Surrey Athletic Park, Surrey
 - 13U AAA - August 4-6 @ Cloverdale Ball Park, Surrey
 - 13U AA - TBD
 - Senior AA Provincial - September 1-4 @ TBD
- In addition to these, the 2023 Baseball BC Summer Games will be hosted by Richmond Minor Baseball, June 23-25 @ Blundell Park.
- All hosts confirmed for Western Tournament Hosts.
 - Comba: 13AA, 15AA, 18AA, Aug 18-20th
 - Chilliwack: 15U AAA, Aug 18-20th
 - Richmond: 14U Girls (to be confirmed) Aug 17-20th
- Correspondence with Baseball BC regarding Team Eligibility requirements for Westerns and Nationals.

On behalf of our PSO, Baseball BC I would like to recognize the 2022 Sport BC President's Award being awarded to Ms. Anne Hayes this year, congratulations from all of us.

"The Presidents' Awards presented by Sports With Balls are given to volunteers from Sport BC member and partner organizations who demonstrate the spirit of volunteerism through the dedication, commitment, and tireless energy they give to their sport organizations."

<https://sportbc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Sport-BC-55th-Athlete-of-the-Year-Awards-2022-Presidents-Awards-Recipients.pdf>

20) Tournaments Coordinator - Abigail Wong-de Leon - No Report

- Request from Christy Smith - have they awarded provincials for 13U A West? - yes, Oceanside
- 11U Vernon looking for procedure - to be informed that they have to pay for the third place medals

Divisional Reports:

a) 25U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes - No Report

b) 18U - Chair - John Braaten

- Attended the 18U AAA coaches pre-season meeting in support of the Director. College Prep pre-season minutes have just gone out to the coaches. Anne is currently working on single season schedules

18U College Prep Director - Chris Lund/John Braaten - See written Report

18U AAA Director - Chris Lund - See Written Report

- added two (2) teams - Ridge Meadows and Chilliwack

18U AA Director - Raj Puri - See written Report

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes - No Report

15U AAA Director - Hugh Gurney - See written report

15U AA Director - Abigail Wong-de Leon - See written report

- **Motion: A. Wong de-Leon / C. Lund**

Motions to ratify Newton and Surrey merger at the 15U AA level for the 2023 season.

M/S/C

15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal - No Report

d) 13U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett - No Report

13U AAA Director - Marty Hall - No Report

13U AA -Director - Al Forman - See written Report

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

- Need clarification with dates for the 13U A and 18U AA provincials
- Dan Williams is looking for explanation why the 13U A can't be moved
 - move to Provincial Hosts

13U John Main Tournament Director - Marty Hall / Tina Baker-Cornett

e) 11U - Chair - Anne Hayes/Steve Coleman

- COMBA and White Rock are tiering their associations
- They can't play anyone in Spring nor can they enter any tournaments as per rule book.

f) 9U - Chair - Dino Cabalfin - No Report

g) Island 1 - Tina Baker-Cornett - 9U, 11U and 13U - No Report

h) Island 2 - Marty Hall - 15U and 18U - No Report

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

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

k) North - Neal Dhaliwal - Still looking for new director

New Business:

- Provincial Championships
 - Hosts (Update) - No new applications
 1. 26U - Anne - location TBA - July 27 - 31
 2. 18U AA - TBA - July 27 - 31
 3. 15U A
 4. 15U AAA
 5. 13U A West - Oceanside - Tina / Grant
 6. 13U A East - Marty may not be available - depending on 21U Girls - Nationals same weekend

Dan Williams, President Mission - Inquired why the 13U A can't be moved (The short Summer Season including Zones(Interior and Island) does not afford adequate time) July 01 has to be done a week before Provincials - no way to get games in within three(3) weeks. Dan will have to make a choice between 18U AA or 13U A East

- Might lose host for 13U A East

7. 11U A Tier I - Kelowna - Neal?
8. 11U A Tier II - Vernon - Anne / John
9. 11U AA - Surrey - Alan

- Rulebooks - Adopt as is, go on website - try to post on Friday
- Insurance

Motion: A. Hayes / R. Puri

Motion to move meeting "in camera" **M/S/C**

Motion: A. Hayes / C. Lund

Motion to move meeting "out of camera" **M/S/C**

Next Meeting:

March 7th, 2023 6:00 PM - starting April, meetings will be 8:00 start

Meeting Adjournment at:

- 7:49 PM Motioned: D. Cabalfin

