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February 1st, 2022 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

meeting hosted via Google Meet meet.google.com/kgg-zrij-cf

Roll Call: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, M. Van-Der Loos, R. Puri, A. Forman, M. Kelly, H. Gurney, N. Dhaliwal, S. Coleman, M. Hall, T. Baker Cornett, D. Cabalfin, J. Raymond, Nick Van Dyk

Absent: R. Hall, D. Michaud

Meeting Called to Order: 6:03 pm

Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler

- Coquitlam-Moody / Port Coquitlam amalgamation see new business
- Ratify New West joining BCMBA at the 18U level see new business
- Ratify Howe Sound application for membership see new business
- Brad Robinson letter of resignation for personal reasons
- Carmen Martin letter of resignation for personal reasons I've asked Neal to be the "Acting North Director", he has accepted for now.
- Direct all questions to where they need to go to keep the messaging the same by that I mean if you get a question on rules direct it to the Rules committee, we don't answer them.
- Division directors as the Single season is going to roll in first, check all rosters and the NCCP certification be aware that is something you have to get done that way when you get to end of season come Provincials, Westerns and Nationals, they are done if not certified they won't be going
- Same with Eligibility send them direct to Neal don't even answer them that one committee creates so many problems if misinformation gets out there

Adoption of Minutes:

Amending Note: An Article XX motion was passed by the BCMBA Board of directors on January 19, 2022 moving the deadline date for 15U AAA to February 01.

- MOTION: G. Butler / Seconder H. Gurney, To amend Minutes to reflect Article XX vote
 - o M/S/C
- January 2022 BoD Meeting minutes as amended,
 - Motioned: H. Gurney / Seconder: M. Kelly
 - o M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Howe Sound affiliation request see new business
- Provincial hosts see new business

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Letter of resignation from Brad Robinson
- Letter of resignation from Carmen Martin
- Tina Baker-Cornett -merge request -13U see 13U division
- Tina Baker Cornett merge request 15U see 15U division
- Brad Blatz President Aldergrove merge request with North Langley 15U AAA/15U AA/18U AAA
- Executive Rosters: Kamloops, Comox Valley, Revelstoke, Aldergrove, Tri-City Thunder, Greater Victoria, Vernon, Salt Spring Island, North Langley, Newton, Duncan, Alberni Valley. White Rock, Prince George, Chemainus, Vancouver Community
- Boundaries: Comox Valley, North Langley, New West, Vernon (no Change), Greater Victoria, Kamloops (no change) White Rock, Vancouver Community, BurnabyBaseball/South Burnaby
- Karen Morgan President New West Minor Baseball copy of constitution and Certificate of Incorporation
- V. McCulloch President Campbell River, Shannon Gaboury President Comox Valley Article XX rule change
- Paul Bach request for information on the John Main Tournament turned over to John Braaten
- Ray Clark merge request between North Langley and Aldergrove 15U AA/15U AAA and 18U AAA
- John Braaten recap of high performance meeting January 16, 2022
- Todd Thicke Interim president Summerland
- Howe Sound letter of application to become a member of BCMBA
- Howe Sound copy of constitution/ by-laws and receipt of payment
- Nick Van Dyk President North Shore re: boundaries to John Braaten
- Ondrea Ross Sales Manager Travelodge at the airport accommodations for the 18U Fall Classic forwarded to James
- Cheryl Healey President Burnaby Baseball boundaries in agreement with South Burnaby
- Peter Lei President South Burnaby question re: grandfathering of New West players
- Eric Gold President Vancouver Community executive roster and boundaries
- Cheryl Healey President, Burnaby Baseball to John Braaten and various Board of Directors concerns about the New West boundaries and grandfathering of players (should their affiliation be accepted)

Outgoing mail:

- James to Presidents reminder that 18U AAA single season is due to the division chair and the division director by February 01 - Rule 7 - single season procedures for 15U AA, 15U AAA, and 18U AAA
- James to Presidents BCMBA Provincial hosts needed
- James to Presidents on behalf of the Grassroots committee Grassroots survey
- James to Presidents Article XX notification and vote of motion
- James to Presidents Baseball BC Qualifiers to Westerns and Nationals
- John Braaten to Nick Van Dyk President North Shore re: boundaries
- John Braaten to Presidents South Burnaby, Burnaby Baseball and Richmond re: New West boundaries and grandfathering players
- John Braaten clarification to Peter Lei, South Burnaby re: grandfathering of New West players
- John Braaten to Cheryl Healy, president Burnaby Baseball response to her concerns with New West boundaries

Business Arising from Minutes:

- James sent out from Baseball BC on January 7th a notice to their Qualifier and hosting request.
- Our own request for Provincial host was sent January 8

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler

• Starting to get busy, not too many questions for myself, most going to Division Directors and Committee Directors

First VP - John Braaten

- ABCA 2020 post mortem report from John Braaten and Mike Kelly
- John Main divisional proposal
- See report

Second VP - Dave Garton, No report

Treasurer - Anne Hayes, Financials

Motion to accept financial as distributed.

- Motioned: M. Kelly, Seconded: V. Greenwood
 - O Nick asked what the \$80.000 rebate was for?
 - Anne it is a rebate back to the associations coming from Baseball BC not charging us last year works out to about \$4.50 per player
 - M/S/C

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- John Braaten 2022 post mortem report
- Society papers have been filed
- Vicky (Jim) Seredick, Alberni Valley; Both will be retiring at the end of February
- Please direct all NEW ASSOCIATION applications to Boundaries and Affiliation director

Administrative Director - James Raymond:

- Only seven (7) directors have taken part in the orientation sessions. Please book a time as it will start to get busy soon
- You'll notice the minutes were sent out in Google Doc,, if you logged into your BC Minor Gmail, you would have been able to open it
- See Report

Committee Reports:

- 1) Rules Committee Daniel Michaud / Ryan Hall / Hugh Gurney
- Grant: Hugh, you need to follow up with Daniel in getting the new rulebook put together and published. Dave can you help out?
- Dave: Yes, I'm willing to help out
- No report
- 2) Player Eligibility Committee Neal Dhaliwal / Steve Coleman / Dino Cabalfin
- Player movement requests are starting to come in. Just remember that the form will be considered
 incomplete if it is not signed by the Presidents. Once the request is completed entirely the committee
 will then review and respond our decisions within 7 10 days
- Tryout applications have been coming in slowly with associations throughout the province getting their teams in order. Reminder to the associations that a player must have an approval before participating in baseball related activities

Nick - I was reached out by a player who wishes to move, but has not been able to obtain a response from the president of his home association, is there a mechanism to enable him to move?

Further discussion took place

- 3) Discipline Committee Dave Garton / Raj Puri / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin, No report
- 4) Girls Baseball Committee -Val Greenwood / Marty Van-Der Loos / Al Forman, No Report
- 5) Umpire Liaison Committee Grant Butler / Raj Puri
- See Report
- Junior Umpires Survey results, Grant to review, should have it ready mid week
- 6) **High-Performance Committee Mike Kelly** / Daniel Michaud / Marty Hall / Al Forman / John Braaten Rep (18U) / Anne Hayes Rep (15U) / John Braaten Rep (13U)
- See Report
- Hosted a committee meeting January 16 with open discussion about High Performance as It has not been run in two years given the pandemic. Meeting notes provided
- All single season coaches must be certified by the Provincial tournaments, if not, they will be ineligible to coach, fines will be issued
- NCCP will be held February 23 27
- If registered for the convention (March 3-5) cost for NCCP will half price
- Baseball BC is offering many courses coming up

Nick - Should we have an accommodation for 13U AAA single season on the must certify point. Some of these coaches will just becoming to the formal verification process

Mike - If they are going Single Season, they will have to be certified within a year for sure, no certification, no provincials

Nick - so they would have to be certified by the Provincials?

Mike - I'm okay with that, if John will be too. Just make sure they are.

- Further discussion ensued

Grant - When Baseball BC's posting comes out then we can send out the requirements for NCCP certifications

- Further discussion

7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman

- See Report
- Burnaby Baseball/ South Burnaby joint submission of boundaries
- South Burnaby had questions regarding grandfathering the New West players John replied to Peter
- North Shuswap and Chase

Anne - in the boundary map there's an association called Shusway which isn't one of ours - it's in Chase's territory, so Chase is wrong, it should be justChase right there and then North Shuswap should send in a boundary. Neal you need to work with them to get that fixed

- Lengthy discussion took place with regards to the boundaries and the map

Grant - Nonetheless the Boundaries rule says that it has to happen at the AGM, we need to fix that.

- Further discussion was had with some suggestions on we can go about fixing this
- Steve to send out via James to all presidents to assist with this going forward

Val - It all goes back to the New West affiliation, they still want to keep claiming areas of New West - John has a better handle on this

8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - Mike Kelly / John Braaten / Al Forman / Raj Puri / Nick Van Dyk

- Post-mortem ABCA report provided
- See report

9) 2022 BCMBA Traveling Caravan - Mike Kelly / John Braaten / James Raymond

- Hosts applications to date none
- Caravan will start in the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley March 28 April 03 Interior and April 09 until to the 13th - Island Good Friday is the 15th
- Initial discussions and planning has begun

10) Marketing Committee - James Raymond / Raj Puri / Dino Cabalfin / Ryan Hall

- Coaches Conference and Coaches Caravan update
- HP Selects/Team BC update 16U will be in Aldergrove
- John Main update will remain on the September long weekend registration is now open
- The Marketing team is going to be a little more hands on on events we're going to break the membership base into four segments and each one of the committee is going to reach out to confirm that the presidents received their information regarding these events

See Report

11) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten / Steve Coleman

 The committee had James send out an email to member presidents looking for support from membership in Phase II of our three phase grassroots surveys. Parent engagement to date is very good with 20+ replies to engage in the first week.

12) Risk Management / Insurance Committee - John Braaten - Insurance - Anne Hayes/James Raymond

- No updates from Baseball BC though the government will be lifting the tournament ban that was implemented over the winter for sports organizations as of February 1st
- Insurance I will defer to Anne Hayes
- The player insurance has been renewed for the period March 31st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023. We are currently working on the CGL renewal

13) Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman

- Talked with Tim Hall Executive Director of Challenger January 20th
- After having seven (7) of twenty-four Challenger leagues playing in a limited capacity last season,
 Tim is hoping to return to regular Challenger games between May and June 2022
- 14) Website Committee James Raymond / Anne Hayes / John Braaten / Nick Van Dyk
- See Report
- 15) Human Resources Committee Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri
- The committee will be getting together sometime in early February to review James' work performance for the year.
- 16) Awards Committee Val Greenwood / Mike Kelly / Raj Puri / Marty Van-Der Loos
- See report with recommendations
- Jerry Tragaskis has been removed from Roll of Honour as he received it in 2001

Motion: M.Kelly / Seconder D. Cabalfin

- Motion to accept the recommendations made by the Awards Committee
- M/S/C
- 17) Scholarship Committee Raj Puri / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin
- See Report recommendations

Motion: M. Kelly / Seconder N. Dhaliwal

- Motion to accept the budget of the Scholarship Committee, dropping the plaques, allowing the Committee to award another scholarship.

M/S/C Abstentions: R. Puri - J. Braaten

Motion: M Kelly / Seconder N. Dhaliwal

- Motion to accept the recommendations made by the Scholarship Committee.
- M/S/C Abstentions: J.Braaten / R. Puri

18) Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler / John Braaten

- Baseball BC Safe Sport (Grant) Rules and discipline to review
- John recently participated in a high performance meeting and a special committee that was formed in regards to a complaint that was received. Used the new safe sport policy as guidance of this process (John)

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes / Al Forman

• I have had some interest from associations wanting to field 26U teams this year. The deadline isn't until March so I will be sending a reminder out to teams closer to the date

b) 18U - Chair - John Braaten

- I sent out a friendly reminder through James that 18U AAA declarations are due February 1st. College
 Prep Director Mike Kelly has sent out Field Scheduler requests. no updates I am aware of for 18U AA
- Merger request between North Langley and Aldergrove at the 18U AAA level
 - Hugh is that just the same merge that they've had in the past?
 - o Grant This happens every year

Motion: A.Hayes / Seconder J. Braaten

- Motion to allow merger between North Langley and Aldergrove at the 18U AAA level for 2022, team will run under the name of Township
- M/S/C

Ladner has requested to host the 18U AAA provincials

18U College Prep Director - Mike Kelly

- Message sent to all coaches and teams regarding blackout dates for each team to make sure they are sent in so Anne can complete the 2022 schedule
- 16U camp will be in Aldergrove June 3, 4 and 5
- Checking to make sure all coaches are NCCP certified

18U AAA Director - Dave Garton

As of today, February 01, there are 13 teams declared foer 18U AAA in 2022. The teams count by areas
of the province are: 3 Interior, 3 Island, 6 Lower Mainland, 1 North

- Teams are: Central Okanagan, Kamloops, West Kelowna, North Island, Cowichan Valley, Victoria, Township (North Langley/Aldergrove), Richmond, North Shore, Chilliwack, Vancouver Community, Cloverdale
- I will work with John Braaten to schedule a pre-season meeting with all teams

Grant - For hosts we will put that under New Business

Anne- Do we really need mergers at 18U AAA?

- Raj It's open boundary
- Anne they just have to send emails right?
- **Grant -** we don't need to approve a merger?
- Anne not 18U AAA, there's no boundaries, they just need to send an email from the president saying they are letting the association they're from know that they are trying out somewhere
- Neal Rule 7.07

Anne - I have one merger for Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Vernon and Enderby to form a 15U AAA team

Motion: G. Butler / Seconder N. Dhaliwal

- Motion to allow Salmon Arm, Revelstoke Vernon and Enderby to form a 15U AAA team for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C

18U AA Director - Raj Puri

 Nothing new to report at this time. Association representatives for 18U AA will coordinate their spring season interlock schedules in mid-May, we will invite declarations for the 18U AA Summer season and then meet to review the schedule and guidelines for play. Ladner has submitted an application to host the 2022 BCMBA 18U AA Provincials

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes

I have been working on collecting single season declarations for 2022

15U AAA Co Directors - Anne Hayes / Steve Coleman

- I have received 12 declarations to date and could have a possible 13th declaration before the February 1st deadline
- Merger request at 15U AAA level for the 2022 season between Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, Salt Spring Island
- To be adjusted after to include affected associations after team selection
- Merger request between North Langley and Aldergrove at 15U AAA 15U AA level
- Merger request between Campbell River and Comox Valley at 15U level
- Merger request between Surrey and Newton 15U AA
- Merger request between Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Vernon and Enderby

Motion: N. Dhaliwal / Seconder D. Cabalfin

- Motion to allow Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Vernon and Enderby to merge at the 15U AAA level for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C

Motion: N. Dhaliwal / Seconder M. Van-Der Loos

- Motion to allow Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan and Salt Spring Island to merge at the 15U AAA level for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C absentions: T. Baker- Cornett

Motion: H. Gurney / Seconder M. Kelly

- Motion to allow Surrey and Newton to merge at the 15U AA level for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C abstentions: R. Puri / M. Van-Der Loos

Motion: M. Van-Der Loos / Seconder T. Baker-Cornett

- Motion to allow North Langley and Aldergrove to merge at the 15U AAA and 15U AA levels for the 2022 season under the name of Township.
- M/S/C

Motion: T. Baker-Cornett / Seconder D. Garton

- Motion to allow Campbell River and Comox Valley to merge at the 15U AAA and 15U AA levels for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C abstentions: H. Gurney

Anne - There's one more that I've had a problem with, I've sent an email to both presidents, who are on the board and they're not here tonight but there should be a merger for Newton / Surrey, because they declared a 15U AA team but I don't have a merger request, The team can't be formed until we have the request to merge.

MOTION: H. Gurney / Seconder M. Kelly

- Motion to allow Newton and Surrey to merge at the 15U AA level for the 2022 season.
- Formal email request to follow by voting now will allow the team to start
- M/S/C abstentions: M. Van-Der Loos / R. Puri
- Anne got the 13th apple today
- Meeting will be held on February 06 with all the coaches

15U AA Director - Hugh Gurney

- 25 teams have declared as of January 30th
- Just waiting for the declaration deadline and then will set up a division meeting with all contacts.
- See report for full list of teams
- 15U A Director Neal Dhaliwal, No Report

d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten

- I hosted a divisional director video call January 16th in preparation for the upcoming 2022 season.
- Have fielded a few calls/emails re: 2022
- Merger request at 13 U level for 2022 season between Duncan, Chemainus, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, Salt Spring Island

Motion: R. Puri / Seconder M. Van-Der Loos

- Motion: to allow Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, Salt Spring Island and Chemainus to merge at 13U AAA level for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C abstention: T. Baker Cornett

13U AAA - Marty Hall

- The Island held a zoom call on January 24th. The discussions were targeted for AAA/AA. Not all associations were on the call.
- As of January 31st there will be four (4) AAA teams from the Island and only one (1) AA.
- 2022 Season programming report.
- **Dino** 13U AA, there's no declaration for it. Can you walk me through that real quick?
- **John** There's no declaration until your pre-season meeting for your interlocks. You don't actually declare 13U AA until summer.
- Dino is there a Spring season? How does that work?
- **John** there will be someone will post a pre-season zone meeting and you'll come up with your Interior schedule for 13U other than AAA.
- **Neal -** we will schedule that meeting after the province wide Spring workshop.
- Marty; Vinny Dumas President Cloverdale confirming Cloverdale will field a 13U AAA single season team.

13U AA Director - Al Forman

Motion: V. Greenwood / Seconder M. Kelley

- Motion to allow Surrey and Newton to merge at the 13U AA level for the 2022 season.
- M/S/C abstentions R. Puri / M. Van-Der Loos

• 13U- A Director - Marty Van-Der Loos, No Report

13U John Main Tournament Director - John Braaten / Marty Hall

- As part of the divisional discussion on January 16th it was decided to once again host the John Main Labour Day long weekend. With recent changes in 13U AAA and the possibility of 13U Selects program being restarted we felt the spring would be too busy and wanted to spread out programming for 2022. Looking to return to the traditional dates in 2023
- Online registration is now "live".
- Tournament host is still needed

- e) 11U Chair Dave Garton / Daniel Michaud / Tina Baker Cornett / Nick Van Dyk
 - I've received one intention of tiering for the Spring and one other maybe.
 - Other than that, No Report
- f) 9U Chair John Braaten / Dino Cabalfin, No report
- g) Island 1 Tina Baker Cornett, 9U / 11U / 13U, No report
- g) Island 2 Dave Garton, 15U / 18U, No report
- h) Interior 1 Neal Dhaliwal, 18U and 15U, No Report
- i) Interior 2 Dino Cabalfin, 9 U and 13U and 11U, No Report
- j) North Neal Dhaliwal, Acting North Director
 - Needs to go through emails and documents to get up to date

Anne - I have a question for 18U, can I ask now? We have a College Prep team on the Island that does not have an 18U AAA team below it, but it affiliates kind of with Nanaimo and they work in conjunction with Cowichan who has an 18U AAA team. Can they pull players up during the season, if they are short, from Cowichan? There are no boundaries. I don't know how this works when its 18U AAA to College Prep, when they're not the same association, but they work together

- Grant In this case, the background is, because of the lower numbers of these groups, the Duncan team just supports that Nanaimo College Prep team. In this situation I can't see why that wouldn't apply
- Tina can this discussion happen during the College Prep meeting?
- Mike I don't see an issue with that, if that's what they want to do, there were no issues last year
- Further discussion ensued
- **Raj** We have a precedent for it, because when you look at the South Fraser Giants, we had the opportunity to draw from North Delta, Newton an Surry if they needed to. So it's equivalent to that.
- **Tina** just making sure we're following rules that's all
- James how would that affect their insurance if a player gets hurt?
- Anne I don't think it will matter as long as I'm told of the injury I'll let Liam know that he can pull up from Cowichans 18U AAA

New Business:

 Coquitlam-Moody /Port Coquitlam - amalgamation - new name will be TriCity Thunder Minor Baseball Association

Motion: M. Van-Der Loos / Seconder A Forman

- Motion to accept the amalgamation between Coquitlam- Moody and Port Coquitlam to be known in the future as Tri-City Thunder Minor Baseball
- M/S/C

- John Braaten to notify John Powell
- Vote to ratify New West becoming a member of BCMBA at the 18U level

Motion: A. Hayes / Seconder N. Van Dyk

- Motion to accept the application of New West Minor Baseball Association as a member of BCMBC at the 18U level for 2022.
- **Grant** John have they done the paperwork and are you okay with everything they have put together?
- **John** Yes, there are just some questions in regards to them still using a website as New West Little League even though they are not affiliated. Questions from South Burnaby and Burnaby, which have been answered, in regards to grandfathering of players, of which there are only six, so everything seems in order.
- M/S/C
- Vote to ratify Howe Sound becoming a member of BCMBA

Motion: J. Braaten / M. Van-Der Loos

- Motion to accept the allocation of Howe Sound Minor Baseball Association as a member of BCMBA at all levels.
- **John** The association is basically Squamish to Pemberton with registration about 450 players. Stayed independent last year with their own insurance, They now wish to join BCMBA. We received all affiliations and boundaries information from them.. We then notified Nick. This is all coming from January 19th first contact so this is happening fast. Nick has been in touch with them about boundaries, may have to do a grandfathering list
- Further discussion was had boundaries and divisions, they will run teams mostly at the lower age groups, not having enough at the older age groups
- M/S/C abstention N. Van Dyk
- John I will notify New West, Howe Sound and Tri-Cities

Remarks on Minutes

- James One of the things we do after the minutes are approved we send out the minutes with the reports that are sent in. Please be sure to put them on BC Minor letterhead, instead of just putting them in the body of the email. There are two letterhead templates in the shared folder. If you don't have a report just fire it back with "no Report" in your email
- **Grant** Val is taking email reports/comments and pasting/putting them into the minutes, I think that's acceptable and Reports on letter head if significant will be in the addendum as noted.
- **Val** what I have been doing, if the reports that I get are fairly short, I've put them in their entirety in the agenda so that it does help the meeting go a little quicker.

Provincial Hosts

- Hosts are needed for the Provincials
- James to send out a call for hosts note what we already have and what is open
- Have had for (4) ne applications for hosting

13U AA - Salmon Arm - North Shore 13U A - Surrey. **Surrey will do only one (1) see 11U A **

- Is this going to be an East / West Provincial? Will depend on number of teams
- So technically would need two applications for 13U A? Traditionally pre-covid we have done two there was 30+ teams that declared in A division

11U AA - none

11U A - Surrey. **Surrey will do only one (1) see 13U A **

- Grant Traditionally the Chair is the person who works with the director of that division to award the provincial, then basically just recommend it to the board.
- Grant to James Please send out an email to the presidents, once again asking for hosts.
- Grant Anne will be scheduling for Single Season once all information has been received
- Anne Most of the single season teams have only declared today. We're working on trying to get the College Prep, not going well, we'll start on 15U AAA after the meeting

General Comments

 John - just a general comment. This is the first time we've had programming somewhat normal since 2019. Be sure to check your phones and emails once or twice a day, because questions are going to come in fast and furious now, especially because of the high turnover with various divisions and executives

Al Forman:

We lost an ambassador to Girls Baseball about a month ago. Amanda Assay from Prince George. As most of you know she was killed in a tragic skiing accident in Nelson. She played for the National team for 18 years and was a tremendous ambassador and mentor for the girls. I was lucky enough to coach her many years ago.

She was the hardest worker I ever coached. She was one of the best hitters I ever saw. She would always help with the younger girls and they really looked up to her. It has left a lot of heavy hearts.

I'm hoping in the summer we can set something up, hopefully a benefit game with the Hounds and Badgers. A Girls Baseball day in honour of her. I wanted to mention that because I don't know how many of you saw the article online or in the papers, but she was just a fantastic person and at 33 way too young to leave us.

Grant - Thank you Al that was well said. It's always a tragedy to lose people that young.

Next Meeting:

- March 01, 2022, 6:00 pm
- April meetings will switch to 8:00 until season end

Grant - We did a lot of business today so thanks for hanging in there.

Meeting Adjournment at: 7:46 pm

Motioned: Dave Garton



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Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

I have been in contact recently with two separate baseball organizations in January that reached out and inquired on steps needed to affiliate with BCMBA. We worked with each respective organization's executive and also advised current neighbouring members of the request for affiliation. Timelines were tight given the initial inquiries and steps needed as per BCMBA's Rule Book to become an agenda item for the February 1st meeting where Howe Sound Minor Ball Association and New West Minor Ball Association affiliation applications will be presented to the board of directors

Committee Report 6

High Performance members

Hosted a committee meeting January 16th with open discussion about High Performance as it has not been run in two years given the pandemic. Meeting notes provided.

Committee Report 8

Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair

Post-mortem ABCA report provided. Given discussions with speakers at the ABCA conference Mike and I agreed that the 2022 Coaches Conference will be virtual once again. With this change in hosting venue the decision was made to bump the date of the conference to March 4-6. Currently working with speakers on topics and schedule. NCCP courses will once again be offered at a discounted rate for registrants. Working with Baseball BC on schedules. BCMBA Marketing has been provided speaker information to start promotion of event.

Committee Report 9

Travelling Caravan

Initial discussions and planning has begun.

Committee Report 11

Grassroots Chair

The committee had James send out an e-mail to member presidents looking for support from membership in Phase II of our three phase grassroots surveys. Parent engagement to date if very good with 20+ replies to engage in the first week.

Committee Report 12

Risk Management

No updates from Baseball BC. Though the government will be lifting the tournament ban that was implemented over the winter for sports organizations as of February 1st.

Insurance

I will defer to Anne Hayes

Committee Report 14

Website member

Will defer to the Chair's report. Tournament postings slowly trickling in for 2022.

Committee Report 18

Baseball BC

Recently participated in a high performance meeting and a special committee that was formed in regards to a complaint that was received. Used the new safe sport policy as guidance of this process.

Divisional Report "B"

18U Chair

I sent out a friendly reminder through James that 18U AAA declarations are due by February 1st. College Prep Director Mike Kelly has sent out Field Scheduler requests. No updates I am aware of for 18U AA.

Divisional Report "D"

13U Chair

I hosted a divisional director video call January 16th in preparation for the upcoming 2022 season. Have fielded a handful of calls/e-mails re: 2022.

John Main

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Divisional Report "F" 9U Chair

No update at this time.

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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Insurance

The player insurance has been renewed for the period March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023. We are currently working on the CGL renewal.

Committee Report 15

Human Resources

The committee will be getting together sometime in early February review James' work performance for the year.

Divisional Report "A"

I have had some interest already from associations wanting to field 26U teams this year. The deadline isn't until March so I will be sending a reminder out to teams closer to that date.

Divisional Report "C"

15U Chair

I have been working on collecting the 15U single season declarations for 2022.

15U AAA

I have received 12 declarations to date and could have a possible 13th declaration before the February 1st deadline.

Anne Hayes Treasurer BC Minor Baseball

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Administrative Director's Report

2.1.22

James Raymond

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Projects

Full deployment and integration of Google Workspace (GSuite) for the BCMBA BoD

- Orientations are underway book yours. The link was sent to all BoD members. Sessions are available in 1hr slots between 10 AM - 12 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM
- Seven directors have done their orientations to date
- Things are about to heat up, I strongly recommend you do orientation prior to March.
- Will return to group training sessions after the Coaches Conference. These sessions are for post orientation questions or to learn more about basic/advanced features of Google Workspace (copying docs, sharing docs, converting to/from MS Office files, booking/hosting video calls, etc.)

Distribution and employment of BCMBA Policies and Procedures Manual -

• Has been reviewed with all directors who have attended orientation

When referencing the tasks and responsibilities of your role, please refer to the procedures manual. If you find information that has changed, please advise me <u>administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org</u> this is a living document and will require updating as the roles evolve.

Tools and training resources - With the move to the virtual work environment, several resources have been developed:

- The "How-to" video library will be updated, please submit any tasks/training items you would like to see
- The support ticket system is still not being used (BoD members needing work or assistance complete an online form that automatically generates a work order for the Administrative Director"
- Administrative Director will continue to block off bookable time slots to offer support or training. You are encouraged to book a time slot if you need assistance with any aspect of your work for BCMBA.

HP Committee - Player Recruitment Page

- design and build website feature allowing HP players and coaches to create a recruitment profile that they can use to distribute to post-secondary recruiters
- design and build a promotional portal to feature member association players and alumni who have gone on to post-secondary baseball pursuits (educational or professional)

<u>Administrative Director's Supporting Roles</u>

Upcoming 2022 BCMBA Coaches Conference

- Virtual build underway
- Registration is due to launch Friday Jan. 28th, 2022
- Currently sourcing speaker bios, pics, and promotional assets
- Coordinate registration for attendees of Coaches Conference and NCCP Certification training

2022 BCMBA Coaches Caravan

Registration has been built and will go live on February 4th, 2022

Insurance

• AD&D Insurance (Sports) – Policy and Emergency Medical Travel – Policy have been renewed for 2022

Daily and Monthly Operations

- Continued development and improvement of procedures and policies to help govern and guide BCMBA BoD day to day operations
- Day-to-day support of BoD Executive, Directors, and Chairs in their volunteer efforts.
- Communications and updates between BoD and Member Associations.
- Meeting support (BoD/Executives/Committees/Members).
- Technical support for Google Workspace and Gmail.



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BCMBA High Performance Meeting January 16, 2022

Attendees: John B., Al F., Anne H., Mike K., James R. & Marty H.

Post attendee: Dan M.

Agenda

No set agenda as there has not been any specific High Performance programming since 2019. Open discussion regarding the 13U, 15U & 16U Selects programs along with the annual 13U John Main tournament.

Have requested from James any previous High Performance meeting minutes to review 2019 and later to bring up to speed information to the new HP Committee. As a newly formed committee we need to reboot as no programming done in 2020 or 2021 due to the ongoing pandemic.

First, do we travel to the USA as historically done given constraints, costs (hotel and airline tickets), bookings, testing, tourney entry (refundable or not) etc.? Is it feasible to run showcase events as a dry run and/or invite teams from USA for tournament play?

HP will have to work with the Marketing committee on promotion and become a tool to work with.

Where does the BC Girls program fir in if it does? There will need to be further discussion moving forward.

16U (traditionally focuses on first year by age players in the 18U three-year division); program meant to promote first year players and expose them to experienced instruction in a 3-day camp then onto a tournament in WA.

• As of this date Aldergrove fields are booked for the first weekend in June for the camp; how player ID will be done is TDB. Showcase and/or tournament information should be known shortly as Mike K. has inquired with contacts in WA.

15U The committee had a discussion and decided given 2022 is a BC Summer Games year to not host any specific HP programming. League schedules for 15U AA & AAA will be "full" with 40+ games each respectively

13U referring back to previous HP Chair Ron Miciuk was proposing for 2020 was to move away from player ID sessions from around the province (in some locations was tied into the Travelling Caravan) and the invitee player list of 48. Host a 3-day camp to final player selection to a Showcase weekend where input from regional coaches from 13U. NOT SET IN STONE is the idea is to post for regional coaches (Lower Mainland, Fraser Valley, Lower & Upper Vancouver Island and Interior/North) to ID players from spring play and invite said (perhaps rosters of 12-15) and host a Showcase tournament locally hosted tournament for 2022 (similar format as BC Summer Games for example) Father's Day long weekend (June 17-19). Then in 2023 and beyond

use same format but travel as historically done to WA. This will also be discussed within the 13U divisional directors.

As for the 13U John Main annual tournament there will be further discussion within the divisional directors. The idea given that its looks more and more likely baseball will be back to traditional programming. Changes within 13U AAA is now single season. 13U Selects looks to be back up and running. Summer leagues leading to BCMBA provincial championship and possibly onto the Baseball BC qualifiers for Westerns and Nationals on the table. Will look at hosting this tournament again in the Fall...Labour Day weekend (Sept. 1-4) like in 2021 prior to Fall Ball beginning.

Follow-up meeting with Ron Miciuk (Mike K, John B. & James R)

Had an informational meeting with Ron (previous HP Chair) regarding the promotional tools he and James had previously started working on to promote BCMBA players to Colleges in Canada and the USA.

- College recruiting processes have changed over last couple of years which now seem to live and die digitally now
 - Create coach contact list
- Social media campaign to promote players as years as 15U
 - o Recruiting is critical at 16U & 17U in particular
- BCMBA need to build a "hub" on our website to provide access for players to promote themselves
- Need in future to run HP as a showcase format (15U and up)
- Ron and James had previously started to compile a US school/coach list
 - Have not done this in Canada yet (Western Canada and Ontario growing)
- Various online recruiting tools such as "NCSA" for example
- Will need to reach out to BCMBA HP alumni that have recently signed (promoting as a whole vs by association) with post-secondary baseball programs as a starting point within the "hub"
- Building the "hub" platform will take time
- Suggestion of video/stream feed to promote players (single camera to start)

One thing of note is there is no "terms of reference" for the High Performance committee and as this has annual turnover in Chairs and members there needs to be a reference point. This will be an ongoing item to work through.

John Braaten HP Co-Chair

Mike Kelly HP Co-Chair BC Minor Baseball

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Boundaries Chair's Report

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Steve Coleman

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The following BCMBA Associations have submitted their Boundaries for the 2022 Season

- 1. Prince George (emailed the correct form)
- 2. Ladner (emailed a description & map)
- 3. North Shore (emailed "same as last year")
- 4. New Westminster
- 5. Howe Sound (working on plan with North Shore)
- 6. Salmon Arm (emailed "same as last year")
- 7. Burnaby (emailed description & proposed moving into New Westminster with South Burnaby)
- 8. White Rock (emailed a description & map)
- 9. Vernon (emailed a description)
- 10. Enderby (emailed a description & map)
- 11. Kamloops (emailed a map)
- 12. Tri-City (emailed "same as last year")
- 13. Vancouver Community (submitted to BCMBA Secretary)
- 14. Greater Victoria (submitted to BCMBA Secretary)
- 15. Comox Valley (submitted to BCMBA Secretary)
- 16. North Langley (submitted to BCMBA Secretary)

All other BCMBA Associations are late on submitting their Boundaries and only a small handful have submitted them correctly using the BCMBA form and following Rule 3 in the BCMBA Rulebook.

Affiliations

- 1. New Westminster
 - a. Being coordinated by John Braaten
- 2. Howe Sound
 - a. Being coordinated by John Braaten



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ABCA 2022 post-mortem report

Mike Kelly and I attended the 2022 ABCA Coaches Conference in Chicago January 5-9 on behalf of BCMBA. We did make the trek to Chicago during the COVID pandemic in-person given the importance of networking with people in attendance. We were able to learn that given these circumstances the conference was not sold out with approximately 4,000+ coaches and organization representatives in attendance and about 2,500 attending virtually.

The Trade Show had approximately 300 booths which had standard offerings of a wide range of equipment, technologies and social media platforms.

Mike and I were invited and attended the International meetings at the conference the first night where a presentation was done by Baseball Germany on participation and growth of the sport. To give you an idea of where baseball stands within that country we were told there are 7.1m youth soccer players vs 25k baseball in the country...at the completion of the meetings we did some networking with various people from around the globe.

Friday evening was the ABCA Hall of Fame banquet where Jerry Weinstein (past BCMBA Coaches Conference speaker) received the Lefty Gomez award. Mike and I were able to meet with Jerry during the conference and have secured him as a speaker again for 2022. Unbeknownst to myself Mike Kelly was recognized along with others on the main stage to kick off the ABCA conference with a lifetime member recognition of 35 years. Congratulations Mike!

There are three various platforms for speakers: ABCA Clinic Schedule (Main Stage), Expo Theatre (Trade Show) and Youth Sessions (separate meeting room).

What is really impressive is how the conference has evolved since I first started attending these. You have on the main stage an impressive speaker list: Chris Lemonis, Bruce Bochy, Nate Yeskie, Darren Fenster and Bobby Valentine to name a few of the 20+ in all. Mike and I both agree by far that Bruce Bochy presentation and follow-up Q&A session was the highlight of the weekend.

The smaller Expo theatre within the Trade Show area mostly had companies promoting their product (Driveline, Rapsodo & Blast Motion for example) along with some "Q&A Hot Stoves". This is where we were able to meet with Tom House and secure him for our upcoming coach's conference.

A favorite of mine as always is attending as much of the Youth sessions as possible. A couple of highlight presentations were by Steve Jones (Steel Sports) "Never be a kid's last coach", Lauren Johnson (Mental performance coach) "elite by choice" and Todd Fine (USA Baseball) "developing a championship culture".

We were able to coordinate guest speakers with ISG for the upcoming BCMBA Coaches Conference during the conference. What is really exciting is from discussions and meeting with people here it is looking like we have

75% or so new speakers that have not attended and presented to our membership before. We continue to evolve and attempt to bring in world class speakers and not just talking about the x's and o's, but more about the sport as a whole, inside and outside the lines. Providing coaches more well-rounded topics and greater variety of speakers only expands and assists our youth coach's development.

Mike Kelly/John Braaten BC Minor Baseball

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Marketing Committee Report

1.4.22

James Raymond - Chair marketing@bcminorbaseball.org

The 2021/22 Marketing Committee:

Chair - James Raymond Member - Raj Puri Member - Dino Cabalfin Member - Ryan Hall

Current and continued focus:

The Marketing committee met January 25th, 2022. Key points from the meeting minutes include:

- Coaches Conference March 4 6, 2022
 - Sponsorship (last year vs. this year)
 - Timeline too tight to properly approach Title/Corporate sponsors
 - Mktg will focus on this year's event to collect assets for the updating and improvement of our primary sponsorship package
 - Sponsorship efforts for 2023 Conference need to be set for the Fall of 2022
 - Trade show
 - Timeline does not allow exhibitors enough time to put together a proper "boot"
 - Mktg will focus on this year's event to collect assets for the updating and improvement of our primary tradeshow package
 - Promotion
 - The marketing committee will break out BCMBA member associations into four groups and each member of the committee will be responsible for contacting those Presidents to ensure that they are aware of the conference and that they know the benefits of sending their coaches.
- Coaches Caravan March 28 April 13, 2022
 - Sponsorship
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 - Mktg will focus on this year's event to collect assets for the updating and improvement of our primary sponsorship package
 - Sponsorship efforts for 2023 Caravan need to be set for the Fall of 2022
 - Promotion
 - Standard procedure as used historically. SM call out to promote the Coaches Caravan. Direct email campaign to invite associations to apply to host
- HP Player Recruitment Program Marketing role will be to promote the program and webpage. Marketing will also work to find long term sponsor partners for the program as a whole.
 - Website
 - Will take 3-6 months to launch
 - Players to be provided with templates and tools to help them build their profile
 - HP and Website committees will take the lead on player eligibility, assisting players with setting up their profiles, and updates
 - School list
 - HP to supply list with contacts and updates to website chair
 - Sponsorship
 - Marketing committee to explore opportunities for sponsorship interest
 - Content sourcing

- Marketing committee will work to reach out to Member Associations presidents to request that they forward any players from their association who are committed, or signed to post secondary play opportunities
- o SM element
 - HP will need to appoint a liaison to provide the Marketing Chair with content promoting HP and Recruitment program
- Initiatives 2022
 - Need lead director for this role
 - This is to develop promotional topics/events focusing attention on our member associations and their volunteers (volunteer week, coach week, player week, umpire week, etc...)
- Open discussion regarding the role of Marketing and what we want to prioritize
 - Committee to develop mission statement for Marketing that will outline our core beliefs and focus
- Corporate sponsorship efforts
 - We work in a committee format on this element
 - Dino to provide insight and infrastructure with proven success based on his experiences in the professional sports industry
- Business cards
 - Chair presented the question as to whether or not we should provide business cards for BoD members
 - BCMBA is a unique environment where turnover and role assignments change annually
 - BCMBA BoD members often have multiple roles and therefore would carry multiple cards or cards with multiple contact details making it difficult to maintain proper communication channels (ie. 13U business going to Risk Management because the director is one in the same...)
 - In most cases, contact info is passed, digitally on the spot via email, text, or transfer from one device to another
 - Committee conclusion is that business cards are valued in cases where in person networking and commerce occurs (ie. trade shows, etc.). However, BCMBA is unique and unlike a paid work environment, in our role as BoD members there is little argument to justify the expense and effort it would require to keep them current. Therefore we do not provide business cards, as a rule.

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 8th, 2022

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Website Committee Report

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James Raymond - Chair website@bcminorbaseball.org

The 2022 Website Committee:

Chair - James Raymond Member - Anne Hayes Member - John Braaten Member - Nick Van Dyk

Current and continued focus:

Update BCMBA Executives page

• Updates done with the exception of temporary committee and division assignments

Division pages

• 2022 Pages now live

Tournaments page

- John updating as submitted by Member Associations
- John Main page updated and accepting registrations

Programs pages

- need date confirmations, applications, and content for HP events,
- registration for Conference to go live 1.28.22 and will be linked through webpage
- need dates and content for Girls Baseball page
- Risk Management page under construction

Development of recruiting portal for member players and coaches

- build will start first week of February with estimated completion toward late Summer early Fall
- need HP liaison assigned so that work can be properly supported and coordinated

Long Term Needs:

Ongoing streamlining and auditing of current pages and resources - Maintenance document and procedures created that allow for regular review and updating of BCMBA website.

Explore and develop player and member registration through <u>www.bcminorbaseball.org</u> - BC Minor will launch a team registration beta for 2022 Single Season and will implement for Summer Season play if beta goes well.

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Awards - February 2022

The awards committee had a conference call and came up with the following recommendations:

Association of the Year – Salmon Arm (already presented)

Roll of Honour 2020:

- Ted Pawliuk Coach Vancouver Community
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- Eric Toneff Umpire Comox (post humorous)
- Pat Phalan Coach Salmon Arm (post humorous)
- Jerry Tragaskis Umpire North Delta
- Raul Verde Rios Coach Richmond City

Roll of Honour 2021:

- Pat Weatherill Builder Richmond City
- Tom Katelnikoff Builder West Kelowna
- Abigail Wong-de Leon Builder Burnaby (Minor)
- Bill Robinson Builder Vancouver Community
- Robyn Robinson Builder Vancouver Community
- Angus Ito Builder Vancouver Community

Player of the Year:

Carson Burnett – 15U AAA – South Okanagan Minor Baseball

Coach of the Year:

• Kevin LeTexier – 18U – Aldergrove

Umpire of the Year:

• Alyssa Khoo – Surrey Canadian

Team of the Year:

• Ridge Meadows – 15U AA Royals

Coaches: Scott Hough Ryan Carpenter Steve Clark



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18U AA (Midget) Report

Nothing new to report at this time. Association representatives for 18UAA will coordinate their own spring season interlock schedules. In mid-May, we will invite declarations for the 18UAA Summer season and the meet to review the schedule and guidelines for play. Ladner has submitted an application to host the 2022 BCMBA 18UAA provincials.

Scholarships Committee Report

The Scholarship Committee received a large number of applications from players and umpires who graduated in 2021. As there was a conflict of interest for me, I excused myself from the selection process. Mr. Mike Kelly chaired the selection committee, who reviewed the application along with the published criteria for selection. The committee recommended 9 deserving scholarship applicants who fully met the outlined BCMBA Scholarship Criteria.

BCMBA is pleased to award \$500 each to the following successful scholarship candidates:

- Avery D'Cruze
- Bradley Rae
- Brady Barrick
- Ethan Webster
- Justin Nguyen
- Jayden Puri
- Mason Nordli
- Nicolas Lei
- Sean Dolphin

Scholarships will then be awarded at our 2022 Coaches Convention or by e-mail.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raj Puri 18U AA Director/Scholarships Chair