



BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

British Columbia Minor Baseball Association
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Board Meeting Minutes
October 01 2019
5:48 pm

Meeting called by:	Grant Butler – Interim President
Type of meeting:	Board Meeting
Minute taker:	Val Greenwood
Attendees:	G. Butler, A. Hayes, P. Weatherill, A Wong-de Leon, R. Wearing, V. Greenwood, D. Garton, J. Raymond, T. McGuire, M. Kelly, J. Braaten, S. King, R. Puri
Conference Call:	L. Szabo, I. MacIntyre
Absent: Guest(s)	M. Hall, M. Holyk, C. Martin

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm

2. Interim President's Opening Remarks

- Thank you to Iain, John and Val for stepping up while Anne and I were away on holidays

3. Additions to Agenda.

3.1 None

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 MOTION: P. Weatherill / M. Kelly

- Motion to approve August 24th Board of Director's minutes as distributed. M/S/C

5. Correspondence

- MOTION: P. Weatherill / M. Kelly Motion to move meeting "in camera" M/S/C
- MOTION: T. McGuire / R. Puri Motion to move meeting "out of in camera" M/S/C

6. Business Arising

6.1 Grant to follow up with Nick Van Dyk's for Discipline/Rules Report and files

6.2 Sponsorship package – James – see marketing report

7. Executive Reports:

7.1 President – Grant Butler – Interim President

- No Report, away on holidays for most of September

7.2 1st Vice President – Iain MacIntyre – Interim

- No Report

7.3 2nd Vice President – John Braaten – Interim

- See Report in Reports Addendum

7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- Financials sent to the board
- Year end files are with Accountant for review, report expected prior to AGM

7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood

- AGM set for November 16 – Sandman Inn – 8828 – 201 Street, Langley, BC, 10:30am

7.6 Administrative Director – James Raymond

- See Reports in Reports Addendum
- Sean Harris – Sandman Inn – would like to be more involved with Provincial travelling teams
 - ✓ Reduce rates at hotels where Provincials are held, if a Sandman is there
- Five (5) applications for Provincials

8. Committees:

8.1 Governance: (Rules and Discipline) Dave Garton

- Many proposed rule changes have come in
- Lots of duplications – will have to review

8.2 Appeals - Sanda King (Chair) / Iain Macintyre / Independent Member from Community

- See Report in Reports Addendum

8.3 Finance Committee – Anne Hayes (Chair) / Dave Garton / James Raymond

- No Report

8.4 Player Eligibility – Pat Weatherill (Chair - Interim)

- Two (2) request have come in – asked applicants to wait until December

8.5 Girls – Val Greenwood (Chair)

- See Report in Reports Addendum

8.6 Umpire Liaison – Pat Weatherill (Chair)

- Will be meeting with Umpires Association shortly
- Sean Sullivan will not be running as President, Rhonda Pauls is the new President

8.7 High Performance –Marty Hall (Chair) /Iain MacIntyre/Mike Kelly/ Grant Butler/Ray Wearing /John Braaten/ James Raymond

- See Report in Reports Addendum

8.8 Boundary/Affiliation – Pat Weatherill (Chair) / John Braaten

- Comox has submitted a new map
- **Associations are being asked to review their boundaries and re-submit a current map**

8.9 Coaching and Development and Training Committee– Mike Kelly (Chair) / Raj Puri

- Meeting with David Laing
- Courses for NCCP
- Convention will run February 7 – 9, 2020
- NCCP course will be on the weekend before

8.10 Marketing – James Raymond (Chair) / John Braaten / Abigail Wong-de Leon / Grant Butler / Les Szabo

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Looking at pop up banners

8.11 Challenger – Sanda King (Chair)

- **No Report**

8.12 Web Site –John Braaten / James Raymond

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**

8.13 Human Resources – Anne Hayes (Chair) / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri

- **No Report**

8.14 Awards – Val Greenwood (Chair) / Mike Kelly / Raj Puri

- Nominations for Association of the Year to be in by October 15
- All other nominations – Roll of Honor, Coaches, Teams and Players to be in by December 15
- Abigail Wong-de Leon canvassed BoD's if they would like to expand coaching awards – give one for each level of play (13U AAA/AA/A – 15U AAA/AA/A - 18U AAA/AA).
 - BoD's undecided requested costs to be investigated.

8.15 Scholarship – Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) / Iain MacIntyre / Sanda King

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Thirteen applications have been received

➤ **MOTION: r. Puri / S. King**

Motion to increase Scholarship budget from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 for the 2020 budget. M/S/C

8.16 Grass Roots – John Braaten (Chair)

- **No Report**

8.17 Baseball BC - R. Wearing / M. Kelly / J. Braaten

- Possible conflict with dates for 15U Provincials

9. DIVISION REPORTS

9.1 Junior Men – Anne Hayes (Chair)

- **No Report**

9.2 18U – Ray Wearing (Chair & AAA)/Grant Butler (CP), Raj Puri (AA), Mike Holyk (Island), Carmen Martin (North)

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Fall Classic has been held – North Island Cubs were the winners.

9.3 College Prep – Grant Butler (Chair)

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Four (4) applications have been received – deadline is November 01

9.4 18U AAA – Ray Wearing

- **No Report**

9.5 18U AA – Raj Puri

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**

9.6 15U – Trevor McGuire (Chair) / Les Szabo (AAA) / Trevor McGuire / Abigail Wong-de Leon (AA) / Abigail Wong-de Leon (A) / Mike Holyk (Island) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**

9.7 15U AAA – Les Szabo

- **No Report**

9.8 15U AA – Trevor McGuire

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Associations would like to double tier AA – 15U AA Tier I and 15U AA Tier II
- Tiering for 15U AA could be problematic for Eligibility Committee.

9.9 15U A – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**

9.10 13U – Marty Hall (Chair – Island – AAA) / Sanda King (A) / Iain MacIntyre (Interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **No Report**

9.11 13U AAA - Marty Hall (Chair – Island – AAA)

- **No Report**

9.12 13U AA –

- **No Report**

9.13 13U A – Sanda King

- **No Report**

9.14 John Main

- **See Report in Reports Addendum**
- Registration is currently \$400.00 and does not cover costs
- **MOTION: M. Kelly / P. Weatherill**

Motion to raise John Main entry fee to \$500.00

M/S/Defeated

- **MOTIONS: S. King / R. Puri**

Motion to raise John Main entry fee to \$450.00

M/S/C

9.15 11U – John Braaten (chair) / Pat Weatherill / Dave Garton (Island- Director) / Iain MacIntyre (interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **No Report**
- Suggest go with the 13U tiering model

9.16 Island 15U & 18U – Mike Holyk

- **No Report**

9.17 Island 11U & 13U – Dave Garton

- **No Report**

9.18 Interior 15U & 18U – Iain MacIntyre (assigned due to Terry's resignation)

- Ran fall ball
- Team numbers were down this year

9.19 Interior 11U & 13U – Iain MacIntyre

- **No Report**

9.20 North – Carmen Martin

- **No Report**

10. New Business

- Workshops – Minutes attached in Addendum
 - Not many associations attend both Interior and Island
 - Enderby needs help
- Umpires
- Interlock
- Scheduling
- Caravan will go to Enderby
- Director request that food be available for Lower Mainland workshop
- Baseball BC pathways review and recommendations sent to Baseball BC for review with other parties.
- High Performance – Need a more detailed report
- Ad Hoc Committees – See Appeals Report in Addendum
- AGM – scheduled for November 16 – Elections will be run by 1st VP Iain MacIntyre
- Coaches Convention – move banquet to bigger location?
- Nomination committee – P. Weatherill / I. MacIntyre
Pat unable to attend AGM due to prior commitment
- Next meeting – November 15 - AGM – Sandman Signature – 10:30 am (Saturday)

11 Motion to adjourn

- **MOTION: S. King / A Wong-de Leon** **Motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm** **M/S/C**

Next Board Meeting: Following AGM on Saturday, November 16, 2019 – Sandman Signature – Langley, BC

Other Important Dates: AGM – November 16, 2019



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October 1, 2019 Board meeting

Executive Report 3

Interim 2nd Vice President – October 1, 2019

- attended and chaired the recent three Fall workshops in Langley, Kamloops and Nanaimo. Thank you to all attendees for the time and conversations throughout. Consolidated minutes will be sent out to presidents shortly.
- met with a potential new association joining BC Minor Baseball in 2020. Initial conversations and groundwork currently underway
- attended the 2019 BC Minor Fall Ball Classic in Richmond. Twelve teams and good weather throughout. Congratulations to North Island for winning this tourney and a special thank you to the parent group in Richmond for maintaining the fields all weekend.
- attended Baseball BC September Board meeting on behalf of Grant Butler
- attended Baseball BC September High Performance meeting on behalf of Grant Butler
- missed the Baseball BC September Ad-Hoc meeting due to prior commitments (Sanda did attend to represent BC Minor Baseball)
- assisted the BC Minor Pathways committee on behalf of Grant Butler proposals to Baseball BC (submitted September 18th)

John Braaten

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Coaching Committee member

Grassroots Committee member

High Performance Committee member

Marketing Committee member

Website Chair



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Administrative Director's Report

October 2019

Website and Social Media

- Prep pages for upcoming 2020 Season and Archive 2019
- Full Post-Season coverage including Team BC Western and National Championship events
- Document updates and replacement to current
- Fall Classic tournament support coverage and updates
- Website update and improvement audit in progress

BC Travel Teams

- Currently reviewing all trips under the direction of the HP Committee
- Discussion to determine the future of CP Champions trip to be held with Division Director and Chair

High Performance

- Planning and outline for the proposed regional format model
- Assist in preparations for the Fall Workshop items

Administrative Support

- Preparation of Fall Workshop agendas and supporting documents
- Collect and collate BoD submitted reports and items for Fall Workshop
- Update Coaches Conference registration form for the 2020 event
- Support communications for the BoD
- Call out for FWS and documentation of RSVP
- Secure venue for Interior FWS
- Minutes for LM, Interior, and Island Fall Workshops
- Call out for Provincial Host Applications
- Call out for BC Minor Baseball Annual Awards
- Call out for 2020 College Prep Team application
- Call out for 2019 AGM election candidates
- Updates and posts for events via website, social media, and email
- Create an online rule change proposal form
- Update calendar events to reflect 2020 Provincial Championship Events dates
- Create Provincial Champions archive
- 15U AAA 2019 Season in Review and 2020 Season outline President's call

Marketing

- Marketing meeting conference call
- Exploration of Marketing Media for Coaches Conference and key events
- Review of Traveling Teams program and alternatives
- Create and distribute scholarship call out
- Update 2020 John Main Invitational logo

- Design of 2020 Coaches Caravan logo
- Design and distribution of 2020 Coaches Caravan Host call out
- Continued creation of 2020 Sponsorship package
- Distribution of promo materials for
- 2020 Season marketing plan in progress
- Establishment of BC Minor Event marketing timelines
- Development of Quarterly Events Literature

Registrations/Applications Summary

Event/Program	Release Dates	Due Dates	Number of Applicants	Chair/Director
College Prep	Active	Nov. 1	4	Grant Butler
Provincial Hosts	Active	Nov. 16	5	BoD
Coaches Caravan	Active	Nov. 10	14	Mike Kelly
John Main Invitational	Pending*	TBD		Marty Hall
Coaches Conference	Pending*	TBD		Mike Kelly
Team BC Dev Camp	Pending*	TBD		HP Committee
Team BC Coach	Pending*	TBD		HP Committee
Fall Classic	Pending	TBD		Ray Wearing
Association of the Year	Active	Oct. 15	1	Val Greenwood
Coach of the Year	Active	Dec. 15	0	Val Greenwood
Player of the Year	Active	Dec. 15	0	Val Greenwood
Team of the Year	Active	Dec. 15	0	Val Greenwood
Umpire of the Year	Active	Dec. 15	0	Val Greenwood
Roll of Honour	Active	Dec. 15	0	Val Greenwood

*Awaiting confirmation of details and/or proofing (Form is ready for release upon approval)

Reports for BC Minor Baseball – Board meeting October 1, 2019

Submitted by Sanda King

13U A Report

Nothing new to report.

Appeals Report

I did not chair any appeals since our last board meeting and am not aware of any pending appeals.

Challenger Baseball

Nothing new to report. I will be reaching out to Challenger to see how relations and awareness can be improved between Challenger and BC Minor and ultimately to the associations directly.

Discipline and Appeals Review

I attended the fall workshops for the Lower Mainland and Interior and brought up discussion regarding an appeals model. Not all sessions were well attended by associations but from those who attended some suggestion on completely external model or at least a hybrid solution.

I attended the Ad Hoc meeting regarding coach/umpire relations organized by Baseball BC on September 23. It was attended by representatives from Baseball BC, PBL, BCBUA, and BC and chaired by Terry McKaig of UBC. It was clear there is a problem in our sport with the treatment of umpires and leading to a reduced number of qualified umpires, as many leave the sport after only umpiring for a few years.

Committee Scope and Mandate: “Examine and make recommendations on umpire-coach relationships, discipline, deportment, role of leagues, BCBUA and Baseball BC”. Could be an opportunity for the PSO to take a leadership stance on this issue on a more official capacity without stepping on organizational lines with members at the table.

It was a lengthy discussion and many brain storming ideas were brought to the table. Also a review of other sports and their practices, as well as the experience of the NAIA (UBC is part of NAIA) and the non-tolerance stance taken at that level. The committee will be working on some best practices policies that can be brought back to the various organizations for their memberships. Action items are still being formulated. I believe there can be some short term things that we as BC Minor can recommend to associations to start putting into practice, and the longer term goal will be to change the mindset of participants in the game to provide a safe, respectful environment for umpires, which will lead to more qualified umpires staying in the sport. Umpires must be seen as a part of the game just as much as the players and the coaches. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Sanda King

Girls Baseball – Prepared for BCMBA 1 Oct 2019 BoD's Meeting

As I end my tenure as Chairman of the Girls program, I would like to thank the Board of Baseball BC, its directors, David Laing, Scott Mackenzie and the Board of BC Minor and its directors for your continued support for the program and myself. Special thanks to Al Forman who came to the ID camps, Selects camps and attended many of the 16U games. His knowledge and wisdom has won the respect of the players, coaches and parents. Thanks must also go to the Head Coach Mary van der Loos and his coaching staff, Rob Ross and Andres Losin, without the dedication of these three (3) gentlemen the team(s) would not exist. Also, many thanks to the parents for their belief and support of the program. In Nova Scotia all but three (3) players had a least one (1) parent in attendance, even had grandparents travel from home to support the team. I look forward to my new role in the Grass Roots program (Baseball BC).

The 2019 season saw a large increase in players in both the 14U and 16U age groups.

The instructional league run on Saturdays has been a huge success and the program was started on the Island this year and was also successful.

At the selects camp in July the 14 U's had 40 players out and 18 for the 16U's. All the players worked hard during the camp. Coaches Stacy Fournier and Emily Fournier had their hands full at the tournament trying to get all the players in the games. Choosing the team for Westerns was not easy. Congratulations to Coach Stacy and Emily for their work in the 14U group and on their Bronze medal finish at the Western Canada Championships. With forty (40) players to choose from, the selections were not easy. Lots of up-coming talent in this group.

The 16U team under head coach Marty van der Loos once again entered the summer league with high hopes. At every game there was never fewer than fourteen (14) players and a high of 20 at all games. They finished ninth (9th) in the league. There is much value in playing in the summer league. In the couple of weeks heading up to the Nationals Marty and his coaching staff consisting of Rob Ross and Andres Losin had the girls out to two (2) practices a week plus exhibition games and a three (3) day camp the weekend before we left for Nova Scotia. Once at the Nationals no team was taken lightly and each game had a plan laid out by the coaches. Other than the first game against Quebec 2 where the team allowed 11 runs against while scoring 21 the team dominated all other teams. As the games went on the confidence grew as did their attitudes, they allowed only one (1) more run for the entire tournament with four (4) shut outs, going a perfect 6 – 0 to win the gold medal, the first in nine (9) years.

2020 looks to be a very promising year. More and more girls are hearing about the program and are coming out to play and continue playing past 11U. Looking forward we are hoping to res-erect the 19U level. Having this team will help with the growth of the program.

Respectfully submitted

Val Greenwood

Grant Butler <gbutlerbcls@gmail.com>

BCMBA - HPC

1 message

Marty Hall <martyhall@shaw.ca>

Sun, Oct 6, 2019 at 9:52 PM

To: Grant Butler <gbutlerbcls@gmail.com>

BCMBA - HPC

October 1, 2019**Report: High Performance**

During the Lower Mainland and Island meetings, the membership was extremely receptive to seeing a change in the way the ID Camps and the 3 Day Development camps were being ran.

The general conversation was centered around a regional model (something similar to the summer games model) which would allow more players and coaches to be involved.

I have been told the same response was talked about in the interior meeting. Unfortunately, I did not attend that meeting.

I am working on areas to address so this can be brought forward to the HPC and the 13U, 15U, 18U Chairs prior to making recommendations to the board.

John Braaten and myself met with Baseball BC to discuss High Performance Baseball. There were many talking points and some positive discussions between the PBL, Girls Baseball, and BC Minor. The minutes from that meeting have come out as a draft and we're waiting to hear back from BBC for further discussions.

Marty Hall

BCMBA

Chair High Performance

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Sanda King



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Website – October 1, 2019

- Received feedback on website from three Fall Workshops
- BC Minor Facebook traffic September 2 - 28
 - 103 views
 - 9 more page "likes"
 - article posts reached 2,360 people (-81% from last month)
 - of those 892 had engagement with articles (comments, likes, etc.)
 - Top 3 posts "reach"
 - #1 Photo archive from 18U Fall Classic
 - #2 North Island Cub winning 18U Fall Classic
 - #3 Day 1 18U Fall classic update and photos

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SCHOLARSHIP REPORT - OCTOBER 2019

The scholarship application closed yesterday, September 30, 2019.

A total of 13 applications were received. This number surpasses previous years' submission. The applicants are from the following associations/Teams: Cloverdale, Chilliwack, BC Girls, North Island Cubs (Cowichan Valley), North Shore, Richmond, North Fraser Nationals, Vancouver Minor and Poco Minor.

The review process will begin shortly. The committee comprises of 3 BCMBA Board Members. The intention is to bring two independent reviewers to eliminate bias since some of the applicants are known to the committee members. We aim to complete the review process and have our decisions before the BCMBA AGM in November 2019.

There will be 4 - \$500 given away this coming February at the coaches convention.

Due to the number of applications received, the committee would like to request the board's approval to grant an additional \$1000.00 to this year's scholarship. The committee would like to award a total of 6 - \$500 scholarships for this year.

Recommendation for next year:

To provide two years' worth of scholarship to a qualified applicant(s).

Scholarship Committee

Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair), Iain McIntyre and Sandra King



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Grassroots – October 1, 2019

- have taken the comments, questions and feedback from the three Fall Workshops and will use the information for potential rule changes for the upcoming AGM in November

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Grant Butler <gbutlerbcls@gmail.com>

18U Fall Classic Report

1 message

Ray Wearing <rwearing@belterra.ca>

Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 9:12 AM

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12 teams entered

Typical fall ball calibre of play with a mix of skill levels on all teams.

Most of the games were competitive

Final game pitchers dual and good defence.

North Island come back with 2 in top of 7.

North Island 2 Ridge Meadows 1

Ray Wearing

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Midget AA Report

- Fall Ball options being offered by numerous associations.
- Feedback after the season included inquiries about wanting to make the Midget AA summer season Fair-Play and not 9-Man Ball to possibly allow more kids to play. This may come forward as a resolution at the AGM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raj Puri

Midget AA Director



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15UA/AA/AAA Post Season and Workshop Report September 2019

Directors in attendance:

Workshop: Trevor McGuire (LM, Interior, and Island), Les Szabo (LM), Abigail Wong-de Leon (LM/, Interior and Island)

15UAAA – Trevor McGuire chaired the meeting (September 10, 2019)

- A conference call was called to all presidents and coordinators to discuss the plan for 2020 15UAAA and the future.
- There were 18 presidents/association representatives who participated on the call and 7 BC Minor Directors.
- Everyone received the minutes by email.
- In summary: the majority is in favour of the 15UAAA Select for 2021. Trevor will formulate the rules for this division before the AGM in November.
- **(minutes attached)**

Lower Mainland, Interior, and Island Workshops: see James' minutes

15UAA – Trevor McGuire chaired the meeting (September 29, 2019)

- A conference call was called to all presidents to discuss the possibility of tiering the teams for 2020 15UAA.
- There were a lot of concerns brought forward by coaches and association presidents.
- Fourteen associations called in, and two emailed expressing their regrets for not being able to join due to other commitments.
- Four other Association Presidents were contacted directly by phone Sept 30/19 and are in favour of the tiering for 15U AA 2020 season.
- **(minutes attached)**

Lower Mainland, Interior, and Island Workshops: see James' minutes

15UA

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15U Division

15UA - Abigail Wong-de Leon, 15UAA - Trevor McGuire and 15UAAA - Les Szabo



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15U AAA – 2020 Season

September 10, 2019

Conference Call – 7 pm

In Conference: Abbotsford (Steve Coleman), Campbell River (Hugh Gurney), Chilliwack (Jeremy Hall), Cloverdale (Mike Dance), COMBA, Coquitlam Moody, Greater Victoria (Dave Garton), Kamloops, North Langley (Nancy Emery and Tom Nevison), North Shore (Barbara Fierera), Tricity (Bryon Willscroft), Richmond (Darren Strang), Ridge Meadows (Nor Ljunggen), SOMBA (Iain MacIntyre), Surrey Canadian (Dan Michaud), Newton (Ben Dias), Vancouver Community (Allistar Sale), and White Rock (Randy McKinnon)

BC Minor Directors: Trevor McGuire, Les Szabo, Abigail Wong-de Leon, John Braaten, Iain McIntyre, Dave Garton and James Raymond

- The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by 15U Chair – Trevor McGuire
- Introduction of participating BC Minor Directors
- A roll call of participating associations
 - 18 associations participated
- **2019 Season in Review – Les Szabo**
 - There was a clear divide in the competitiveness of the 11 teams in the division:
 - 5 teams played over .500 baseball and there was a significant drop in winning percentage between the 5th place team and the 6th place team;
 - 2 teams had 5 or fewer wins in the entire season;
 - The 2 last-placed teams allowed more runs against than the top 5 teams allowed combined over the course of the 40 game season;
 - The 2 last-placed teams scored 30 fewer runs for combined then the 5th place team (last team over .500) scored on its own record.
 - There were several ejections and suspensions through the season but none resulting in a carry over into 2020.
 - Delta Tigers has chosen to pursue play in the PBL.
 - The decision made to forgo a Qualifier Tournament and have teams 1 - 8 play a best of 3 game series to determine the Final Four was well received.
 - The decision made to conduct a Final Four (Double Knockout format) Tournament was well received.
 - Season play determined all home teams straight through to the last game of the Final Four (Only time there was to be a coin flip was if a "Game 7" was required in the finals)
 - At this point, the facts show that the overall caliber of play is sub-par for what is considered to be the top tier of the Division.
 - If AAA is to be the top tier then a Regional model with stringent, documented, the review-able process must be put in place. For this to be a reality then the rule book will need to address the "right to field" aspect. Many aspects from coaching, regions, grassroots, next steps (i.e. College Prep) will have to be explored.



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➤ 2019 Review/Feedback/Suggestions/Proposals from participating Associations

- CAMPBELL RIVER
 - Didn't have anything with AAA or AA.
 - Will be putting an AA team for the 2020 season
 - Want to see the direction to move forward
- CHILLIWACK
 - Want to make the top of the division.
 - Don't know how this will happen if there are AAA teams that aren't AAA caliber.
 - We should somehow interlock with PBL – a game or two against them.
 - Playoff – align with College Prep
 - Get rid of the double knock out
 - Round robin plus top 2 teams play the final. The final game should be the final game.
- CLOVERDALE
 - They took a year off.
 - Need to build the program back
 - Kids moved to PBL
 - Find some coaching and try to get players and program back in place.
- COMBA
 - They were in the situation that they were in the lowest in the division
 - They have the smallest population and competing with PBL
 - Trying to avoid parent coaching
- COQUITLAM/MOODY
- KAMLOOPS
 - Well organized
 - Having a DH in the league game.
- NORTH LANGLEY
 - Scheduling was good
 - Good not to have to travel too much
 - 40 games – OK
 - Question: Change in the rules: To consider “NO import rule for 15UAAA”
- NORTH SHORE
 - The schedule was fine.
 - No comments to the tournament format
 - Bantam AAA – non-parent coaching
 - Propose one rule change – to allow Bantam AAA interacting with the PBL program (North Shore teams will be able to play with PBL teams)
 - North Shore wants to create a cohort with Little League and North Shore Twins – looking into developing players
- TRICITY
 - 15UAAA – lost a number of players to PBL this year
 - Next year, there is an indication that players are coming back from Little League and would like to be competitive.
- RICHMOND
 - They were low in the totem temple
 - Struggling losing kids to PBL



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- Players born in 2005 are quite small (in population) and playing hockey
- Players born in 2006 are much bigger.
- Looking into fielding one team in each A, AA, and AAA for 2020.
- “No” to double knock out
- Tiering and inter-mixing (5-6 teams on the top) like the hockey model.
- They had no issues with any players losing games.
- Concern: if they don’t offer an AAA program, they will be losing players.
- RIDGE MEADOWS
 - Season was good
 - Liked the double knock out to eliminate the tiebreakers. Definitely, there are pros and cons.
 - Should have a screening process for teams to get in
 - Over the years, the caliber of play is getting worse.
 - Losing kids from the 13U and up - going to PBL
 - They are currently struggling to put a team together
- SOMBA
- SURREY
 - 15UAAA should have no import rules
 - AA big discrepancy. Some teams should have not been in the AA division
 - AAA in discussion for their next season’s programming
 - Set something tangible to attract (as soon as possible) and offer players to stay and play and not go PBL way
- NEWTON
- VANCOUVER COMMUNITY
 - They took 2018 off and came back for 2019 and finished 4th from the regular season.
 - Equal balance between 1st and 2nd-year players
 - Games were fairly competitive.
 - A roster of 11 or 12 players is tough
 - Tieing: not sure how it will work
 - Consider having a blackout in mid-season and have 2 tournaments – top teams and bottom teams
 - Playoff format – like the final 4.
 - Liked the idea of the season concluded end of July.
- WHITE ROCK
 - 4 games weekend
 - Concern: enough pitching to get through
 - Consider having an exemption to rule
 - AAA to have open catchment
 - To allow call up players from PBL teams to play BC Minor teams
 - Maximum of 15 players in a team
- ABBOTSFORD
 - Don’t have the strongest AAA program
 - PBL in Abbotsford running 2 PBL teams
 - “Right to Field” issue as some teams struggled
 - Baseball BC to run the entire 15U program



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- Trevor comments:
 - Why do we want to go that route?
 - This is NOT happening
 - Baseball BC – they are the PSO
 - What is the advantage?
- GREATER VICTORIA
 - PBL – maximum of 1 bantam team per association

➤ **Division Chair Comments and 2021 Proposal**

- Comments:
 - Don't see the AAA program changing in 2020
 - It will be "Right to Field"
 - Will be more hands-on with the associations in regards to placing teams per division
 - Cannot see an "ideal" format that would work for the 2020 season
 - It will be a weaker division in the AAA this coming year, with the loss of team's and players through aging out.
- Proposal:
 - "Bantam Select" to take place in 2021
 - It will be by application – like the College Prep format
 - Application process: every year, early in the season
 - 4+ teams will be playing with each other
 - Games would also include top 6 teams from 15U AAA partial way into the season
 - 50% of the games will be playing with PBL teams
 - Rules will be proposed to all Associations for the 2019 AGM approval
 - Unfortunately, this can't happen this year because of timing.
 - Limit on import players to be introduced to the Association's at the AGM

➤ **Thoughts from the participating Associations and BC Minor Directors about the 2021 Bantam Select Program**

- CAMPBELL RIVER
 - good idea
 - not a whole lot of input at the moment
- CHILLIWACK
 - way to retain players
 - a good idea with interlocking with PBL
 - Challenges: programming change year after year, players moving up
 - Already lost a lot of players to Abbotsford PBL
 - Need some ways to ensure the stability of the program
- ABBOTSFORD
 - Good and supports the idea
- CLOVERDALE
 - It is interesting and will get support from their team
 - Good idea
- KAMLOOPS
 - Sounds good



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- NORTH LANGLEY
 - Sounds good
- NORTH SHORE
 - Worry about the “Waterdown” of teams
 - Put some boundaries - don’t open it wide
 - Quality of coaching (no parent coaching)
- TRICITY
 - Agrees with the Bantam Select and follow the format of College Prep
- RICHMOND
 - Sounds good and possible
- RIDGE MEADOW
 - Likes the idea
 - Concerns: Quality of ball in the 15UAAA coming down
 - Teams are losing players (not just them)
 - Retention. How do we compete and keep players
- SURREY
 - Makes sense/agree
 - PBL is a problem
 - Agreement between BC Minor and PBL on programming and players?
- VANCOUVER COMMUNITY
 - Agreed with what Nor discussed
 - Issue is PBL
 - A smaller division is better
- WHITE ROCK
 - Ok with the proposal
- VICTORIA
 - Likes the idea with the 4 teams however, the 4 teams will be tired of playing each other with how many games?
 - Don’t want to weaken the AAA
 - The cost will be a huge factor especially for the island teams
- JOHN BRAATEN
 - 4-6 teams select
 - This has been in the years in the making
 - How is coaching going to be?

➤ IN CONCLUSION

- A package will be put together for review at the workshops.
- Rule changes affecting the formation of Bantam Selects division will be available at the workshops
- The 15U directors will be attending all workshops

Meeting adjourned: 7:55pm



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15U AA – 2020 Season September 29, 2019 Conference Call – 7 pm

In Conference: (Stewart Dumont) Campbell River, (Larry Hopwo) Chemainus, (Dave Garton), Comox Valley (Shannon Gaboury), Greater Victoria, (Shawn Freer) Ladysmith, (Nancy Emery) North Langley, (Michelle Taylor) North Shore, (Bryon Williscroft) Poco/Tri City, (Darren Strang) Richmond, (Marty Van Loo) Surrey, (Ben Dias) Newton, (Mary McCann) Vancouver Minor, (Nigel Mandau) West Kelowna, (Randy McKinnon) White Rock

BC Minor Directors: Trevor McGuire (preceded the meeting), Abigail Wong-de Leon, Les Szabo, and Dave Garton

- The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by 15U Chair – Trevor McGuire
- Introduction to participating BC Minor Directors
- Roll call of participating associations (14 associations participated)

Division Chair proposal as brought forward from the Associations:

Comment:

- The wide gap between the team standings for 2019
- 19 teams participated 2019 expect that to raise to 21 for 2020
- Numerous calls from parents and coaches regarding the strength of teams
- 12 team provincial not accepted well

Proposal:

- Tiering of the division for 2020
- 2 - 10 team provincials for 2020
- Zone play to remain the same on Vancouver Island for 2020
- Associations fielding a 15U AAA team for 2020 will automatically be placed into the 2nd Tier for 2020 (with reviews from the Directors)
- Repositioning of teams if required mid point of the season
- Better ruling to allow teams to be moved up to AAA if skill level is present

Comments from Associations:

- All associations are in favour of tiering for 2020 except for West Kelowna which is against

A phone survey will be completed over the next week to other participating associations of the 15U AA program, not in attendance.

15U Division

15UA - Abigail Wong-de Leon, 15UAA - Trevor McGuire and 15UAAA - Les Szabo

Reports for BC Minor Baseball – Board meeting October 1, 2019

Submitted by Sanda King

13U A Report

Nothing new to report.

Appeals Report

I did not chair any appeals since our last board meeting and am not aware of any pending appeals.

Challenger Baseball

Nothing new to report. I will be reaching out to Challenger to see how relations and awareness can be improved between Challenger and BC Minor and ultimately to the associations directly.

Discipline and Appeals Review

I attended the fall workshops for the Lower Mainland and Interior and brought up discussion regarding an appeals model. Not all sessions were well attended by associations but from those who attended some suggestion on completely external model or at least a hybrid solution.

I attended the Ad Hoc meeting regarding coach/umpire relations organized by Baseball BC on September 23. It was attended by representatives from Baseball BC, PBL, BCBUA, and BC and chaired by Terry McKaig of UBC. It was clear there is a problem in our sport with the treatment of umpires and leading to a reduced number of qualified umpires, as many leave the sport after only umpiring for a few years.

Committee Scope and Mandate: "Examine and make recommendations on umpire-coach relationships, discipline, deportment, role of leagues, BCBUA and Baseball BC". Could be an opportunity for the PSO to take a leadership stance on this issue on a more official capacity without stepping on organizational lines with members at the table.

It was a lengthy discussion and many brain storming ideas were brought to the table. Also a review of other sports and their practices, as well as the experience of the NAIA (UBC is part of NAIA) and the non-tolerance stance taken at that level. The committee will be working on some best practices policies that can be brought back to the various organizations for their memberships. Action items are still being formulated. I believe there can be some short term things that we as BC Minor can recommend to associations to start putting into practice, and the longer term goal will be to change the mindset of participants in the game to provide a safe, respectful environment for umpires, which will lead to more qualified umpires staying in the sport. Umpires must be seen as a part of the game just as much as the players and the coaches. Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sun, Oct 6, 2019 at 9:51 PM

BCMBA

October 1, 2019

Report: 13U & John Main

At the Lower Mainland and Island meetings, the discussions centered around streamlining the process for team/associations to register for the John Main tournament and summer ball.

The scope of the work is to create an online registration process that will allow tams/associations to apply for entry and to make a payment. The other area to accomplish is the forms/documents for the teams/associations to download so all registered parties will have the relevant information. The goal is once a team/association has registered and paid, a confirmation email will be forwarded to the registrar, chair, treasurer, and James.

James has sent out an email to all associations to apply for hosting of the JMT and summer ball for 2020.

Marty Hall
BCMBA
Chair 13U & John Main Tournament



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- have taken the comments, questions and feedback from the three Fall Workshops and will use the information for potential rule changes for the upcoming AGM in November
 - follow will be found in the consolidate Fall Workshop minutes

John Braaten

Interim 2nd Vice President

11U Division Chair

Boundary & Affiliation Committee member

Coaching Committee member

Grassroots Committee member

High Performance Committee member

Marketing Committee member

Website Chair