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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - July 28, 2020

Meeting done by conference call

Board of Directors:

Conference Call: G. Butler, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Wong-de Leon, S. McCann, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond, R. Wearing, D. Garton, N. Dhaliwal, T. Baker-Cornett, R. Miciuk, H. Gurney, C. Martin, and M. Hall, D. Crone,

Absent: None:

Call Meeting to order: 7:03 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

- This meeting is primarily for deciding what, if any, single season programming may be and when all while respecting PHO and physical distancing and a review of Affiliation Fees to BCMBA and Baseball BC.

Adoption of Minutes

- **MOTION to Adopt:** A. Hayes / D. Garton
- **MOTION TO AMEND:** M/D. Garton, S/ C. Martin
 - Correction to September 01 meeting – in person meeting was cancelled, now a virtual meeting
 - o /C
- **Motion to adopt July 14 minutes as amended. /C**

Additions to the Agenda: None

Correspondence:

- **League Registrations:** Salmon Arm, Vancouver Minor, Burnaby, Aldergrove, Greater Victoria, Port Coquitlam, Vernon, Tsawwassen
- **Executive Rosters:** Salmon Arm, Vernon, Burnaby
- **Affiliations:** Salmon Arm, Burnaby, Aldergrove, Greater Victoria, Port Coquitlam, North Shore
- **New Mailing Address:** Burnaby – PO Box 44095, Kensington Square, Burnaby – V5B 4X2
- Notification of possible Covid-19 cases (Burnaby/COMBA)

OUTGOING:

- **James Raymond** – Baseball BC's RTP In house games – sent to Presidents
- **Grant Butler** – to Chris Balison, President Baseball BC – RTP guidelines – Single Season Countdown

Business Arising: None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

1) President – Grant Butler

A significant change in the RTP guidelines regarding Local Sport Organization (LSO) in house play was announced this past Friday, July 24th by Baseball BC and sent out to all Member Association Presidents

2) 1st Vice President – John Braaten

Since most associations have returned to play again, I had to actively communicate with representatives in regard to submitting player affiliation information, posting RTP guidelines/protocols and payments for the past few weeks.

3) 2nd Vice President – (Open) - No Report

- **Treasurer – Anne Hayes:** Covid-19 operating budget was distributed
- **Secretary – Val Greenwood:** See Correspondence
- **Administrative Director – James Raymond:** Keeping up to date with postings

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Rules Committee – Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing

- Working with eligibility on players playing in other associations and the need for releases
- Clarifying what constitutes a member in good standing for the AGM

2. Eligibility Committee – Tina Baker-Cornett (Co-Chair) – Neal Dhaliwal (Co-Chair) – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- If no program is offered in the home association, player can go anywhere provided that association will accept them
- Notification must be given to the President of their association and to the Eligibility Committee
- **FORMS STILL NEED TO BE FILLED OUT SO BOTH ASSOCIATIONS KNOW WHERE THEIR PLAYERS ARE**
 - Will basically be rubber stamped

3. Discipline Committee – Ray Wearing (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon – No Report

4. Female Baseball Committee – Val Greenwood - No Report

5. Umpire Liaison Committee – Dave Garton (Chair) – Neal Dhaliwal – Grant Butler

- Here is the information I (Dave) received regarding umpires and their return to play plan for the minutes. This is just a rough guideline / Cole's notes and they are hopeful to have something completed by the weekend that they will share with me once completed.
- Umpires must show up to the ballpark in full uniform (minus plate gear)
- Pre-game conferences must take place accounting for social distancing requirements.
- In-game conferences must take place accounting for social distancing requirements. This may require the umpires to find a location on the field other than where these conferences have traditionally been held in order to avoid conflict.
- Umpires should carry hand sanitizer, to be used after each inning.
- Umpires must keep a physical distance of 2M between them and other umpires, parents, players, and coaches at all times outside of game action from arrival to the park, to leaving after the game
- Umpires must check in with the home team volunteer in charge of Event Attendees Tracking.
- The umpires must enter the field and head straight to their starting positions 5 minutes before game time, keeping 2M of physical distancing between them at all times.
- Balls and Strikes will be called by an Umpire located behind the mound.
- The second Umpire will be positioned in accordance with modified positioning protocols as put in place by BCBUA from time to time. Any such protocol will account for physical distancing requirements.
- Umpires will not handle baseballs. The home and visiting teams must each supply game balls for their team to use while on defense, and a different, sanitized baseball will be required after each ball is put in play.
- In Phase 4 of Baseball BC's Return to Play Document, Plate umpires will be allowed behind the plate, and may choose to wear a non-medical mask under their plate mask. Should Provincial social distancing recommendations remain active, umpires will continue to officiate games in accordance with modified protocols as put in place by BCBUA from time to time.
- Change rooms will not be used unless absolutely necessary and will be limited to the Plate Umpire putting on gear during Phase 4 of Baseball BC's Return to Play Document, if Provincial social distancing requirements are still active.
- Prior to each game, any league provided umpire equipment that is to be used must be sanitized by the home team coaches as part of their pre-game sanitization routine of dugouts, equipment, and high touch surfaces.
- In Phase 3, this includes any league provided indicators that the umpires will use to track balls and strikes
- Umpires are responsible for cleaning and sanitizing their own personal gear between each game.
- In Phase 4 of Baseball BC's Return to Play Guidelines, enhanced cleaning measures will remain in place. This includes all equipment including masks, chest protectors, shin guards, plate brushes, and indicators. Keep in mind that umpires may need to pick and choose from different sets for fitting purposes, so all needs to be done.
- Sanitization protocols in Phase 4 will be determined in conjunction with recommended health & safety guidelines in place at this time and may or may not be required. Further clarification should be sought when the sport officially enters Phase 4 to determine proper sanitization requirements."
- Plate meeting
- COVID-19 Specific Rules including a reminder that umpires will not enforce any of Baseball BC's COVID related safety rules, and are there in their usual capacity to umpire the baseball game;
- Remind coaches that baseballs are the responsibility of the team on defense;

- Coaches shall post lineup cards on the fence beside their dugouts, in case umpires need to reference them during the game;
 - Inform coaches that umpires will have the ability to call a brief timeout if they feel the need to sanitize their hands during a half-inning;
6. **High Performance Committee** Mike Kelly (Chair) – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – John Braaten – James Raymond – No Report
7. **Boundaries Committee** - Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – No Report
8. **Coaching Development/NCCP Committee** – Mike Kelly - John Braaten (Co-Chair) – Ron Miciuk, Raj Puri, Doug Crone, Marty Hall
- Baseball BC and Baseball Canada pushing NCCP – good time to take courses
9. **Marketing Committee** - James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Sanda King – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett
- Looking for sponsors – without them Coaches conference and Caravan could be in jeopardy
10. **Grass Roots Committee** – John Braaten (Chair) - No report
11. **Risk Management / Insurance Committee** – John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes
- **Baseball BC RTP “In Phase 2” Movement Alert July 24, 2020**
 - Effective Immediately, In Club Game Play is now permitted per Baseball BC Return to Play Guidelines.
 - REMINDER: Clubs are to continue to abide by governing body and local government rules regarding any current COVID restrictions in place.
 - Modified In-Club Play must follow the protocols laid out for game play Phase 3 of the Baseball BC RTP Guidelines. In addition,
 - Only game play between teams from the same club (within a LSO) are permitted right now. No exceptions.
 - Players and coaches may not approach any official to discuss or argue any call. They may ask for a count from their appropriate bench or on-field location.
 - Selected reminders about modification in RTP Phase 3
 - Physical distancing must always still be maintained outside of the regular course of game play (ie. batters or plays in the field).
 - No plate meetings pre-game for lineup exchanges unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
 - No mound visits by catcher or coach unless physical distancing requirements are adhered to.
 - No post game handshakes.
 - Clubs and/or teams should assign a safety and sanitation champion for each event to track attendance, assist in reminders about physical distancing and implement the ongoing sanitation needs and requirements.

- Baseballs need to be new or disinfected every time they are entered into play. Hand sanitizing should take place at the end of every half inning.
- Umpires must comply with physical distancing requirements and may need to use alternate positioning to comply
- Practices and training are still expected to follow all Phase 2 requirements and Guidelines as listed.
- Baseball BC does not have any additional information on viaSport and governments plans to permit movement
- to Phase 3 of our RTP guidelines at this point in time. Baseball BC's proposal has been forwarded from viaSport to the PHO on this topic. Baseball BC will continue to advocate for a safe return to continued programming for our members and their affiliates where it is deemed appropriate and will report to the group as soon as we know anything more on this possibility.
- As a side note, many associations are offering skills training only sessions or not currently offering team programming until the Fall of 2020 or waiting until 2021 Spring Season. It is Risk Management's Committee recommendation with the support of Baseball BC that any BCMBA association that currently does not offer traditional team programming 18U and lower start at Phase 2 RTP step one regardless of where Baseball BC is at in regards to RTP phases. These associations once back up and running 18U and lower start at the beginning of this in order to properly follow safety protocols and guidelines that have been set out. Safety of all is paramount and guidelines as set out may be in effect for some time and all players, coaches, volunteers and parents. All must understand the RTP guidelines, protocols and steps as laid out by Baseball BC and each LSO.

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- Need to look at structured scheduling for Fall Ball based on modified 2020 Phase 2 season RTP
- Concerns of PBL Fall Ball programming advertising for as young as 12-year old's
- Insurance is complete – look into rebate as we have nowhere near the numbers paid for to date.

12. Challenger Committee – Steve McCann (Chair) - No Report

13. Web Site Committee – James Raymond (Chair) – John Braaten – Anne Hayes

- Is it possible to put on website what associations are offering with regards to programming?

14. Human Resources Committee – Anne Hayes (Chair) – Val Greenwood – Raj Puri – Tina Baker-Cornett

- May not qualify for any more wage subsidies

15. Awards Committee – Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri – No Report

16. Scholarship Committee – Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk - No Report

17. Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler – John Braaten

- Frequent correspondence with Baseball BC regarding RTP questions on behalf of BCMBA membership.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

- a) **25U Chair – (Jr. Men's)** – Anne Hayes: Season has been cancelled
- b) **18U Chair** – Ray Wearing
 - Is Ridge Meadows running College Prep and or 18U AAA? Ray to follow up.
 - **18U AAA** – Hugh Gurney: Will run in fall if there is a structured program.
 - **18U AA** – Raj Puri – No Report
- c) **15U Chair** – Anne Hayes - No Report
 - **15U AAA** – Ron Miciuk – No Report
 - **15U AA** – Abigail Wong-de Leon – No Report
 - **15U A** – Doug Crone – No Report
- d) **13U - Chair** – John Braaten
 - Now that Baseball BC has permitted LSO return to play will be looking to communicate to associations regarding possible
 - cohort play as per viaSport guidelines under Phase 2.
 - **13U AAA** – Marty Hall –No report
 - **13U AA** Steve McCann - No Report
 - **13U A** – John Braaten – No Report
 - **John Main** – John Braaten – No Report
- e) **11U Chair** – Mike Kelly – No Report
- f) **9U Chair** – John Braaten - No Report
- g) **Island – 15U / 18U** – Dave Garton / Tina Baker-Cornett - No Report
- h) **Island – 11U / 13U** – Dave Garton / Tina Baker-Cornett - No Report
- i) **Interior – 11U / 18U** – Neal Dhaliwal - No Report
- j) **Interior – 13U / 15** – Ron Miciuk – No Report
- k) **North** – Carmen Martin
 - Prince George not running season – fields are in terrible shape

NEW BUSINESS: None

Motion to Adjourn meeting – 8:27 pm – J Braaten

Next meeting September 01– Conference Call at 7 pm