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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - October 06, 2020

Meeting done by conference call

Board of Directors:

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

Absent: C. Martin

Call Meeting to order: 7:03 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

2020 has been a year no one expected, the resulting Covid-19 changes in lifestyle, health practices and socializing can be expected to continue for some time yet with "normal" being something different in the future. On the other hand, Baseball, our sport, has seen some changes but play itself has survived and the cohorts we managed for the single season divisions worked well with no known hot spots.

Many thanks again go out to our BoD's who managed these and special thanks to John Braaten, our RTP Committee Chair and representative on the Baseball BC RTP Committee. It seemed at times that no one was interested in baseball as an amateur sport at VIA Sport, but through Baseball BC "we" were able to advance our sport to get some players on the field.

To those Associations whose Municipality/District/City cut off access to training facilities and fields we hope over the next few months we, along with Baseball BC, can convince them to welcome community sport back in their jurisdictions.

Adoption of Minutes

- MOTION: R. Puri /M. Kelly
- Motion to accept September 01 minutes as distributed.
M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- John Braaten – question on banner for final four (4) – 18U AAA – see marketing
- Expectations for Baseball Canada Westerns and Nationals? See Baseball BC Report
- AGM Preparations: See New Business

Correspondence:

- **Executive Rosters:** Kamloops, Ridge Meadows, Duncan, Cloverdale, Lake Cowichan, Alberni Valley, Vancouver Community, Prince George, Mission
- **Affiliations:** Alberni Valley, Vancouver Community, Mission
- **Chris Balison** – Past President Kamloops – announcing new President – Stacey Matkowski – president@kamloopsminorbaseball.ca
- Practice roster – Ladner 13U
- David Laing – notice from Canada Summer Games – regarding postponement of the 2021 games
- John Braaten – 15U AA and College Prep final four (4) report
- Mike Dance – President Cloverdale – regarding Code of Conduct Breach
- Chris Balison – President Baseball BC – Government Funding updates
- Dates for sending 2019 AGM minutes, proposed rules changes etc. for AGM
- viaSport – Local associations funding application support guide
- Colleen Poon – Senior Research Associate with McCreary Centre Society – regarding vaping survey – referred to Grant and James
- Kyle Williams – Baseball BC – Baseball BC Championships
- Reach Conference Calling – Invoice for September
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OUT GOING:

- Administrative Director – James Raymond
 - Sept. 4th – Fall Workshop Cancellations
 - Sept. 5th – Phase Three Tournament and Travel Clarification
 - Sept. 8th – July 28th BCMBA BoD Supplemental Meeting Minutes
 - Sept. 11th – 11U Fall Ball Cohort Play
 - Sept. 13th – IMPORTANT – BCMBA Fall Workshop Information
 - Sept. 21st – ViaSport Local Association Funding Opportunity
 - Sept. 22nd – Application Deadline for 2021 College Prep Teams
 - Sept. 22nd – IMPORTANT – Feedback Needed
 - Sept. 25th – ViaSport Local Association Funding Application Support Guide
 - Sept. 30th – Voting Eligibility at the Upcoming 2020 BCMBA AGM
 - Oct. 3rd – Final Call - IMPORTANT

Business Arising:

- None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

1) President – Grant Butler

For the most part I've been busy supporting RTP business but not micromanaging, John Braaten managed most of the liaison with our member Associations (affiliated or not) with Baseball BC and help guide James Raymond in preparing and posting our RTP guidelines and notices.

I took on the role of being the BCMBA Tournament Director for the 18U AAA in Campbell River on the August long weekend and would have to say "Good Job" on their RTP practices and while I'm not exactly sure what transpired elsewhere, I highly recommend calling CR if any member feels like they need to shore up their own RTP practices.

The upcoming AGM will be unlike any before and I trust all our members will grace us with their patience as we work through this and see how it goes and how it can be better in the future.

The BCMBA BoD's have been doing telephone conference calls to date and not "Zoom" type meeting, yet, partly to keep our costs down and partly to keep it simple for some of our analogue aged directors.

2) 1st Vice President – John Braaten

Most everything this past month has been under Risk Management. See Risk Management

3) 2nd Vice President - open

4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- Cancellation of Sandman Rooms for AGM done.
- As of today, the following associations are not eligible to vote at the AGM:
 - Non-payment of single-season fees:
 - Coquitlam-Moody
 - Nanaimo
 - No Executive Roster submitted:
 - Chemainus
 - Ladysmith
 - No blank affiliation form and Executive Roster submitted:
 - Chase
 - North Shuswap
 - Osoyoos
 - Powell River
 - Princeton
 - Quesnel
 - Revelstoke
 - Sorrento
 - Summerland

➤ **MOTION: A. Hayes / A. Wong –de Leon**

- To revise the single season team fees from \$700, as per rule 2.02, to \$ 300 for the 2020 season for those Associations that played part or full 2020 single seasons.
- If \$700 single season fees have already been received by BCMBA, the balance not needed to cover their single season play will be credited towards fees in 2021 for those Associations or returned upon request.
 - M/S/C

5) Secretary – Val Greenwood

- Sunshine Coast – New President – Andrew Appleton – andy_appleton@hotmail.com
- Abbotsford – Interim President – Derek Giebrecht – derekgiesbrecht81@gmail.com
- All correspondence for Cloverdale should be sent to John Braaten until further notice

6) Administrative Director – James Raymond

Web Site and Social Media

- Set up and maintenance of schedule and scores for 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, and 18U College Prep web pages. Real-time updates of Final Four/Five events.
- Updates and Posts to inform and educate on COVID-19 RTP status. Including the creation of marketing materials consistent with BCMBA branding.
- Update of forms and letters to reflect the upcoming 2021 Season (Affiliation, Single and Summer Seasons).
- Creation and distribution of daily social media content promoting fall ball return and Coaches Week.
- Clean up and maintenance, including removal of old docs.

BC Travel Teams: No updates at this time.

Administrative Support

- Correspondence with Member Associations regarding Funding Supports through viaSport.
- Continued coordination with Baseball BC regarding proposed amendments and the next steps of the COVID-19 RTP.
- Creation of Fall Workshop Survey.
- Creation of 2021 College Prep and 15U Elite team applications.
- Preparation, distribution, and coordination of 2021 CP applications for the review panel(s),
- Preparation and reporting for the 2020 BCMBA Fall Workshop Survey
 - see Addendum for summary report.
- Support communications for the BoD.
- Continued work on the Procedures segment draft complete. Currently updating and adding meeting agenda templates, forms, and misc. document samples.

- Ongoing communications with BCMBA Member associations regarding RTP, affiliation, and 2020 AGM details.
- Support Risk Management committee with communications and creation of documents for 2020 RTP efforts.
- Explore and recommend virtual and teleconference options for the 2020 BCMBA Annual General Meeting (secure quotes from providers and attend online demo sessions).
- Assist efforts to coordinate logistics and hosting of the 2020 BCMBA AGM.

Marketing Committee Report

- Correspondence with potential sources of sponsorship candidates for the 2021 Coaches Conference, Coaches, Caravan, and HP Selects program.
- Committee to meet and identify primary objectives for 2021 Seasons and additional programming.

Committee Reports:

1. Rules: Dave Garton (Chair), Ray Wearing

- MOTION: A. Hayes / D. Garton
Motion to hold proposed rule changes conference call, October 13, at 7:00 pm,
M/S/C – Ray Wearing / Marty Hall – unable to attend
- **PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FROM THE ASSOCIATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DAVE GARTON NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23. RULES MUST BE PROPOSED BY TWO (2) ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS.**
- **COMPLETE PACKAGE WILL BE SENT OUT OCTOBER 30**
- Any proposed rule changes brought to the floor at the AGM must have 100% approval to be discussed and voted on.

2. Eligibility: Tina Baker-Cornett (Co-Chair) – Neal Dhaliwal (Co Chair) – Abigail Wong-de Leon - No Report

3. Discipline: Ray Wearing – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon - No Report

4. Girls Baseball: Val Greenwood (Chair) – No Report

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

- Need to follow up/review contract, after AGM

6. High Performance: Mike Kelly (Chair) – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – John Braaten – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – James Raymond - No Report

7. Boundary and Affiliation – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Trail has submitted executive roster, Single Season affiliation (18U College Prep) and their By-Laws and Constitution
- Dual charter with Little League
- They should be all on board from T-Ball to 18U if they want to affiliation
- Table to November 04 meeting
- Mapping on the web – colors don't match boundary descriptions, review/revisions needed.

8. Coaching and Development/Training/NCCP: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) – John Braaten (co-Chair) – Raj Puri – Marty Hall – Ron Miciuk – Doug Crone - No Report

9. Marketing: James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett

- Banners done for 18U AAA were done by Hugh outside of Marketing Committee
 - All future marketing/branding items to be vetted by Marketing Committee
- Consideration to print banners retro-actively for the winners subject to funds being available.
- Message and work with member associations so that all branding matches

10. Grass Roots – John Braaten - No update at this time.

11. Risk Management / Insurance: John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes

- We worked through a couple of concerns about player movement between organizations (PBL, LL & BCMA) and the recommended 14-day quarantine period. Player safety is paramount.
- I had multiple communications from all regions of BC regarding setting up of cohorts at various levels. I did forward to respective divisional directors when needed. Some cohorts involved mixing of various organizations but were compliant to Baseball BC Phase 3 RTP.
- There was a report of a suspected COVID-19 case on Vancouver Island. Immediate cohort and teams advised accordingly. Negative result from testing.
- Multiple contact tracing concerns brought forward as noted below in 13U report is very concerning.
- As Fall Ball winds down and Winter Training will start up in most associations in the coming weeks it is still imperative that all RTP paperwork (including waivers) and contact tracing be 100% compliant as part of the viaSport & Baseball BC Phase 3 guidelines.
- Anne: Looking into new Insurer due to lack of support.

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

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

- See Administrative Director's Report

14. Human Resources – Anne Hayes (Chair) – Val Greenwood – Raj Puri – Tina Baker-Cornett - No Report

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

16. Scholarship – Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk

- The Scholarship application form for 2020-2021 was revised, as discussed at the previous BCMBA board meeting.
- I emailed the application form to all association presidents for distribution. Anyone can also find the application form on the BC Minor website. Here is the link:

https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/1d88-2272199/2020-21_BCMBA_Scholarship_Package_fillable_PDF.pdf#_ga=2.25946173.1001260867.1601952861-1528663715.1601952861

- To date, there are three(3) applications received. Incomplete submissions are being returned to the applicant.

17. Baseball BC - Grant Butler – John Braaten

- Chris Balison, President Baseball BC – chaired the Zoom meeting which was well attended
- The June 24th meeting minutes and financial report by Ted Hotzak were adopted
- Member fees for 2020 were waived
- 2021 is expected to be like 2020 with cohort play and PHO mandated RTP guidelines
- RTP guidelines will continue to be updated
- Chris Balison has started a review of all Baseball BC committees
- Next meeting will be November 16th
- September 16th – notice of 2021 Canada Summer Games postponement c/o David Laing, Baseball BC Executive Director
- September 25th – email from Kyle Williams, Tournament Director for Baseball BC regarding Baseball BC's Pathways to Baseball Canada and Western and Nationals Championships for 2021;

I hope all is well as the weather winds down baseball season for everyone. I just wanted to share our plans at this time for 2021 Championships.

Given everything that's happening across the country, we feel the probability of Westerns and Nationals happening next year is low. Furthermore, unless we get a phase change in BC, we would be unable to host a traditional championship. Given that at the last board meeting we encouraged members to plan for a status quo season under the current restrictions, we're going to do the same for Championships.

Therefore, we are going to hold off seeking hosts or initiating conversations among our members regarding formats and dates for 2021. This doesn't mean the Championships are cancelled; it just means that we're putting the planning process on hold until such time as our optimism for a phase change increases and there is an indication that Westerns and Nationals may proceed.

Please share this with your group as I have only sent this to you and let me know if you have any questions.

Kyle

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

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

b) 18U Chair – Ray Wearing

- College Prep final four (4) North Fraser beat Chilliwack
- John Braaten supervised – see full report in addendum reports
- College Prep application date was September 31 – Ray and John to review applications received
- For 2021

➤ 18U AAA – Hugh Gurney

- Turned out to be best of three – North Island defeated Kelowna

➤ 18U AA – Raj Puri

- Played exhibition games and cohort play – no tournaments – no season ending wind up
- Some fall ball

c) 15U Chair – Anne Hayes - No Report

- **15U AAA – Ron Miciuk** - Most teams players let to play fall ball
- **15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon** - **As submitted – see addendum**
- **15U A – Doug Crone – No Report**

d) 13U - Chair – John Braaten

- Continue to work on messaging and forming of Lower Mainland cohorts for Lower Mainland region given the number of teams in this region. Had a number of communications from concerned teams/associations that others were not complying with Baseball BC's RTP contact tracing for events. This is very concerning especially with the recent uptick again of COVID-19 cases in general in BC.
- There is still a lot of misunderstanding of viaSport & Baseball BC RP RTP Phase 3 guidelines given the amount of questions from teams/coaches and/or parents during Fall Ball. It is my opinion that messaging to associations regarding RTP is not explained, forwarded or coaches think baseball is back to normal again. Which it is not.
- **13U AAA – Marty Hall –No report**
- **13U AA Steve McCann - No Report**
- **13U A – Open - No Report**
- **John Main – John Braaten**
- One registered team from 2020 (which is being rolled over to 2021) has withdrawn from the 2021 tournament not knowing their future registration numbers. First waitlisted team will be contacted in early 2021 regarding entry interest.

- 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 - No Report

l) NEW BUSINESS:

- AGM will be done by conference call
- November 14th is the date of and 10:00 am will be the start
- New system to be used will have a dry run prior to AGM, date(s) TBD.
- Is Baseball Canada still having their convention on November – Grant to check with Chris Balison. (The AGM is in June, the Fall meetings are in November and are virtual this year)
- Discussion regarding “Coordinating Secretary”
 - Position has not been formally around for the past 15 – 16 years
 - Secretary and Coordinating Secretary are two (2) separate positions – one does the minutes the other does paper work – coordinating secretary’s position was basically eliminated when most forms were available from web site
 - Most work from the coordinating secretary went to the Secretary

Motion to adjourn meeting – 8:31 pm – A. Hayes

Next meeting November 03– Conference Call at 7 pm

ADDENDUM REPORTS



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The following is a brief summary of the recent BCMBA 2020 Fall Workshop/Season Summary Survey (September 2020). This summary comes after three weeks of respondent submissions. There were 32 of 51 Member Associations who have submitted a response to date(62.7%).

Please note that this is a condensed review of the results. A full detailed report will be distributed to all member associations.

Survey Summary

Did your association run organized programming this year?

Yes	81.2%
No	18.8%

Did any of your teams participate in the Championship Series? (Final Four/Five)

Yes	81.2%
No	18.8%

What kind of programming did your association offer this year?

None	15.6%
Training and Practice ONLY	53.1%
Interclub Scrimmages	53.1%
Cohort Competitive Play	62.5%
Other	3.1%

At which divisions did you offer programming?

House	75.0%
Single Season	46.9%
Other	3.1%

Did you find BCMBA COVID-19 related correspondence in 2020 helpful or not?

Yes	93.8%
No	6.2%

If applicable, at what stage did you begin your 2020 Programming?

Phase One	34.4%
Phase Two	37.5%
Phase Three	6.3%
Not Applicable	21.9%

Do you attend the BC Minor Baseball Fall Workshop for your region? If so, how frequently?

Annually	53.1%
Almost Annually (Depending on availability)	15.6%
Occasionally	3.1%
Rarely	3.1%
Never	18.8%
Unsure (New President)	6.2%

Did you plan to attend the Fall Workshop for your region this year?

Yes	59.4%
No	18.8%
Maybe	21.9%

Should BC Minor possibly move forward in creating a 13U single season?

Yes	46.9%
No	53.1%

The remainder of the questions and responses are contained in a detailed report that will be distributed to member association Presidents.

I have left the survey active in the event the other 37.3% decide to respond.

ADOPTED



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15UAA SEASON REVIEW

The Season

The "modified" 15UAA Single-Season started with 18 teams who have expressed interest in playing back. Unfortunately, with a lack of players' commitment and field closure due to COVID-19, 7 teams pulled out.

With the mandate from viaSport and Baseball BC, we managed to form 4 bubbles of 2 and 3 teams on each bubble, one of which was on the Island. Each team had ten completed games; however, there were two forfeit games due to lack of players. With the RTP guidelines, no teams were allowed callups, and there was no time to reschedule. The first game started on August 8, 2020, and the last game ended on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

Bubble 1	Bubble 2	Bubble 3	Bubble 4
White Rock	Chilliwack	North Delta	Campbell River
Cloverdale	Newton/Surrey	Ladner	Duncan
Township	Burnaby	North Shore	

I attended games and witnessed how each team played following their safety protocols. Some noticeable 1st-year players excelled in gameplay. I also witnessed home runs and grand slam plays. (which is very rare) There were no ejections or complaints put forward to my attention.

There was a head to head tie occurred between North Shore and Ladner; hence Rule 29.01 of the rulebook applied, resulting in Ladner advancing to the Final 4.

Final 4

The Final 4 was determined by the top winning percentage of each bubble.

The Final 4 was held on September 5 and 6, 2020, at Cloverdale Ball Park. Round robin format with 3 games guarantee and no semi-final game. The teams who advanced were Cloverdale, Newton/Surrey, Ladner, and Campbell River.

Cloverdale hosted the Final 4 Championship. Overall, given a short time in preparation, the BOD and its volunteers did a fantastic job. They also provided MVP trophies for players. Everyone correctly observed the safety protocol. Players, coaches, and spectators well-observed proper social distancing.



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The games went smoothly with no significant concern, except a question about an overaged player. It was confirmed that a playdown request was put forward to the eligibility committee before the pandemic. Based on the association's information and geographic location, the overaged player was allowed to play down for the season. It was made clear that the player CANNOT pitch, and this was the apprehension.

It was a great pleasure to watch the games and witness the sportsmanship, effort, and extra time the coaches and the players put in their teams. I have also seen the parents' respect on-field decorum demonstrated as we all abide by the return to play guidelines.





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Game results before the championship game.

SINGLE POOL	W	L
Newton/Surrey	1	2
Ladner	1	2
Cloverdale	3	0
North Island Cubs	1	2



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Tiebreaker calculation. North Island Cubs advanced to Championship.

Ladner					
Games	H/V	Result	Runs Scored	RA	Innings Defended
NI Cubs	Visitor	Win	8	6	7
Newton/Surrey	Home	Loss	12	17	7
			20	23	14
Runs Against / Defensive Innings Played					1.642857
Newton/Surrey					
Games	H/V	Result	Runs Scored	RA	Innings Defended
Ladner	Visitor	Win	17	12	7
NI Cubs	Visitor	Loss	0	10	6
			17	22	13
Runs Against / Defensive Innings Played					1.692308
North Island Cubs					
Games	H/V	Result	Runs Scored	RA	Innings Defended
Ladner	Home	Loss	6	8	7
Newton/Surrey	Home	Win	10	0	6
			16	8	13
Runs Against / Defensive Innings Played					0.615385

The Final 4 Championship opened with the singing of "Oh Canada." It was an exciting close game with Cloverdale winning in a nail-biting one-run finish. The game started with North Island having a commanding opening inning – scoring 5 runs. They then proceeded to dominate the game until the 4th inning when Cloverdale bats came alive with a leadoff home run in the 4th. Cloverdale then capitalized on several North Island fielding errors and continued strong hitting, ending up winning 10-9. Congratulations to Cloverdale! Thank you again to Mike Dance, his BOD and volunteers, to all umpires and UIC for all the work.





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15UAA Fall Ball

The previous interest of 10-12 teams to play an organized 15UAA Fall Ball did not turn out as expected. Associations have decided to run fall training within their associations. Some chose not to do anything because they don't have enough interest and let their players train elsewhere. Unfortunately, we were unable to accommodate Campbell River and Prince George – the travel is not justifiable. There were only four associations interested – Chilliwack, North Delta, Vancouver Minor, and Richmond. Just before the games started, Richmond had to pull out because of their city regulatory on the "out of lower mainland" team. The first game started on September 12, 2020, and the last game ended on Sunday, October 3, 2020. The 3-team cohort played eight games each and added extra DH games themselves.

I have attended a few of their games, and everyone well-observed the Safety Protocol. No issue. Good group, good sportsmanship.





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FEEDBACK GATHERED

Morning Abigail

Where to start hmmmmm.....

Officially and unofficially, I treated the season as a development process personally. I felt obligated to get as many kids out to play. That meant AA or single-A caliber players I would be willing to guide. Once we had the guidelines in place and were able to run some structured practices, we felt there was hope for the players to play some games. When we were finally able to participate in our bubble games, it was a reward for the players to get a taste for AA ball and sadly allow the second-year players an opportunity to hone the skills for their Midget season next year. That being said, well done to everyone involved in making that happen for our players.

Personally, I felt the direction of the season was handled very well, considering the time frames and unknowns that everyone had to deal with. From the communication to the protocols to the record-keeping and, of course, the constant sanitizing and distancing reminders. I was impressed with how the information came to us as best as possible under the circumstances. I would give it an A grade and an A+ because I did not hear of one COVID-related case.

As for our Director (Abigail)

I found you very personable, easy to approach, and helpful to myself and my players/parents' questions. I enjoyed the honest, open conversations we had and was thankful I had a reliable source to lean on. Thank you very much. Also, please pass on my thanks to Ann Hayes for her efforts, please.

The hurdles I had to accomplish probably do not compare to the hurdles you all had to deal with, so thank you again for at least allowing the players to play. Let's hope we all can grow from this experience and play some more ball next season.

Peace and Health
Paul



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Hi Abigail,

I thought you did a great job all things considered! As far as the island bubble, the teams in our bubble did a fair amount of travel where I would have liked to see doubleheaders played. I think getting teams to declare their intention to commit to finishing the season could be an improvement. Cowichan had no intention of finishing out their season on the mainland from the beginning but wouldn't declare that as they wanted their players to be able to play games. Thank you very much for all your efforts to make sure baseball was played during these difficult circumstances.

Dan Dobie

Hi Abigail,

Given the situation, I felt you did an excellent job getting us as many Games as possible!

The communication and changes were always sent as soon as you had the information at hand.

I was also impressed to see you at many games and ensuring we were following protocols laid out.

Personally, I don't feel you could have done better.

I hope to see you next year as I didn't win the head coach position. I will still be involved with the Chilliwack AA team.

Warmest regards,

Dennis