



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Box 1061, Crofton, BC V0R 1R0

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### BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- September 01, 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, C. Martin, M. Hall,

**Absent:** J. Braaten, T. Baker-Cornett, D. Crone

Call Meeting to order: 7:06 pm

#### President's Opening Remarks:

- Many thanks again to the BoD's over the year to date for time and efforts

#### Adoption of Minutes

- MOTION: R. Puri / V. Greenwood
- Motion to accept July 28<sup>th</sup> BoD Meeting minutes as distributed.  
M/S/C

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

#### Correspondence:

- **League Registrations:** Abbotsford, White Rock
- **Executive Rosters:** White Rock, Sunshine Coast, Abbotsford, Enderby, Salt Spring Island, Comox
- **Affiliations:** Sunshine Coast, Enderby, Abbotsford, White Rock, Comox
- Steve Chong – Ladner 15U AA – concerns regarding RTP travel (forwarded to John Braaten)
- David Laing – Executive Director Baseball BC – RTP update
- John Braaten – nomination for Roll of Honor

#### OUTGOING:

- **James Raymond – Administrative Director BCMBA – to all presidents – RTP Phase 2 guidelines**
- John Braaten to Steve Chong – clarification on our RTP travel
- John Braaten – 2020 13U John Main tournament postponement – sent to all entered teams
- John Braaten – 2020 13U John Main Tournament postponement sent to all wait listed teams
- James Raymond – Administrative Director BCMBA – to all presidents – Covid-19 RTP update

**Business Arising:** None

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

**1) President – Grant Butler – No Report**

**2) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Braaten**

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

**3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - open**

**4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes**

MOTION: A. Wong-de Leon / C. Martin

Motion to accept Treasurers report as distributed.

M/S/C

**5) Secretary – Val Greenwood**

- Sunshine Coast – New President – Andrew Appleton – [andy\\_appleton@hotmail.com](mailto:andy_appleton@hotmail.com)
- Abbotsford – Interim President – Derek Giebrecht – [derekgiesbrecht81@gmail.com](mailto:derekgiesbrecht81@gmail.com)

**6) Administrative Director – James Raymond**

**Website and Social Media**

- Set up and maintenance of schedule and scores for 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, and 18U College Prep web pages.
- Updates and Posts to inform and educate on COVID-19 RTP status. Including the creation of marketing materials consistent with BCMBA branding.
- Real-time updates to BCMBA Member Resources page for RTP process and creation of “Steps Reminder” document <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmmba-covid-19-resources>
- Creation and distribution of daily social media content promoting safe return to play.
- Continued website resources and content audit (update and/or delete documents as needed).

**BC Travel Teams:** No updates at this time.

**Administrative Support**

- Correspondence with 15U and 18U Single Season teams and directors in support of competitive play directives.
- Continued coordination with Baseball BC regarding proposed amendments and the next steps of the COVID-19 RTP.
- Order medals for Final Four winners (15U and 18U Single Season)
- 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 details.
- Support Risk Management committee with communications and creation of documents for 2020 RTP efforts.
- Explore and recommend virtual and teleconference options for 2020 BCMBA Annual General Meeting.
- Assist efforts to coordinate logistics and hosting of the 2020 BCMBA AGM.

## **Marketing Committee Report**

- Creation of sponsorship opportunities template for BCMBA events.
- Committee to meet and identify primary objectives for 2020 Fall Ball and 2021 Seasons.
- Marketing Chair to meet with 18U Chair to discuss Fall Classic promotion and marketing needs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Rules – Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing**

- New compression helmets on the marker – no chin straps – ne investigate further

### **2. Eligibility - Tina Baker-Cornett – Neal Dhaliwal – Abigail Wong-de Leon – no report**

### **3. Discipline – Ray Wearing (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- Three (3) ejections – 18U AAA One (1) from the Island and two (2) Chilliwack

### **4. Female Baseball – Val Greenwood**

- High Performance Camps being held September 01 – 03 at Whalley Athletic Park, Surrey – 10am to 3 pm
- Open to all female players 11 – 17
- MUST PRE-REGISTER AND PAU WITH BASEBALL BC

### **5. Umpire Liaison – Dave Garton – Neal Dhaliwal – Grant Butler - No Report**

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

### **7. Boundaries - (Chair) John Braaten – Abigail Wong-de Leon – No Report**

### **8. Coaching Development/NCCP – Mike Kelly - John Braaten (Co-Chair) – Ron Miciuk, Raj Puri, Doug Crone, Marty Hall**

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

- See Administrative Director's Report

### **10. Grass Roots – John Braaten (Chair) - No report**

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

- Risk Management messaged out on August 27<sup>th</sup> the move to Phase Three of the viaSport Return to Play. Included in the multiple documents are references to the Baseball BC Phase Three RTP and the BCMBA Phase Three RTP. Included was the historical document of steps from the start of Phase 2 RTP through the updated guidelines effective August 28<sup>th</sup>. Also included was a support document from Baseball BC in regards to graduating of RTP steps from Baseball BC guidelines as many associations had limited exposure to Phase 2

protocols and want to ensure everyone starts with this to understand and implement all safety guidelines and protocols developed and posted by each respective association.

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- Followed up on many, many questions and concerns about Phase 2 RTP including teams playing outside of cohort bubbles, cohort limitations, guidelines and procedures, assisted in developing RTP guidelines for a couple of associations, teams not in cohorts playing multiple teams that exposed players outside of the Phase 2 3-team bubbles, etc., etc. I found in many cases when inquiring that communication did not always reach coaches, players and parents thus creating confusion of what is/not allowed during these times.
- Aldergrove shut down by parks for not following the rules – now playing all games on the road
- Clarification on RTP cohorts.
- Insurance for new players for fall ball – must be affiliated

## **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**

- BCMBA does not qualify for any more wage subsidies (CEWS)

## **15. Awards – Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri**

- Received one nomination – Raul Verde – Rios – Richmond
- Will not be handing out any awards this year due, will hold over to 2021.

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

## **17. Baseball BC - Grant Butler – John Braaten**

- Everyone on board with RTP
- Finance meeting – Baseball BC in in good standing regarding finances going forward

## **DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

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

### **b) 18U Chair – Ray Wearing**

#### **➤ 18U College Prep – Ray Wearing**

- College Prep this weekend in Chilliwack – need supervisor
- Only director's expenses to be paid are for miles
- See John Braaten Post Mortem Report in the Addendums

#### **➤ 18U AAA – Hugh Gurney**

- Final 4 Championship scheduled for Labour Day long weekend in Campbell River
- 4 teams have backed out to date (Prince George, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, North Shore)
- These teams stated they could not get enough players or make the travel time and dates work for them.

- North Island and COMBA are the only two teams left that are willing to play. We are currently waiting on a response from COMBA as to whether or not they will in fact be able to participate. If they do confirm, they will play a best of three final series against North Island for the 2020 18U AAA Championship.
- This is of course very disappointing news. Our executive and RTP committee have put a lot of time and effort into getting these players and teams back on the baseball field. The host for the final 4 tournament has also put a ton of work into preparing the venue and facilities to provide a safe and compliant location to hold the final in. Unfortunately, we might only be looking at two teams playing off.

BoD discussion:

- BoD Question raised about overage players (2002) being allowed to play in fall programming this year, as well as being able to play as overage player's next season.
- Reply from Hugh: I agree we should allow this, but put a maximum number each team can have on their roster.
- Rule change would have to be put forward and let associations determine
- Fall players shouldn't be a problem
- Fall Classic postponed – need someone to coordinate – may not be enough time
- Fines should be issued to the teams that have backed out
- Letter to be sent teams what the fine would be but due to circumstances fines will not be issued
- Rule to be sent with letter to 18U 15U AAA and 15U AA
- Overaged for fall and next season

➤ **18U AA – Raj Puri – No Report**

c) **15U Chair – Anne Hayes**

- Running fall ball – AAA/AA
- Schedules only

➤ **15U AAA – Ron Miciuk**

- Schedule is done – many teams are in then their out
- Will start mid-September

➤ **15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- **Report as submitted – see addendum in addition to the following**
- Received an email from John Stark (a coach from Vancouver Community) expressing interest to join the 15UAA Fall ball. This group is run independently by him and Matt Donnelly. They have their safe protocol as well as their own insurance. They are using Chaldecott Park.
- As explained by John, most of their players are from Vancouver Community. Can they join fall ball?

BoD discussion:

- they should be affiliated with an association
- suggestion was put forward to have them talk to Van Minor to get affiliated.
- Usually don't have field availability in fall
- Should affiliate with Vancouver Minor? – they are running their own fall ball season
- Have them talk to Vancouver Minor and stick with the traditional system as in the past
- Abigail asked if there will be banners presented with the medals. James said he contacted the banner place but hasn't heard back from them. The lady must be on vacation. No banner just first place medals

➤ **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.
- John Main tournament has been postponed due to the Baseball BC guidelines of new cohort numbers (100 players and under) and no tournaments being permitted. Have advised all 2020 entered and waitlisted teams. All teams entered will be carried over to 2021 with any who want to withdraw and request for refund will be granted and will enter next team in waitlist order sequence.

➤ **13U AAA – Marty Hall –No report**

➤ **13U AA Steve McCann - No Report**

➤ **13U A – Open - 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

**l) NEW BUSINESS:**

- Cancel workshops with Presidents – have directors for the proposed rule changes and ask for input from presidents
- AGM – James looking into a virtual meeting
- Marty Hall – email address on letterhead is wrong

**Motion to adjourn meeting – 8:347 pm – D Garton**

**Next meeting October 06– Conference Call at 7 pm**

**ADDENDUM REPORTS**



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**September 7, 2020**

### **BCMBA – 15U AA & College Prep Final Four post mortem notes**

15U AA (just an attendee that watched games Saturday and one Sunday)

- Host association did a great job given the short timeline to run tourney (observed constant RTP safety protocols)
- Teams overall did very well in social distancing (spectators too)
- Game play RTP management for all teams I observed did really well with safety protocols
- There were concerns from teams regarding an overage player playing down from 18U and playing in a High Performance division
  - I do not know the particulars of how/why, but noted he was a middle of the order bat and CF was one of the better players
  - Should be looked at internally in rules given the concerns of the other teams in attendance
- Competitively very close
- Very capable umpiring given the COVID-19 adaptations

College Prep (attended Sunday only as BCMBA rep)

- I only attended on Sunday's play-in final game and final
- Host association did a great job hosting/running the tourney
- Did not see any off-field safety protocols in use
- Game play RTP management for all teams did really well
- Social distancing and spectator numbers were a concern
  - Little adherence to 2m social distancing and bleacher use
  - Final game could have started a half hour earlier (12:30pm), but North Fraser was concerned about fans getting to the final game scheduled for 1pm...so that of course was a concern in itself knowing the 50 person attendance guidelines
- Both games I observed were very competitive
- Not enough baseballs for tourney. Had to borrow one dozen from another association for Sunday games as there was no new ones
- Umpiring was strong with no issues and kept games under control throughout with some minor in-game issues
- On a side note Grant asked me to attend Sunday as no one else was there. We needed BCMBA a presence there all weekend as the UIC and Convener had players on the host team and could have been an issue if there was a protest as the committee usually is those two plus a BCMBA representative. They both recused themselves for the final game.

Anyways, it was a pleasant surprise to watch some very competitive baseball this weekend. Not knowing if we were able to get any form of a season done ended for both of these on a high notes for BCMBA, associations, players, volunteers and parents.

**John Braaten**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

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September 1, 2020

## 15UAA REPORT

### 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 is on the Island. Each team has ten games. First game started on August 8, 2020, and the last game will end 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. Unfortunately, there were 2 forfeit games.

### Final 4

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

The Final 4 is on September 5 and 6, 2020, at Cloverdale Ball Park. Round robin format with 3 games guarantee and no semi-final game. The teams advancing are Cloverdale, Newton/Surrey, Ladner, and Campbell River. Placement will be by drawing team names out of a hat. 🎲

### 15UAA Fall ball

I have been asked by some associations to see if we are running 15UAA Fall Ball this year. I have sent out an email to associations to find out how many teams want to play an organized 15UAA Fall Ball. So far, there are about 10-12 teams who responded. It included the Island teams and the North. I received no interest from the Interior teams. Another email will be sent out to confirm participation and will provide additional information.

**15U AA Division**  
Abigail Wong-de Leon, Director