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BoD Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 05, 2020 – 7:00 PM

BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Meeting - by conference call

Call Meeting to Order: 7:00 PM

Presidents Opening Remarks

April has been a very quiet month compared to March when the COVID crisis engulfed our member Associations, with the daily updates by JT and the Public Health Officials a calm has settled in and expectations are now tempered.

I am sure most of you are aware of the passing of Eric Toneff, condolences have been shared with Emma and posted on our website. Eric brought a unique blend of humour and mentorship to the BCMBA board and in the umpire world and he will be dearly missed.

Adoption of Minutes

- April 07, 2020 Minutes of Board of Directors meeting.
- Motion to approve as distributed - Carmen Martin, Seconded - Sanda King. Carried.

Additions to the Agenda

- None.

Correspondence:

- None from the Secretary.
- Notices and communication with Baseball BC.

Business Arising from Minutes

- Survey to/from associations: to be addressed in the Administrative Directors Report.
- Update on Scenarios should play resume: to be addressed in the Administrative Directors Report.

Executive Reports

1) Grant Butler - President

As expected, Baseball Canada cancelled their National and Western championships and then Baseball BC did the same with the Pathway tournaments to said Championships which leaves our "Provincials" for championship play. Without a comprehensive spring season, I hesitate to call them "Provincials" but time will tell.

Single season schedules have been revised for June 1 or July 1 starts and some consideration has been given to running a John Main in the Fall.

Recent messaging has given “hope” to return to play options and guidelines have been discussed at all levels so to assist in understanding what BCMBA may be expected to do and what we should expect BCMBA prepared and sent out a survey last week which has returned much of what we expected.

- Drop-in participation by players and Associations alike.
- some refunding some withholding of fees.
- expected 2-week preparation for gameplay.
- field and park preparations mostly assumed and depend on “Summer” seasons ending on Sept long weekend.

2) *John Braaten - 1st Vice President*

We have been in communication and paying close attention to Baseball BC’s notices of COVID-19 protocols and updates, the last of which was posted on April 24th. I was asked late April by Baseball BC to join their “Return to Play Protocol Work Group” which has a number of representatives from various baseball groups to begin the process of talking about guidelines and protocols for a possible return to play in the 2020 season. We are following the Ministry of Health and ViaSport updates. The Work Group will continue to work through protocols until more return to play information is approved by the government and PSO.

3) *Sanda King - 2nd Vice President* - Nothing to report.

4) *Anne Hayes - Treasurer, Financial Report*

- Motion to accept financials as distributed - Raj Puri, Seconded - John Braaten. Carried.
- Received cheque from Baseball BC (Refund of travel subsidy \$19,913.00).

5) *Val Greenwood - Secretary* - No report.

Administrative Director – James Raymond - Report included with minutes.

- Grant Butler brought to discussion the relevance of directors being assigned to specific member associations given modern technology and communication practices. With the addition of the Administrative Director, use of email as a standard of direct communication with member associations, and the trend of Division Chairs communicating with the membership, the need for BCMBA directors to be assigned to individual member associations no longer exists.
- James to edit BCMBA BoD contact list to remove member association assignments

Committee Reports

1) *Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing – Sanda King* - Nothing to Report.

Motion to move in-camera - Ray Wearing, Seconded - Sanda King 7:17 PM. The in-camera discussion concluded at 7:20 PM

Motion to move out of camera - Ray Wearing, Seconded - Sanda King

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

- We will need to address some questions regarding eligibility when we return to play. The committee may look at drafting a policy letter for distribution as we prepare to return to play.

3) *Discipline Committee: Ray Wearing (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon - Nothing to report.*

4) *Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood - No report.*

5) *Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) – Neal Dhaliwal – Sanda King – Grant Butler*

- BCBUA is waiting on direction from governing authorities (Health/Public/Sport)

6) *High-Performance Committee: Mike Kelly (Chair) – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – John Braaten –Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk - James Raymond*

- BCMBA HP Selects programming has been cancelled for the 2020 season.
- James to draft and distribute advisory for members.

7) *Boundary and Affiliation Committee: Sanda King (Chair) - Nothing to report.*

8) *Coaching and Development/Training/NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) – John Braaten (Co-Chair) Raj Puri – Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Doug Crone*

- There are some communications with coaches regarding access to NCCP training. Referred to Baseball BC.
- NCCP training offered online through Baseball BC.

9) *Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Sanda King – Ron Miciuk –Hugh Gurney – Tina-Baker-Cornett - Report included with minutes.*

10) *Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) – Sanda King*

- The Grassroots Survey Phase I (coaches) of this expansive project is complete. Looking to have initial insights back to the BCMBA Board once we can get back to in-person Board meetings. Given the delay to the start of the 2020 season, the next phases cannot be done at this time given that parent and player input is needed. This project in scope has at least a two-year timeline.

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

- Still awaiting insurance certificate information for associations.

12) *Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve McCann - Nothing to report.*

- 13) *Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair) – John Braaten – Anne Hayes* - Report included with minutes.
- We have had a few requests to remove tournaments from the website as the delay in starting the 2020 season continues.
- 14) *Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair) - Val Greenwood – Raj Puri – Tina Baker-Cornett*
- Anne has applied for the 75% wage subsidy program, awaiting confirmation.
- 15) *Awards Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri – Sanda King* - Nothing to report.
- 16) *Scholarship Committee: Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Sanda King – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk* - Nothing to report.
- 17) *Baseball BC Transition Committee: Grant Butler – John Braaten – Sanda King*
- Committee established to discuss and shape the return to play model. John Braaten sits on the committee as the BCMBA representative. Anticipate updates as information is disseminated down from health officials.

Divisional Reports

- Alternate schedules for single-season programs have been drafted. Implementation will depend on timelines, player availability, and access to parks.
 - Data collected from Adapted Season survey will be used to shape the programming proposals for all other divisions
- a) *25U – Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes* - Nothing to report.
- b) *18U - Chair - Ray Wearing* - Nothing to report.
18U College Prep - Ray Wearing - Nothing to report.
18U AAA – Hugh Gurney - Nothing to report.
18U AA – Raj Puri - Nothing to report.
- c) *15U – Chair – Anne Hayes* - Nothing to report.
15U AAA - Ron Miciuk - Nothing to report.
15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon - Nothing to report.
15U A – Doug Crone - Nothing to report.
- d) *13U – Chair – John Braaten*
- Still awaiting insurance certificate information for associations.
- 13U AAA Summer – Marty Hall* - Nothing to report.
13U AA - Steve McCann - Nothing to report.
13U A - Sanda King - Nothing to report.
13U John Main Tournament – John Braaten - Nothing to report.

- e) *11U – Chair – Mike Kelly* - Nothing to report.
- f) *9U – Chair – John Braaten* - Nothing to report.
- g) *Island – 18U and 15U* - Nothing to report.
- h) *Island – 13U and 11U* - Nothing to report.
- i) *Interior – 11U and 18U – Neal Dhaliwal* - Nothing to report.
- j) *Interior – 13U and 15U – Ron Miciuk* - Nothing to report.
- k) *North – Carmen Martin* - Nothing to report.

New Business

- None

Meeting Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn - Ray Wearing 7:34 PM

Next Meeting: June 2, Conference Call at 7:00 PM

Addendums/Reports



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Administrative Director's Report

May 2020

Website and Social Media

- All Provincial Champions back to 2014 updated (<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/provincial-champions>)
- Formatting of Honour Roll and Hall of Fame for consistency in progress.
- Daily SM posts and updates.
- NEW Youth Athlete Development Page built.
(<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5740162-youth-athlete-development-and-performance>)
- Continued website resources and content audit (update and/or delete documents as needed)

BC Travel Teams

- Awaiting a response from Seattle Elite regarding their refund policy and status of the tournament.

Administrative Support

- Adapted Season Survey Build and Distribution.
- Preparation of Survey report for BoD. (Included as a separate document)
- 2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan Travel logistics cancelled and refunds requested and completed
- Support communications for the BoD.
- BoD support with new email implementation and shared folders set up.
- Distribution and posting of April BoD meeting minutes and Spring Workshops.
- Continued work on the Procedures segment draft.
- Committed focus on support of BoD members and member Presidents communicating updates and notices on season status.
- Troubleshooting and fix of outgoing bcminorbaseball.org domain emails being flagged as "suspicious" or "potentially harmful".

Marketing Committee Report

- Currently investigating revenue-generating opportunities to assist in the delivery of programming for the fall and 2021 season events.
- Calls with a number of related organisations to explore cross-marketing and cooperative promotion of brands and programming.