



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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### BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 07, 2020

Sandman Signature Hotel – 9929 201<sup>st</sup> Street, Langley, BC V2Y 0C8

**Board of Directors:** G. Butler, J. Braaten, S. King, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, R. Miciuk, A. Wong-de Leon, T. McGuire, S. McCann, R. Wearing, D. Crone, M. Kelly, R. Puri

**Conference Call:** D. Garton, T. Baker-Cornett, N. Dhaliwal, C. Martin, H. Gurney, M. Hall, J. Raymond

**Absent:** P. Weatherill

Call Meeting to order: 5:47 pm

#### President's Opening Remarks:

- In reviewing our role as BCMBA Board of Directors I want to remind the BOD's that we act as regulators of the Rule Book and that there will be at times when decisions and/or policies will be needed to shore up the rule book as historical context and/or reasons for some of the rules grow vague.
- Reminder that all communication be as directed in the December 19 email – "2020 BCMBA Division and Committee Messaging Policy". This will try to eliminate miscommunication and end arounds between member Associations staff, coaches and parent and BOD's.
- Ask that all handheld devices not to be used during the BOD's meeting with the exception of sending info between BOD's or looking up information online as needed/requested during said meeting.

#### Adoption of Minutes

- Corrections: Page 4 – scholarships Abigail's name should read A. Wong-de Leon
- Merger for Island should be "Cowichan Valley Mustangs"
- **MOTION: A. Hayes / M. Kelly**
- **Motion to accept December minutes as corrected. M/S/C**

#### Additions to the Agenda:

- Pat Weatherill's resignation – table acceptance – talk with Pat first
- Baseball Research – retention of players – see Grass Roots

## **Correspondence:**

- White Rock – Single Season affiliation (15U AA – 1 / Jr. Men's – 1)
- Travis Maglerowski – Ring King USA – (Travel Team championship Rings – Associations only – if you want info contact Val ([boilers@telus.net](mailto:boilers@telus.net)))
- Trevor McGuire – Motion for 15U AAA – see 15U AAA
- Pat Weatherill – Surrey/Newton - request for merger at 15U AA level for 2020
- Pat Weatherill – Oceanside/Comox Valley/Port Alberni – request for merger at the 15U AA level for 2020
- Executive Roster – Vancouver Minor (with UIC)
- Chris Balison – President Kamloops - request for permanent move up to 13U (from 11U) – Jacob Petrie – DOB April 01, 2009

## **Business Arising:**

- Follow up on CRCs for BODs – S. McCann / R. Wearing / D. Crone – reports received
- Follow up on Conflict of Interests updates through the shared Google form from James - if you haven't filled in form please do so ASAP
- Email Aliases – see Administrative Director

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS:**

### **1) President – Grant Butler**

- keeping log of all calls, emails and issues dealt with
- concerns about lack of try out releases – will talk with Pat
- try to keep on top of everything
- open communication

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

- See report in addendum following minutes

### **3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Sanda King**

- I do not have anything specific to report as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. It was somewhat quiet over the Christmas season and I have participated in a few committee meetings for scholarships, marketing and been included in communications with umpire liaison committee and 13U Division regarding interlock play. I am sure things will start to ramp up much more now that we are past 2019.
- The ad hoc committee with Baseball BC regarding official/coach relations will meet again later in January, so I will have an updated report for the February meeting.

### **4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes**

- Various Q and A on the 2020 operating budget

- **MOTION: V. Greenwood / S. King**

**Motion to accept Treasurer's report as distributed. M/S/C**

**Secretary – Val Greenwood - No Report**

**Administrative Director – James Raymond**

- Copies of Provincial hosts has been distributed
- If you can't access directors only area contact James and he will walk you through it
- Alias emails – all positions set up with GSuite – all addresses specific to BCMBA
- James in control of all accounts
- Looking for new laptop – already in budget
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- Rule Books – need all updates
- Will get in touch with committee members
- Should have completed by end of the month – ready for the convention
- **Permanent release Rule 6.01 (d) – should not be in rule book – removed a couple of years ago at an AGM**
- Helmets – 13U and below – new helmets have no chin straps – should have either/or visor or chin straps
- Baseball Canada removing chin strap rule
- Defer to Baseball Canada rule book
- Bats – must align with Baseball Canada and BCMBA rule books

### **2. Eligibility - Tina Baker-Cornett – Neal Dhaliwal – Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- **Pat has tendered his resignation**
- Currently seven (7) try out releases
- One (1) release approved, but not sent, Ashley Losin (Newton to Aldergrove – 18U AA) previous history
- Kamloops player (Petrie) should be evaluated by the High Performance committee
- Deny player – decision can be appealed – table for further discussion with eligibility committee
- Eligibility to come back with an Interim chair – Senior board member to consult with committee – John to help

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

- One (1) coach under review

### **4. Female Baseball – Val Greenwood - No Report**

## **5. Umpire Liaison – Dave Garton – Neal Dhaliwal – Sanda King – Grant Butler**

- Mike Kelly has requested to take over as chair
- Committee to deal with contract
- BC Umpires have withdrawn from current contract

## **6. High Performance – Mike Kelly (Chair) – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – Trevor McGuire – John Braaten – James Raymond**

- Dates for selects camps:

13U – May 08, 09 and 10

15U – June 19, 20 and 21

16U – May 29, 30 and 31

- Looking at regional teams

North/Interior

Fraser Valley

Island

Lower Mainland

- New approach to selecting coach
- Budgets to be done
- Academic Advisor – to help with profiles for players

## **7. Boundaries**

- Princeton is suspending Association for 2020 due to lack of help
- For 2020 season, it would be best to “suspend” operations to see if viable for 2021, rather than “folding” and seeking new membership in future. If unable, then the later for 2021
- All player’s would be able to seek play wherever possible, but would not have “tryout releases” or “releases” for 2020 but would be out of catchment players
- Most of those with interest would probably go to Penticton

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

- Mike met with David Laing (Baseball BC) – NCCP will run week before convention
- Must register for the convention before being eligible to attend NCCP course
- \$110 for convention and \$25 per module (otherwise \$60 per module)
- Friday 15U - \$30
- Saturday 16U - \$60 includes lunch
- Sunday 13U - \$30
- If anyone is not affiliated with any Association – how do they pay?

**Caravan** – schedule is out, just need confirmations

**2020 ABCA Convention**

- Mike Kelly and John Braaten attend convention in Nashville
- Over 7100 coaches in attendance
- More high tech gear coming out for players
- Talked with group about 11U tiering
- Present on behalf of BCMBA meritorious award to Tom McConnell
- Had youth sessions
- Travel Ball – money grab
- Over all it was a very good experience

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

- Recommendation for apparel at convention – baseball style jersey – James will send out selection and sizing
- Finalizing pop-up banners
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

**10. Grass Roots – John Braaten (Chair) – Sanda King**

- Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> with Baseball BC
- Place meeting date on calendar
- Baseball BC Ad Hoc committee meeting Wednesday (January 08)
- Baseball Research – retention of players
- 15U lost 170 players in 2019
- Followed 2009 rally cap players – over 4000 in 2009 by 19U only 1374 players were left
- Why are we losing so many players? Maybe some rule restrictions are the cause
- According to Baseball Canada Alberta and Ontario are growing at the 15U age group
- For more information contact John Braaten

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

- Working on risk management policy
- Coach.ca – Responsible Coaching Movement
  - Rule Two – Background Screening – Ethics Training
  - <https://www.coach.ca/responsible-coaching-movement-s17179>
- D and O policy is under review
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

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

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

- Google Suite
- Go to all digital forms
- See full report in addendum following minutes

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

- Will meet soon – James' two (2) year review is coming up

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

- See full report in addendum following minutes

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

- See full report in addendum following minutes

**17. Baseball BC - Grant Butler – John Braaten – Sanda King**

- 2020 pathways have been published
- Sport BC – Athlete of the Year Awards – NEED NOMINATIONS

**DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

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

**b) 18U Chair – Ray Wearing**

- College Prep look for host
- Richmond?

**➤ 18U AAA – Hugh Gurney**

- Baseball BC declared Prince George team to be AAA
- Prince George will get automatic berth for Provincials in Campbell River
- Provincials will be Host + Prince George + 6

**➤ 18U AA – Raj Puri – No Report**

**c) 15U Chair – Trevor McGuire**

- See full report in addendum following minutes

➤ **15U AAA – Ron Miciuk**

- Report via Trevor
- Nanaimo pulled out due to PBL
- May not have any AAA teams from the Island in 2020
- North Delta / Ladner / Tsawwassen merger approved for 2020
  - Using as a practice team for the PBL team
  - March 15 selection for the PBL team will be made then the AAA team will be made up of the remaining players
  - North Delta has 95% of the players
  - Poaching players from other Association – could shut down their programs

**MOTION: T. McGuire / R. Miciuk**

**Motion to rescind the merger between North Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen at the 15U AAA division level for one (1) team in 2020.**

**M/S/C – 15 for – D. Crone / M. Kelly abstained**

- One (1) or two (2) teams may withdraw from the Interior
- Lower Mainland looks strong
- Pre-Season meeting to be held in February – Cloverdale Clubhouse – date TBA

➤ **15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- See full report in addendum following minutes

**MOTION: T. McGuire / A. Wong-de Leon**

**Motion to allow Comox, Port Alberni and Oceanside to merge at the 15U AA level for 2020.**

**M/S/C**

**MOTION: T. McGuire / A. Wong-de Leon**

**Motion to allow Newton and Surrey to merge at the 15U AA level for 2020.**

**M/S/C**

- Should Prince George be moved to AAA?
- Still need second host for Provincials
- Vernon has been in contact with Doug on hosting

**d) 13U - Chair – John Braaten**

- Meeting toward end of January for interlock
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

➤ **13U AAA – Marty Hall**

- Victoria looking at finalizing site of Provincials
- 11U and 13U in one park

➤ **13U AA – Steve McCann – No Report**

➤ **13U A – Sanda King – No Report**

➤ **John Main – full – five (5) on wait list – Cloverdale hosting the finals**

**e) 11U Chair – Mike Kelly**

- Prospects and MSET off the table
- No tiering at 11U
- Prospects should not have any tiering
- If they have tryouts and cut players that is considered tiering
- Interior may have prospects?
- Ineligible for summer play if tiering
- See John's report on 11U tiering – would need several rule changes – should come from the Associations

**f) 9U Chair – John Braaten – no report**

**g) Island – 15U / 18U – No Report**

**h) Island – 11U / 13U – No Report**

**i) Interior – 11U / 18U – Neal Dhaliwal – No Report**

**j) Interior – 13U / 15 – Ron Miciuk – No Report**

**k) North – Carmen Martin – No Report**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Banquet is cancelled – several Association expressed their disappointment
2. Hospitality suite is for directors, speakers and workers of the convention
  - “Loft Suite” is available – Anne to check with Sean Harris as hotel comps the room
3. 18U AAA – when to start the season – won't know until all teams have declared
4. Next meeting February 04 – Sandman Signature
5. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING 9:20 PM – S. King / S. McCann – M/S/C



## **ADDENDUM REPORTS**

### **Executive Report 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Braaten**

Early in December I hosted a call with a baseball organization inquiring about the possibility of joining BC Minor Baseball in the future and provided a map of potential step for them to follow. There was no follow-up discussions as of this date. I met with Vancouver Minor Executive members regarding their association boundaries and other concerns. Will work with them along with Pat to provide as much support as possible. Started to field various requests about bat rules for 2020 which were forwarded to the Rules Chair. I worked alongside with the Pathways Committee to help finalize the document along with Baseball BC's 2020 Championships and other member organizations. This was sent out in a mass communication during the month.

### **Administrative Director's Report – James Raymond**

#### **Website and Social Media**

- All league and Provincial pages ready to go live for 2020
- Need declarations for 15U AA and 18U AAA to set up team pages
- Campaign launch for 2020 Coaches Caravan
- Option available to go digital with our association forms (Rosters/Affiliation...) recommend discussion by the BoD to determine a course of action

#### **BC Travel Teams**

- Have identified and presented Wood Bat tournament options for 15U and 16U Team BC Selects located in Washington, the same weekend as previous years. Awaiting decision of the HP Committee to proceed with booking
- Administrative Support

#### **2020 BCMBA Coaches Conference Communications and Logistical support**

- Scheduling for 2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan
- Event registration/applications support and reporting
- Support communications for the BoD
- Follow up call out for Provincial Host Applications
- Follow up call out for BC Minor Baseball Annual Awards
- **Confirmation emails distributed for Caravan Stops**
- John Main registration support and reporting
- Updates and posts for events via website, social media, and email
- BoD document creation
- Completion of Policies segment draft copy will be working with Sanda to edit and finalize
- Continued work on Procedures segment draft

- Application for Gsuite for Non-Profits approved. Further discussion with the Executive required for implementation planning.
- Application to TechSoup as an eligible Non-Profit also approved. Currently in discussion with TS for clarification on our full list of available products
- Need to plan the replacement of AD workstation currently looking for quotes on hardware (hoping to access hardware program through TS)

## Marketing Committee Report

- Proposal received from CSTT for Provincial accommodations to be reviewed by committee for recommendations to the BoD
- Continued creation of 2020 Sponsorship package
- Distribution of promo materials for all upcoming events
- 2020 Season marketing plan in progress
- Development of Quarterly Events Literature

## Registrations/Applications Summary

| Event/Program           | Release  | Dates Due | Dates | Number of Applicants | Chair/Director |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|----------------------|----------------|
| College Prep            | Closed   | Nov. 19   |       |                      | Grant Butler   |
| Provincial Hosts        | Active   | Nov. 16   | 17*   |                      | BoD            |
| Coaches Caravan         | Closed   | Nov. 10   | 26    |                      | Mike Kelly     |
| John Main Invitational  | Active   | NA        |       | 20                   | John Braaten   |
| Coaches Conference      | Active   | TBD       |       | 22                   | 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 | Awar     | Oct. 15   |       | 1                    | Val Greenwood  |
| Coach of the Year       | Closed   | Dec. 15   |       | 5                    | Val Greenwood  |
| Player of the Year      | Closed   | Dec. 15   |       | 3                    | Val Greenwood  |
| Team of the Year        | Closed   | Dec. 15   |       | 3                    | Val Greenwood  |
| Umpire of the Year      | Closed   | Dec. 15   |       | 0                    | Val Greenwood  |
| Roll of Honour          | Closed   | Dec. 15   |       | 3                    | Val Greenwood  |

## Provincial Hosts 2020:

| Association Name                    | Dates                              | Number of Teams | Berth Distribution |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Richmond City Baseball 11U A        | July 30th - August 3rd             | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| Surrey 11U AA                       | July 30th - August 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| GVBA (Victoria) 11U AAA T1          | July 30th - August 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| Oceanside (West) 13U A              | August 6th - 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| Mission Minor Baseball (East) 13U A | August 6th - 9th                   | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| Salmon Arm 13U AA                   | July 30th - August 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| GVBA (Victoria) 13U AAA             | July 30th - August 3rd             | 10 Teams        | Summer Play        |
| Vernon 15U A                        | August 6th - 9 <sup>th</sup>       | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |

|                               |                                   |          |             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Mission Minor Baseball 18U AA | July 23th - July 27 <sup>th</sup> | 10 Teams | 2/2/1/5     |
| Campbell River 18U AAA        | July 23rd - July 26 <sup>th</sup> | 8 Teams  | League Play |

| Still Needing Applicants                 | Application Received | Number of Teams | Berth Distribution |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 11U AAA T2 (July 30th - August 3rd)      |                      | 10 Teams        | 2/2/1/5            |
| 15U AA Wild Card (July 18th - 19th)      |                      | 8 Teams         | League Play        |
| 15U AA (July 30th - August 3rd) Richmond | 12/16/19             | 10 Teams        | League Play        |
| 15U AAA Final Four (July 17th - 19th)    |                      | 4 Teams         | League Play        |
| 18U College Prep (July 23rd - July 26th) |                      | 4 Teams         | League Play        |
| Jr. Men's                                |                      | TBD             | TBD                |

## Committee Report 8 – Coaching Development – JOHN BRAATEN

I have been playing catch up and working with Mike Kelly on the Coaches Convention that we will be hosting next month. Mike had done much of the ground work already leading up to the 2020 Conference already since joining the committee as co-chair. We have also been in constant contact with David Laing of Baseball BC and their support of such along with the upcoming NCCP clinics.

I attended this year's ABCA in Nashville along with Mike Kelly. We spoke to many people including speakers, product representatives and many coaches. There were over 7,100 coaches in attendance, 300+ trade show booths and evening "Hot Stove" discussions each night. I am really impressed with the growth over the years of the "Youth Coaches Sessions" which seem to be growing in popularity with two full days of speakers. In attending the ABCA in multiple years I can see the continued value of participating on behalf of our membership as the event is not "stale" and is ever evolving (along with all the technologies here; almost overwhelming). We both presented ISG President Tom O'Connell (also inducted into the 2020 ABCA Hall of Fame 2020 Class this past weekend) with the BCMBA Meritorious award for the years of support from him and the ISG organization at the ABCA's International Meeting Friday night of the conference.

*On a side note: in between sessions 38 miles walked while here....so yes, I got my steps in!!!*

## MARKETING REPORT # 9 – JAMES RAYMOND

- Proposal received from CSTT for Provincial accommodations to be reviewed by committee for recommendations to the BoD
- Continued creation of 2020 Sponsorship package
- Distribution of promo materials for all upcoming events
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## COMMITTEE REPORT # 10 – JOHN BRAATEN

**Grassroots** - No update to report at this time as Baseball BC will be hosting a meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>. Will provide an update for February's meeting.

## RISK MANAGEMENT/ INSURANCE REPORT # 11 – JOHN BRAATEN

I spent some time working on a Risk Management reference page for the website. It is at this time to be used more of a guideline for members and hopefully would be helpful when associations have volunteer board member turnover. I will be discussing at the January Board Meeting to the Board of Directors for feedback and possible next steps.

## **AWARDS REPORT # 15 – VAL GREENWOOD**

The awards committee has selected the following to receive awards for the 2019 season

### **Female Awards will go to the following:**

- ✓ Outstanding Athlete of the Year – Ashley Losin
- ✓ Unsung Hero – Ella Duncan-Reda
- ✓ Rookie of the Year – Keegan Wong (16U)
- ✓ MVP – Co-Winners – Juliette Kladko and Tess Sawkins (16U)
- ✓ Rookie of the Year - Sarah Pengelly (14U)

### **Athlete of the Year:**

- Jared Hall – 15U AAA – Chilliwack

### **Coach of the Year:**

- ✓ Ron Dorland – North Langley Trappers – 11U AAA – North Langley
- ✓ Marty van der Loos – Surrey/Team BC – 15U A/National Team – Surrey
- ✓ RJ O’Neil – Tsawwassen – 15U A
- ✓ David Wood – North Langley Trappers – 15U AA – North Langley
- ✓ Kevin Nicholson - Township Blue Sox – 15U AAA - North Langley
- ✓ Scott Pankratz - Chilliwack Cougars – College Prep – Chilliwack

### **Team of the Year**

- ✓ Ladysmith 49ers 13U AA - Ladysmith
- ✓ Team BC - 16U National Team – Surrey (special recognition.

### **Roll of Honour**

- ✓ Alex Klenman – Richmond City – Builder/Coach
- ✓ Barb Howells - Richmond City - Builder
- ✓ Derek Howells – Richmond City – Builder
- ✓ Seelochan Beharry – Vancouver Community – Builder
- ✓ Dan Williams – Mission – Builder

## **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT # 16 – ABIGAIL WONG-DE LEON**

Congratulation emails, and Thank you emails were sent to all scholarship applicants last December 20, 2019.

The following six scholarship recipients were invited to attend the awards presentation on February 8, 2020, 12noon at the Langley Event Centre:

Ryan Shoji  
Zachary Morris  
Duke Howells  
Conall Sexton  
Noah Zimmer  
Marika Lyszczyk

They were asked to submit a short bio on or before January 15, 2020. The bios will be published in the awards program. Six (6) recipients have confirmed attendance.

### **15U – TREVOR MCGUIRE**

- **AAA**

From last December 1, 2019 report, there were 13 teams declared for 15UAAA and an extension granted (up until December 3) to North Delta for their declaration.

A total of 14 teams for 15UAAA.

The BCMBA Board approved 4 mergers at the December meeting, namely: Burnaby/Richmond, Coq Moody/Port Coquitlam/Ridge Meadow, North Langley/Aldergrove, and North Delta/Tsawwassen/Ladner.

On December 12, I received an email from Mike Holyk withdrawing Nanaimo's 15UAAA declaration. I anticipate 1 or 2 more teams withdrawing on or before February 15's deadline.

A motion to rescind the merger of North Delta, Tsawwassen and Ladner for a 15U AAA team will be put forward to the board. The discipline chair received a copy of the correspondence between 2 associations regarding the efforts of the declared coach in regards to soliciting parents and players in contradiction to the BC Minor Baseball Rulebook.

PLANS OF ACTION:

- Abigail created a scheduler Google form online for all 15U divisions.
- There will be a pre-season meeting in February at the Cloverdale Clubhouse.

- **AA**

The 15UAA declaration deadline was on January 1, 2020.

Reminders were sent to all associations.

15 from Fraser Valley, 9 from the Island, 5 from the Interior, and 1 Prince George = 30 teams declared for 15UAA.

These teams have up to February 15 to rescind their declaration.

Three approved merged teams and two pending approvals (\*\*) will be discussed at the January BCMBA board meeting.

### **FRASER VALLEY (15)**

|   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Aldergrove/North Langley (merged)                     | Burnaby                          |
| Chilliwack  | Cloverdale                       |
| North Delta   | Surrey/Newton (merged) **        |
| Ladner  | Vancouver Minor                  |
| Coquitlam-Moody/Port Coquitlam/Ridge Meadows (merged) | Vancouver Community              |
| Abbotsford  | North Shore (possibly two teams) |
| White Rock  | Richmond                         |

### **ISLAND (9)**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Cowichan Valley /Duncan/ Chemainus/Ladysmith/Salt Spring Island (merged) |                |
| Comox Valley/Port Alberni/Oceanside (merged) **                          |                |
| Nanaimo  | Campbell River |
| Victoria (5 teams?)  |                |

### **INTERIOR (5)**

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Kamloops                | Salmon Arm   |
| COMBA                   | West Kelowna |
| SOMBA                   |              |
| NORTH (1) Prince George |              |

#### **PLANS OF ACTION:**

- Created a scheduler Google form online for all 15U divisions.
- There will be a meeting in February at the Cloverdale Clubhouse.
- Wild Card date changed to August 1 and 2.
- 15UAA Provincials changed to August 6 – 9.

### **13U – JOHN BRAATEN**

I sent out thank you letter to associations that applied to host a 13U 2020 Provincial Championship and were not successful as Division Chair; and in-turn a congratulatory e-mail was sent out by each 13U Director responsible for their respective Tier in order to begin the communications needed leading up to Provincial Championship this summer.

I had requested feedback from other BCMBA 13U Directors regarding their observations about the division from past years and have also received inbound communications about 2019 season as well (prior to myself being named Chair) from associations with concerns. I will look to host a 13U Lower Mainland divisional meeting late January/early February and provide all associations minutes thereafter.

## 2020 JOHN MAIN – JOHN BRAATEN

Tournament is currently full (16 teams) along with a waitlist of four (4) teams. Cloverdale and North Langley will be co-hosting in 2020. Only a couple unpaid teams, but have been in communication re:payment. Waitlisted teams have been notified as such.

## 11U – JOHN BRAATEN

- Mike and I discussed the 11U tiering/development options for 2020. We got some good feedback from some people while attending the ABCA. In all conversations unfortunately all did say there should be some form of competitive spring option to of course compliment current “no tiering structure” as per rule which may affect player retention.
- Again, after discussions we came up with what is written below. Then we reviewed Grant’s 2018 proposal that did not make it to the floor and is essentially the same thing. Would like your feedback tonight so we can hopefully bring before the Board as an Article XX.
- 11U division tiering development is permitted and declared MSET programs must be declared by April 1st to Division Chair. Associations that declare tiering/MSET will participate in separate AAA T I or A T I Provincial Championships.
- The following rule 4.03 would have to be changed:
- AAA Tier I (declared tiered/MSET)
- AAA Tier II (no internal association tiering or MSET program; with registration of 84 or more players)
- AA (traditional AA player registration)
- A Tier I (declared tiered/MSET)
- A Tier 2 (no internal association tiering or MSET program)
- Now, in reviewing Grant’s 2018 proposed rule changes that got kyboshed by Mike and Stuart at the time is as follows which is essentially what we came up with:
- 8.07 11U (Mosquito)
  - a) Tiering is permitted subject to notice being given under rule 8.02
  - b) Member Associations that choose to tier may only play within their own Association and against other tiered teams of member Associations.
  - c) Players on tiered teams may only participate on tiered teams during summer ball. (ie: Players cannot move down)
  - d) Tiered Teams may play in member Associations tournaments subject to the member Association admission rules.
  - e) Player releases are not allowed (Players can't move if home Association does not offer Tiering)
  - f) If a member Association chooses to tier, the split in tiered and house teams must be 50%
- ...and

- Proposed Rule Option 1 of 2 Options
- 9.04 Number of Teams Required
- Associations must field teams for summer play at the appropriate level based on the size of the association or associations which merge as set out below;
- (A) 11U (Mosquito) Summer Play
- (i) For 11U (Mosquito AA and AAA), players who have not reached their 12th birthday by midnight December 31st of the current playing year. For 10U (Mosquito A) players who have not reached their 11th birthday by midnight December 31st of the current playing year.
- (ii) Only 11U registered players who have played in the 11U Division Spring League play and those approved to move up from the 9U (Tadpole) level under Rules 5.05 and 5.06 may participate.
- (iii) Tiered shall be for those teams composed of 11U (Mosquito) players, in any age combination for Associations that choose to Tier during the spring season. Tiered Associations are subject to rule 8.03 if found in violation of rule 8.03. Tiered Associations may field any number of AA teams if they have fielded at least one (1) Tiered Team and one (1) A Team.
- (iv) AAA shall be for those teams composed of 11U (Mosquito) players, in any age combination for Associations having 84 or more registered players in the Spring Season. A Second team may be fielded in AAA if at least one (1) A team is fielded and any number of AA Teams may be fielded if a A team is fielded.
- (v) AA shall be for those teams composed of 11U (Mosquito) players, in any age combination for Associations having less than 84 registered players in the Spring Season. A Second team may be fielded in AA if at least one (1) A team is fielded. AA Associations may request to play up in the AAA division for summer ball or may be directed to compete in AAA provincial tournament competition.
- (vi) A (10U) shall be for those teams composed entirely of 1st year 11U (Mosquito) players under 10.
- a) 2nd year players are not allowed on these team's subject to those players with physical or cognitive disabilities
- b) 8U players are not allowed to play up in 10U unless they played 11U all year and have a valid move up approval from the Eligibility Director.
- (vii) Team Evaluation: Any summer team, upon evaluation by BCBA Directors, requested or not, may be given the opportunity to move down or asked to move up one level of play should they make the Provincial Tournament.
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- Proposed Rule Option 2 if Option 1 fails
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- 9.04 Number of Teams Required
- Associations must field teams for summer play at the appropriate level based on the size of the association or associations which merge as set out below with the exception of those Tiered Associations that are not eligible for summer ball.