



# BC BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

British Columbia Minor Baseball Association  
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*Providing Canadian Youth Baseball Programs Since 1963*  
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Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
March 07/2017  
5:50 pm

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Mike Sarai, President
<b>Type of meeting:</b>	Board Meeting
<b>Minute taker:</b>	Val Greenwood
<b>Attendees:</b>	M. Sarai, V. Greenwood, G. Butler, M. Kelly, J. Braaten, R. Wearing, G. Rimer, A. Hayes, S, McCann P. Weatherill, F. Campbell, O. Germaine, E. Toneff
<b>Conference Call:</b>	T. Katelnikoff
<b>Absent:</b>	C. Martin, T. Chudyk, T. McGuire, L. Szabo, S. King
<b>Guest(s)</b>	

## 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM

## 2. President's Opening Remarks

- Will need thorough discussion on several items

## 3. Additions to Agenda.

- Player movement (see New Business)
- Player Release (see Eligibility Report)

## 4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: B. Butler / P. Weatherill**

**Motion to accept February minutes as distributed.**

**M/S/C**

## 5. Correspondence

**5.1** Executive Roster – Burnaby (Minor) – North Langley – Newton – Vancouver Minor

**5.2** Email – Dan Dick, President Abbotsford – 15U announcement

**5.3** Email – Jenny Belcher – Lake Cowichan – fund raising – Mike S. will look into this matter

- 5.4 Invoice – Tiara Catering – Coaches Conference Luncheon
- 5.5 Invoice – Sandman – Board Meeting – March
- 5.6 Email – Jeremy Hall, President Chilliwack – letter re: Josh Siemens
- 5.7 Email – Mark Siemens – release appeal
- 5.8 Player Release – Chance Padgman – Abbotsford to Aldergrove – 15U AA
- 5.9 Player Release – Raine Padgman – Abbotsford to Aldergrove – 13U AA
- 5.10 Email – Lynda Malkoske, tournament co-ordinator Ridge Meadows – application for 18U AA/Junior Men's
- 5.11 Email – via T. McGuire - Taylor Wright, Chilliwack – request to play down
- 5.12 Invitations to several Opening Days – Mike S. will attend Vancouver Minor for their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Ridge Meadows. Ray will attend Tsawwassen and Pat will attend Richmond City
- 5.13 Corrine Cordukes – Ladner parent – concerns on programming – Grant R. to follow up
- 5.14 Joe Stephenson – long-time Greater Victoria member – will have a field named after him in the Lambrick area
- 5.15 Sandman Inn – Invoice – board meeting March 07
- 5.16 – OUTGOING – M. Sarai, president BC Baseball – appeal decision for Josh Siemens

## 6. Business Arising

### 6.1 Nanaimo Web Site

- Promo for the PBL program
- Grant R. talked with Mike Holyk
- Item has now been removed

### 6.2 Provincial Vacancies

- **Jr. Men's – Ridge Meadows – August 12<sup>th</sup> weekend**
- **18U AAA – COMBA**
- **13U AAA – Ladner**
- **11U AAA Tier II – Grant B. to finalize**
- All teams are to complete schedule obligations
- **First commitment is the BC (Minor) Baseball programs**
- Teams bowing out or changing their minds will have fines issued to them
- Notice to be sent to all divisions

### 6.3 Athletics for Kids

- Details are being finalized and a press release will follow shortly
- Full details will be sent to the board prior to the April meeting

### 6.4 MOTION: M. Kelly / O. Germaine

- **Motion to move meeting "in camera".**

**M/S/C**

#### **6.5 MOTION: M. Kelly / J. Braaten**

- **Motion to move meeting “out of camera”.**

**M/S/C**

### **7. Director Reports:**

#### **7.1 President – Mike Sarai**

- Thanks to everyone who was involved with the Coaches Conference

#### **7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – John Braaten**

- February locally (Lower Mainland) is the start of the pre-season preparation for local Interlocks. I attended some of the local meetings and there is a common theme....growth in the number of teams declaring for spring play. As always there is a great sense of enthusiasm and conversation leading up to the beginning of April.
- I was able to assist the Coaching Conference Host Committee with sourcing vendors at the conference. We saw four local companies support the event over the weekend and is greatly appreciated! The conference was a huge success and the Host Committee is to be complimented on putting together such a solid line-up of Speakers and Instructors.
- I received a handful of phone calls/e-mails over the past month regarding clarification of various rules from parents seeking clarification/understanding which is standard at this time of year.

#### **7.3 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Grant Butler**

- **No Report**

#### **7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes**

- Need different way to register for conference and listing of payments
- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / E. Toneff**

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented**

**M/S/C**

#### **7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood**

Email Board vote –

**MOTION: P. Weatherill / M. Kelly**

**Motion to allow Josh Siemens to play 15U AAA at Chilliwack for the entire 2017 season. One (1) year**

release.

**M/S/C February 26, 2017**

#### **7.6 North – Carmen Martin**

- The North doesn't have too much to report at this time. I have reached out to both Quesnel and Terrace to introduce myself, and sent out an invite to attend one of the ice-breaker tournaments Prince George hosts for its spring (house) season. Prince George is continuing to run their Winter Ball program (all star players) along with a Development program (all players, all skill levels). Both programs will be finished at the end of March. Evaluations and tryouts will start in April.
- Numbers are expected to increase again for Prince George, and they are getting ready for registration March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7.7 Interior – Tom Katelnikoff / Terry Chudyk**

- Terry and I hosted a spring interior meeting this past Saturday March 4th. We had 26 people attend. I'd like to thank Trevor McGuire and Les Szabo for making the effort to drive up under very poor road conditions. The meeting went well there we're a few questions around some of the single season scheduling which have since been worked out.
- Trevor gave a report on 15U AA upcoming season. It looks like the interior will have 4 teams competing in this division. As well Les updated the group on the marketing and branding committee's ideas and directions. As well we brought the group up to date on the coaches' caravan stops and also locations for the interior high performance try outs.
- The meeting was obviously shorter as usual as a result of fewer board directors present. There was a usual Northern Interior meeting planned for Sunday March 5th. However it needed to be postponed due to uncontrolled circumstances. Most interior associations are reporting an increase in registration numbers. The interior registration number 2500 and 3000 players.
- Approximately 25 people attended – all seem content with how programs are being delivered
- Penticton will know Tuesday about the caravan
- Several associations are hosting umpire clinics as well as NCCP clinics. Both regional and provincial will be offered here.

#### **7.8 Island – Fraser Campbell / Eric Toneff**

- Meeting to be held March 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:00 am in Nanaimo at the Rotary Field House, 850 Third Street
- Mike Sarai will attend

## **7.9 Web Site – Tom Katelnikoff**

- Between now and April 1st most of our efforts of the website will be getting schedules posted and administrators set up for the different teams and divisions for the upcoming season.
- We posted a series of 3 articles that Bob Elliott sports writer for the Toronto Sun and the Canadian Baseball Network, wrote on the BC Baseball Convention.
- We should be grateful for this kind of coverage from writer of this caliber. At the peak the articles received up to 9000 page views, which shows our reach is getting better and more consistent.
- I felt the line-up of guest coaches at the convention was very strong and got feedback around that.

## **8. Committees:**

### **8.1 Boundary – Pat Weatherill/John Braaten**

- **No Report**

### **8.2 Challenger Liaison – Steve McCann**

- **No Report**

### **8.3 Coaching Conference – Mike Kelly**

- Need feedback from directors on how to improve
- Many thanks to all those who helped out during the conference
- Had a record number of attendees (260 including large number attending NCCP)
- Need to do sound checks
- Good feedback from those attending
- Could umpires have a session to work on umpire/coach relationship
- Should break down session into 13U and down and 14U and up

### **8.4 Coaching Development – Mike Kelly**

- **No Report**

### **8.5 Discipline – Fraser Campbell**

- **No report**

### **8.6 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill**

- 31 Try Out Release Requests received and approved.  
( All are Bantam AAA/AA and Pee Wee AA)
- 43 Releases approved:

1- 4U

4- 6U  
2- 8U  
4- 11U  
12- 13U  
20- 15U-A-4, 6-AA, 10-AAA

- Currently 5 releases awaiting signatures – 6 more have come in

Move Ups/Move Downs

5 approved move ups, all in the 11U Division.

1 request to move down, Bantam to Pee Wee, wanting to be able to play Summer as well.....Trevor

- Player release was signed off on
- Vancouver Community – 13U player wishes to play 15U AAA – no name was forthcoming, so not an issue at this time
- Vancouver Minor:  
  
Player played in the fall with Vancouver Minor – played with Vancouver Community last year  
Player has registered under 2 different address – one in each catchment area  
Need follow up information  
Player will be suspended until registered address is confirmed
- Associations need to do their due diligence for confirming address at registration time
- Pat will be taking time off for surgery in May – all release or question to go to Ray Wearing

#### **8.7 Girls – Val Greenwood**

- Spring Development camp will be held March 14 – 17
- Open to all girls 6 – 17
- Will be held at the Langley Events Centre – 9am to noon
- Register on-line at Baseball BC

#### **8.8 Grassroots – Grant Butler**

- **No report**

#### **8.9 High Performance – Mike Kelly/Orville Germaine / G. Rimer**

- Meeting to be held to discuss organization of camp
- Tryout dates are on the web site
- Make sure Les is in the loop for dates

#### **8.10 NCCP – Mike Kelly**

- In Camera

#### 8.11 Risk Management –

- No report

#### 8.12 Rules – Ray Wearing

- No report

#### 8.13 Scholarship – Grant Rimer/Ray Wearing

- No report

#### 8.14 Marketing – Les Szabo, Sanda King, Tom Katelnikoff, Trevor McGuire, Pat Weatherill, Steve McCann

- Completed:

Attended, discussed and presented concepts through individual discussions with regional associations at Vancouver Island Convention Feb 11, 2017

Attended, discussed and presented concepts through individual discussions with regional associations at BC Baseball Convention Feb 17 thru Feb 19, 2017

Attended, discussed and presented concepts through group and individual discussions with regional associations at Interior Spring Meeting March 4, 2017

Email sent to co-owner of Vancouver Canadians requesting meeting to discuss potential BC Baseball collaboration – awaiting mutually agreeable meeting date

Calls not returned from Breakfast Television individual – 3<sup>rd</sup> call placed – looking for new contact

One tent is in West Kelowna - 4 table cloths ordered (2 weeks to delivery) – Thank you Tom

New logo met with widespread approval in all discussions and presentations

Compiling history of BC Baseball – purpose is to show long term continuance of BC Baseball for Associations and potential sponsors

Clothing for BC Baseball order being completed for directors – Thank you Sanda

- March Action Plan:

Mid - March conference call to discuss:

Social Media Needs / Strategy  
Tournament Branding

- John Main Tournament

- Can-Am Tournament

#### Provincial Tournament Preparations

- Program template for Associations
- Advertising
  - Social Media
  - Community News

Finalize needs for cresting logo of “BC Select” jerseys

- **Forwarded:**

#### **Raise brand awareness:**

BC Baseball has over 20,000 members as players and coaches covering the entire province of BC

- Logo’d field banners at all facilities
- Logo’d banners for all tournament facilities
- Logos placed on BC Baseball apparel

#### **Good will:**

People often spend with their heart. Making an emotional connection to purchases builds brand loyalty. Seeing your brand connected to our non-profit drives this connection for consumers. Quite simply, it shows your brand cares enough to get involved at the community level. Your brand becomes more appealing.

#### **Media Exposure:**

- Press release announcing sponsorship
- Logo and link on website and on social media
- Branding on all BC Baseball brochures and events such as:
  - Coaches Caravan – Coaching fundamentals brought to the community level yearly
  - Coaches Convention – Annual high level convention at Langley Event Center

#### **Community Involvement:**

Exclusive title sponsor for “Playball”

- “Playball” will be a program where entry level baseball training is brought into the community elementary schools by active members of BC Baseball
- Done in January (month before registration) training done in one day in place of current PED training for that day
- Many successful examples currently ongoing within our association members and local elementary schools

#### **8.15 Umpire Liaison – Eric Toneff**

- Contract is up for renewal – discussion being held
- Would like to add John Main to allotments – plus paid supervisor (\$125) plus fee increase to \$35 per game per umpire



- John Main has traditionally been a “training ground”
- Would like to have an increase of \$5 for 2017 and another \$5 for 2018
- No increase in mileage
- \$10 meal clause – if doing two (2) games in a day (Provincial tournaments only) – receive \$10 or a voucher up to \$10
- Need better mentoring process
- North Island has no area representative
- South Island is short a supervisor
- Would like \$5 for Level III umpires at premium level games
- Current Provincial rates:

13U AAA - \$40 per game per umpire

15U AAA/AA - \$45 per game per umpire

18U AAA/AA - \$50 per game per umpire

Junior Men - \$55 per game per umpire if game is 7 innings

Junior Men - \$60 per game per umpire if game is 9 innings

- Future contract increases must come to up in September do they can be discussed at the AGM with Associations
- Umpire to attend Island meeting – need better training for Island umpires
- Will approve increase for the John Main and the rest will be brought to the AGM
- Associations are not prepared at this late date for further increase in umpire costs for Provincials

#### **8.16 Uniforms (BC) – Ray Wearing as presented by Orville Germaine**

- **No Report**

### **9. Division Reports**

#### **9.1 11U - Grant Butler**

- All is running well

#### **9.2 13U – Orville Germaine**

- **No Report**

#### **9.3 15U – Mike Kelly / Trevor McGuire**

- Meeting for 15U AAA will be held March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cloverdale Clubhouse starting at 1:00 pm until 4
- Schedule will be posted ASAP – changes need to be made
- List of teams need to go Anne

- **Bantam AA**

Preliminary schedule has been sent to all effected associations March 05/17

- **Teams to Date Fraser Valley and combined Interior Zone**

Richmond  
Tri City  
Cloverdale  
Vancouver Minor  
Abbotsford  
Burnaby (merged Burnaby & Burnaby South)  
Aldergrove  
Ladner  
Tsawwassen & Delta - merged  
North Langley  
Mission  
Central Okanagan  
Penticton  
Vernon  
Vancouver Community  
Ridge Meadows  
Chilliwack  
North Shore

- **Teams to date Vancouver Island Zone**

(5) Teams Victoria  
Cowichan Valley.  
Campbell River, Comox, Port Alberni, Oceanside, Powell River. (merged)

- **Teams to date Northern BC**

Prince George.

- **2017 Single Season schedule:**

- **Provincials U15 AA**

Victoria confirmed for Provincials  
San Diego tournament is now booked, accommodation and travel under review with (Orville)

- **Association Concerns**

Interior will have issues fielding teams for the required start date and we are presently working through the schedule to accommodate this.

- **U15 AA Single Season**

Single season start date will be April 5<sup>th</sup>/ 2016

- **Rule book**

Released to web site.

- **Miscellaneous:**

Several Interior teams and 2 Fraser Valley teams have agreed to play some exhibition games with the Northern Team at a neutral location. Victoria will include the selected team for the Provincial host berth at the April 01/17 roster date.

- **Bantam A**

Interlock scheduling will commence in the next 2 weeks.

- **Meeting:**

No Meetings scheduled

- **Rules**

No discussion (all inquiries referred to Ray.)

- **Provincials U15 A**

Surrey has applied and been accepted to host the 2017 15U A Provincials

- **Association Concerns**

No concerns to date

- **Rule book**

Released to web site.

#### **9.4 18U – Grant Rimer**

- Eight (8) AAA teams – Eight (8) team Provincial
- Nine (9) College Prep teams
- Schedule has gone out – worked best as could be with the requested blackout dates
- Any changes that need to be done – do between coaches and then let division director know
- North Shore has three (3) AA teams and one (1) AAA – dealing with field issues
- AAA teams need to be send to Anne

#### **9.5 Junior Men – Grant Butler**

- Meeting on Sunday
- Ridge Meadows will host final games

### **10. New Business**

#### **10.1 President's Meeting**

To be held in October most like on Skype  
Mike S and Val to do criteria and agenda – report for next month

## **10.2 Player Movement**

- Small in size
- Safety concerns play at 15U
- Wishes to play both Spring and Summer

**MOTION: O. Germaine / G. Butler**

**Motion to allow Taylor Wright (female) to play down at the 13U AA level for Spring for the 2017 season in Chilliwack.**

**M/S/C**

- For summer play needs to check out Girl's Program more thoroughly

**Motion to adjourn: 9:35 PM – P. Weatherill / G. Butler**

**Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 04<sup>th</sup> 2017 - location TBA**

**Other Important Dates:**

- Insurance is due March 31
- Registration information due ASAP (names, addresses, phone, date of birth, division and gender)