



## BRITISH COLUMBIA MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

*Providing Canadian Youth Baseball Program Since 1963*  
Rally Cap-9u-11U-13U-15U-18U-CollegePrep-JuniorMens  
Girls Baseball-Blastball-Challenger Baseball  
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### MINUTES October 2, 2021 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting at Sandman Signature, Langley

**Called to Order: 10:05 am**

**Attendees:** Grant Butler, John Braaten, Dave Garton, Anne Hayes, Val Greenwood, Tina Baker-Cornett, Al Forman, Mike Kelly, Raj Puri, Carmen Martin, Neal Dhaliwal, Steve Coleman,

**Absent:** Abigail Wong-de Leon, Marty Hall, Hugh Gurney, Marty van-der Loos, Brad Robinson, Ryan Carpenter

#### **President's Opening Remarks:**

Looking forward to the upcoming AGM, the February Convention and a regular 2022 baseball season as well as expecting much more participation not only from our member Associations but from our BoD's as well.

BoD Directors are reminded that as we head into the 2022 season that when we act in the role of a BC Minor Baseball Director we must wear our BC Minor "hat". The goal is to base our decisions on what is best for all members of BCMBA as our decisions are provincial and not just local. We aren't just thinking about what is impacting our local associations, but what effects our decisions will have across the Province. It can be hard to do that as most of our personal experience is historically speaking on behalf of our local association. What works for one region isn't necessarily going to work for all associations.

#### **Adoption of Minutes :**

- September 7, 2021 Minutes of Board of Directors
  - M - Anne Hayes
  - S - Val Greenwood
  - C

#### **Additions to the Agenda:**

- 18) AGM
- 19) Workshop Review

#### **Correspondence:**

- Rec'd new president info from Lake Cowichan Minor Baseball
  - New President – Rachel Zalinko [rzalinko@icloud.com](mailto:rzalinko@icloud.com)
- Tobias Horbas - Returning as President

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- New West – 18U for 2022 season, -> 18U Chair
  - Grant and Raj will connect via a call with TJ to sort out remaining details

## **Executive Reports :**

- 1) Grant Butler - President
  - No Report
- 2) John Braaten - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
  - No Report
- 3) Dave Garton - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President –
  - No Report
- 4) Anne Hayes - Treasurer
  - Still awaiting Financials from the accountants, will distribute upon receipt for review at the upcoming AGM
- 5) Abigail Wong-de Leon - Secretary
  - Was the TD (Tournament Director) for the 18U Fall ball Classic at Latrace Park.
  - North Shore has not submitted their Executive Roster Form (instead sent the link to their website). As such, North Shore is not in “Good Standing” Rule 1.03

### **Administrative Director - James Raymond**

- No Report
- A reminder to all BoD members please utilize the work request ticket system when you need work done.

### **President's To-do list request for James**

- Develop BoD meeting agenda templates for all monthly BOD meetings
- Investigate having minutes of all meetings transcribed from the recording
  - Transcription ranges from \$1.25 per recorded minute and up plus extras. We can get it done for \$1.25 per recorded minute (flat rate).
  - Carmen Martin - Based on the savings we are seeing from going virtual on our monthly meeting we should proceed with the transcription service
- Develop a Championship Handbook for all provincials for directors and coaches
  - Grant Butler - We experienced an instance in 13U this summer where a volunteer was empowered to run the tournament based on the reasoning that the division director could not find where the host information was kept. This will assist everyone.
  - James Raymond - We have a Provincial handbook and it is sent out to all Provincial hosts and it is also posted on our website. Having said that, it is a general event handbook and not specific to each division. Will update and create versions for all Provincial Tournament divisions.
- Grant Butler - Would like to see electronic rosters for 2022 Provincials.
  - James Raymond - We can do it. We will test functionality with Single Season rosters first.

## **Committee Reports**

- 1) Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)  
(Neal Dhaliwal-Hugh Gurney-Marty van-der Loos -Carmen Martin)

Review of Rule Changes and updates, separate email from Dave - Deferred to New Business

- 2) Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair) – No Report  
(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)

- 3) Discipline Committee: Grant Butler (Interim Chair)  
(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin - Neal Dhaliwal)
- There is a process to file a complaint with BCBUA regarding the quality of their work.  
[https://bcbua.ca/uploads/files/about/discipline\\_procedure.pdf](https://bcbua.ca/uploads/files/about/discipline_procedure.pdf)
  - BCBUA has no requirement for umpires to have a current Criminal Record Check. However as members under Baseball BC they may be required under that. Grant to verify.
- 4) Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) - No Report
- Al Forman - Burnaby will be hosting a Girl's Baseball High Tea event in January of 2022 as an introduction to Girl's Baseball and in an effort to promote participation.
- 5) Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) - No Report  
(Hugh Gurney - Al Forman - Raj Puri)
- Grant Butler - Currently in discussions with members and other leagues regarding a Jr. Umpire's program. The purpose is to assist member associations with recruitment and training of young umpires. The spinoff will hopefully result in more umpires for all divisions and longer retention. Baseball BC has shown interest in helping with this since it involves member-to-member participation.
- 6) High-Performance Committee: Vacant (Chair) - No Report  
(Mike Kelly - Al Forman - Marty Hall- Brad Robinson - Anne Hayes - John Braaten - James Raymond)
- Efforts are underway to build a resource Database for players to use in their effort to promote themselves to colleges and universities in Canada and the US. The goal is to add a player profile portal where each player can set up a recruitment profile and send the link to the target schools. Ron Miciuk was the creator of this feature/tool and we want to continue on the same path.
- 7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee: Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) - No Report
- 8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) - John Braaten (Co-Chair)  
(Al Forman - Raj Puri - Brad Robinson - Marty Hall)
- Certifications will be required for the 2022 season and training will be readily accessible. Fines and/or sanctions will be levied to coaches not meeting the requirements
  - Carmen Martin - There seems to be no opportunity for our coaches to be field evaluated as there are no evaluators in the Northern Region. Mike Kelly will investigate and provide solutions.
  - Girls Baseball - will have more presence again this year with expansion on the events we hosted successfully last year.
- 9) Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin) - No Report  
(Marty Hall - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- Looking forward to a busy 2022 for Marketing. Committee members will need to be ready to get things done.
- 10) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) - No Report  
(Al Forman)

- 11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair) - No Report  
(Anne Hayes - Dave Garton)
- No updates regarding COVID-19 restrictions. At this time Youth Sports are still exempt.
- 12) Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) - No Report
- 13) Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair) (Anne Hayes) - No Report
- 14) Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair) - No Report  
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- 15) Awards Committee: - Val Greenwood (Chair)  
(Mike Kelly - Raj Puri - Marty van-der Loos)
- We have received one Nomination for Association of the Year
  - 4 for the Roll of Honour
  - Waiting for nomination on all the other categories, will resend application links and forms. In the meantime, all forms can be found on our website under More+/Documents and by clicking on the Award Nominations tab. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/documents>
  - Committee needs to meet to determine selection process
  - Anne Hayes - Are we doing Player and coaches for only the Single Season this year. Mike Kelly - Yes. We have to for this year as all other play was exhibition only.
- 16) Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri (Chair)  
(Mike Kelly - Hugh Gurney - Al Forman)
- Applications are coming in. Applicants have until December 15th, 2021 to apply for the 2021 graduation year. Will be presented at the Coaches Conference.
- 17) Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)  
(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC)
- Review the qualifier document (sent to directors Sept 25)
    - All events on the same weekend. Concerns regarding umpires and multiple league(Little League and Babe Ruth) integration format.
    - Will take more time to respond with alternate suggestions
  - John's reply to winter baseball messaging from BBC

*My experience running my own modified-RCBA Winterball program in Richmond a few years back is this needs to be booked in schools in the prior year session (January-June) to meet timelines and budgeting usually with the PAC for the upcoming September start of school. I have historical registration increases to prove it works.*

*I was running upwards of six plus different schools for three consecutive years so there is buy-in on this.*

*Just think timelines and approaching schools is way off...may also depend on each school district. May be best for Baseball BC to approach a school district PAC president to then hopefully get support to drill down to each individual school. Which I did in Richmond.*

- John has volunteered to be on the Baseball BC High-Performance Committee as an observer.

- Grant:
  - Baseball BC has undertaken an exhaustive review of their policies and preparation of many more “Safe Sport” policies under direction of Baseball Canada
    - Steve Coleman - Lower Mainland, Carmen Martin - North Region, Dave Garton - Island Region, to assist in the review.
  - Some of these have been adopted, some have been tabled for revisions and some are coming up for review prior to adoption.
  - So the question is should we use a top down approach and adopt some or all of these and eliminate duplicate policies within our own rule book or refer to them when our own do not cover everything?
- Western and National championships dates
  - <https://www.baseball.ca/baseball-canada-championships>
  - Canada Games:** Aug 6 - 13, 2022 Niagara, ON
  - 13U National Championship:** Aug 25 - 28, 2022 Windsor, ON
  - 13U National Western Championship:** Aug 18 - 21, 2022 TBC
  - Ray Carter Cup (15U Championship):** Aug 25 - 28, 2022, TBC
  - 16U Girls:** Aug 25 - 28, 2022, Summerside, PEI
  - 18U Championship:** Aug 18 - 21, 2022, Fort McMurray, AB
  - Recent Baseball BC Qualifier Programming has been received, requires review.

#### 18) AGM

- Virtual - Viewing and voting process review. ( James )
  - HQ Enterprises was selected as the host this year and we will implement the same platform that we used for the Coaches Conference.
  - Voting will change formats as we don't require the same level of security that we used last year.
- Grant: All reports, Committee and Division, must be done using the BCMBA letterhead
  - James to make letterhead available, **if you can't figure it out, send it to James.**
  - The Annual Report will accompany the AGM agenda, **date to be set.**
- Reports from Chairs must be submitted by the November 2nd, meeting. Will go out to the Presidents by November 5th.
- Rule changes (Dave) need to be ready to send 3 weeks prior to AGM, Friday, October 22 ●
- Election Committee (Mike Kelly)
  - Confirm those directors whose terms are up if they are going to allow their names to stand

#### Director Election Table

Term Expires – November 2021	Term Expires – November 2022
1. Mike Kelly	1. Anne Hayes
2. John Braaten	2. Marty Hall
3. Val Greenwood	3. Raj Puri
4. Abigail Wong-de Leon	4. Al Forman
5. Ryan Carpenter	5. Marty van-der Loos
6. Grant Butler	6. Greg Bodnarchuk - Steve Coleman - 2021
7. Hugh Gurney	7. Brad Robinson
8. Neal Dhaliwal (Interior)	8. Ron Miciuk (Interior)
9. Tina Baker Cornett (Island)	9. Dave Garton (Island)
	10. Carmen Martin (North)

All members listed above in black have agreed to return and let their names stand. Need to confirm Ryan Carpenter and Hugh Gurney. (Hugh confirmed post-meeting)

Dave Garton - 2nd VP will chair AGM elections as the only Executive member not up for election.

## **Article V Government**

Parts Sec. 1:

The government of the British Columbia Baseball Association shall be vested in a board of 21 directors, of whom:

- a) two (2) will be from Vancouver Island; and
- b) two (2) will be from the Interior of the Province; and
- c) one (1) will be from the Northern region; and
- d) eleven (11) will be from Metro Vancouver the Fraser Valley, or the Sunshine Coast; and e) five (5) will be from any part of the Province of BC who may represent any intended to ensure regional representation for those areas which are unfilled by local regional representatives.

“At each Annual General Meeting, following the election of directors, the Affiliated Associations shall elect from the Board Members the following officers, for a term that expires at the Annual General Meeting: President and Treasurer in ODD numbered years and the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary in EVEN numbered years. The election of Officers shall not exceed the term of their directorship.”

Motion to go In Camera

M - Steve Coleman

S - Al Forman

Motion to go Out of Camera

M - John Braaten

S - Al Forman

### **19) Workshop Review** - Minutes for each meeting were published Sept 19

Grant: Would like to distribute a Survey Monkey (following the AGM) to member Associations inquiring about the need for the workshops and if we shouldn't make it a one day virtual workshop.

- Spring and Summer workshops would then break out into regional rooms for regional interlock planning.

### **Divisional Reports -**

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes - No Report

b) 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly

- Fall Ball Classic Review/Report
- New Westminster Committee Report
- 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly
  - College Prep Applications have been reviewed, results tbd.
- 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney - No Report
- 18U AA - Raj Puri
  - Set up Google list of associations interested in offering 18UAA fall play to connect coaches to set up their own schedules.
  - Fall Ball options being offered by numerous associations.
  - No inquiries from the conclusion of the Summer Season.

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes

- 15U AAA - Anne Hayes
- 15U AA - Dave Garton.
  - Chair discussion/review on 2022 AA programming
- We need to evaluate how we will run a single 10-team Provincial event for both tiers
- Island region 15U AA teams will be required to travel off the Island for 2022
- 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal

d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten

- Proposed Survey Monkey regarding 13UAAA Single Season (Workshop item)
  - 22 responses to date with 10 of them in favour of a 13U AAA Single Season (the larger associations seem to be in favour)
  - We would look at tiering AA similar to the Ontario model
  - We would also review registration numbers for declaration
  - Additional survey to go out with a proposed model
  - Tina Baker-Cornett - How will that impact the registration numbers rule?
  - John Braaten - we will have to review and adjust if needed
  - Grant Butler - The Interior/North and Island regions would depend on neighbouring associations to participate.
  - Carmen Martin - It will be hard for associations like Prince George due to the lack of neighbouring associations
  - John Braaten - Scheduling and Travel will need deep study as the primary concern is travel at this age. More modeling needs to be drafted.
  - Tina Baker-Cornett - Mainly concerned that we build a really sound model before we launch to avoid the challenges we have seen prior to COVID in 15U AA.
  - Grant Butler - I'd like to see another survey go out with a clearer model of what it will look like and getting feedback on the potential variables. This allows us to have a fruitful discussion at the AGM and hopefully be in a place to implement for 2022 rather than another year go by.
  - John Braaten - yes, that is the intention.
- 13U AAA Summer - Marty Hall – No Report
- 13U AA - Al Forman – No Report
- 13U A - Marty van-der Loos
  - Once things opened up, teams got games in
  - There wasn't standing or provinces but players and coaches were happy to be on the field.
  - Next year might be a tough year for the 13U division as most players coming up will have missed 11U completely
  - due to covid shutting down the league.
  - I think it is something the board should be aware of as potentially the numbers and calibre to ball could suffer
  - in the 13U division as a whole for the 2022 season.
- 13U John Main Tournament 2022 - John Braaten - No Report

e) 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett – No Report

f) 9U - Chair - John Braaten - No Report

g) Island - 18U and 15U - Dave Garton – No Report

h) Island - 13U and 11U - Tina Baker-Cornett – No Report

i) Interior - 18U and 15U - No Report

j) Interior - 13U and 11U - Neal Dhaliwal – No Report

k) North - Carmen Martin – No Report

**New Business:**

Motion to go in camera

M - Neal Dhaliwal

S - Dave Garton

**Rule Changes and/or Additions (Dave)**

- Age divisions (Girls)
- Tryout Approvals
- Releases
- 18U Roster size (20U Girls)
- Pitching and Catching same day
- 9U Pitching rules for tournaments
- 9U Catcher interference
- 9U Obstruction

**Others:**

- Bats
- Discipline procedure
- Eligibility
- Coaching certification/NCCP requirements
- Teams playing across age groups
- Teams playing other programs (like Little League or PBL)
- Overage players cannot pitch.
- Change in Discipline process: notification (Grant)

**Next Meeting:** November 2, 2021 –

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2:27 PM