



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

*BC's Largest Youth Baseball Organization Since 1963*

Rally Cap - 9U - 11U - 13U - 15U - 18U - Junior Men's

Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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### BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - June 23, 2020 – Amended Minutes Meeting done by conference call

#### Board of Directors:

**Conference Call:** G. Butler, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, R. Miciuk, A. Wong-de Leon, S. McCann, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond, R. Wearing, H. Gurney, C. Martin, M. Hall, D. Crone, D. Garton, N. Dhaliwal,

**Absent: None:** T. Baker-Cornett (joined mid meeting)

Call Meeting to order: 7:02 pm

#### President's Opening Remarks:

- Thank you to all the Directors with your efforts to date and the Province opens up.
- To all our Member Associations and their volunteers, thank you for your efforts to date also.
- Your continued support if the RTP guidelines is needed more than ever going forward.

#### Adoption of Minutes

- **MOTION: D. Garton / J. Braaten**

**Motion to accept June 02 minutes as distributed.**

**M/S/Val**, the minutes need a quicker turn-around time going out to the Associations/**C**

#### Additions to the Agenda:

- **None**

#### Correspondence:

- **Secretary** - email – Peter Kuchanoski, PPE Division Manager, Shelter Point Distillery – hand sanitizer – Referred to James - put on web as a resource and information only
- Notices and communications with Baseball BC
- June 18, 2020: Question regarding releases from South Burnaby – see Rules Committee

## Business Arising:

### a) Article XX – motion to allow BCMBA to make Covid season work

Due to recent Return to Play Guidelines surrounding COVID-19 and possible upcoming changes to those guidelines, plus any differing direction from BC Public Health, BCMBA needs to have flexibility outside of our normal rulebook to facilitate baseball for 2020.

#### ➤ MOTION: D. Garton / A. Hayes

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#### ➤ MOTIOM TO AMEND: D. Garton / A. Hayes

Motion to amend date from October 31, 2020 to “after the BCMBA AGM in November 2020”  
**M/S/C**

#### ➤ AMENDED MOTION:

“The BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA) Board of Directors may make adjustments/interpretations of the current BCMBA rules and implement temporary rules as needed to accommodate baseball for 2020. This motion and any rules created or adjusted under it expire after the BCMBA AGM in November 2020, and there is no requirement to bring these rules to the AGM in November 2020.”

**M/S/C**

### b) Scholarships for 18U players that did not play this year

In discussion: Are we opening the scholarship application for this year for Grade 12s (18UAA, 18UAAA, and College Prep), as we might not have a 2020 season given the current situation?

- Grant: recommends tabling to next year
- Anne: we currently do not have the money since no affiliation fees have been received.
- Hugh: Open it up for 2020 players in 2021
- John: suggested reviewing the associations' affiliation forms to see how many 18U players are registered.
- Steve: There will be revenue coming in from the Association's registrations, can't some be used to Fund scholarships? In favour of granting scholarships this year.
- If there will be no scholarship granted this year, can the current players apply for next year? (as an exception)
- Neal: Noted that the 2019 scholarship application form did not have a graduation date.
- Abigail will review the scholarship application form and make the necessary changes.
- Suggestions: (1) Ray: To increase next year's scholarship money to \$5,000 and consider including this year's applicants along with next year's. (2) Table the scholarship till next year.
- The discussion was tabled to the next meeting, Abigail to review applications for graduating year

## Business Arising (continued)

### c) Provincials Championships

- 11U, 13U A, 15U A, 18U AA Provincial Championship Tournaments have all been cancelled.
- 13UAA host Salmon Arm has back out due to no team, 13U AA remains suspended.
- Should all non-single season Provincials be cancelled?
- *Note: as of this date practice only of 10 players and 2 coaches for all Baseball BC members*
- Baseball BC has determined that, starting July 10<sup>th</sup>, full roster team practices may begin (no games)
- All Single Season schedules have been re-done to possibly start July 15<sup>th</sup> with NO OVERNIGHT TRAVEL AT THIS TIME and will come down to “Final 4” (described below)
- Prince George teams have not been included in schedules to date, due to current travel restrictions.
- Need to call them something other than Provincials, establish as “Final 4”
- Call it “Final 4” and if Prince George is involved call it “Final 5”
- Island and Interior will have day travel only at this time for games if/when permitted by Baseball BC

### d) Allow overage in 18U next year if Covid non-players wish to play

- Will depend on numbers, limit needed per team
- They can play Junior Men's
- Put a rule forward at the AGM and let the Membership decide

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

### 1) President – Grant Butler

- Much work has been done by James and John regarding Return to Play messaging and posting of materials for our Member Associations to use in developing their own RTP plans
  - Thank you and much appreciation to you both
- I've heard reports and, seen for myself, parent groups “practicing” without approved RTP plans in place and perhaps without municipal approval. It seems however that these groups are justifying this behavior by using the explanation that they are just parents at the park/field. Hard to argue against, however, the lack of social distancing or any other safeguards required by our Provincial Health Authority should be very concerning to everyone involved and to all volunteer based amateur sports associations. The behavior of the few may cost the opportunity to RTP not only for small groups but perhaps for the entire league, the entire sport or even all amateur sports.
- I have reported an incident to our Directors and Officers Insurance Brokers according to the language in our policy as follows; *In the event of an occurrence likely to result in a claim under this insurance, immediate notice should be given to the Coverholder.* At this time the report and the persons involved are being withheld until an opinion from our broker is returned.

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

- Report will be noted under “Risk Management”
- See John's full report in the “addendum reports” at the end of the minutes

### **3) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – (Open) - No Report**

### **4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes**

- No financials as it is not a month end.
- We have enough money to carry through until April, but just barely.
- Recommend Baseball BC will only receive funds if we get any affiliation fees.

### **5) Secretary – Val Greenwood**

- Cloverdale registration received for Single Season teams

### **6) Administrative Director – James Raymond**

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

- Source and promote sport-related training and educational opportunities (NCCP/Coaching Live Streams/Athletic Performance Webinars/ Etc.).
- Updates and Posts to inform and educate on COVID-19 RTP status
- Build and launch BCMBA Member Resources page for RTP process  
<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>
- 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 – Tournament has been cancelled officially. SE has offered a credit to another 2020 event in lieu of a refund. Have responded explaining why that won't work and have asked for a refund or credit toward a 2021 event.

#### **Administrative Support**

- Distribution of Survey regarding RTP Status of member associations
- Preparation of Survey report for BoD. (Included as a separate document)
- Compile and submit RTP Amendment report to Baseball BC
- Support communications for the BoD.
- BoD support with new email implementation and shared folders set up.
- 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

#### **Marketing Committee Report**

- No Report

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Rules Committee** – Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing - No Report
  - South Burnaby correspondence regarding releases being required
  - If not offering program players may go elsewhere
  - Depending on how release is written will determine if they come back
  - Possibility that players go elsewhere and play to the final four (4), then they will revert to home association if they wish for the fall
  - Committee to review and come back with recommendation – probably will be done on a case by case basis
2. **Eligibility Committee** - Tina Baker-Cornett (Co-Chair)– Neal Dhaliwal (Co-Chair)– Abigail Wong-de Leon
  - Approval given to Linden Hicks to play down at the 15U AA North Island Cubs for the 2020 season
3. **Discipline Committee**  
Ray Wearing (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon - No Report
4. **Girls Baseball Committee** – Val Greenwood - No Report
5. **Umpire Liaison Committee** – Dave Garton – Neal Dhaliwal – Grant Butler – No Report
6. **High Performance Committee** – Mike Kelly (Chair) – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – John Braaten – James Raymond – No Report
7. **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** - Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – No Report
8. **Coaching Development/Training/NCCP Committee**  
Mike Kelly - John Braaten (Co-Chair) – Ron Miciuk, Raj Puri, Doug Crone, Marty Hall
  - Baseball BC is running NCCP
9. **Marketing Committee**- James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Sanda King – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett – No Report
10. **Grass Roots Committee** – John Braaten (Chair)
  - No update currently. Will review Grassroots Phase 1 document with Board once in-person meetings begin as it is an in-depth document.
11. **Risk Management / Insurance Committee**– John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes

BCMBA posted our Return to Play Guidelines June 8<sup>th</sup> based on Baseball BC's RTP document June 6<sup>th</sup> :  
[https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/15f1-2180612/2020-06-08.1 BCMBA RTP Letter.pdf#\\_ga=2.201402261.586461951.1592852696-1244100830.1592275594](https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/15f1-2180612/2020-06-08.1 BCMBA RTP Letter.pdf#_ga=2.201402261.586461951.1592852696-1244100830.1592275594) Baseball BC return to play (RTP) updated guidelines were last updated and released June 15<sup>th</sup> which was posted via their website and BCMBA resent to our member associations. The document is fluid and can be updated as needed by Baseball BC based on updates by the Ministry of Health, viaSport and other stakeholders.

BCMBA Member's "Return to Play" protocols are to be developed and in place for each association planning on returning to the field of play, posted online and submitted to their respective local city for approval. Adult, volunteer and player releases must be signed by **all** those coaching/participating/watching in the modified season (**no exceptions**). All BCMBA COVID-19 resources can be found here:

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/5788253-bcmba-covid-19-resources>

Player and coach affiliation registrations must be submitted and paid to BCMBA in order for players to have insurance prior to be on-field for activities. Association Affiliation documentation can be found here:

<https://cdn4.sportngin.com/attachments/document/dfa3-2148348/Member Association Affiliation Package.pdf# ga=2.264186632.586461951.1592852696-1244100830.1592275594>

BCMBA cannot stress this enough it is return to practice once only all necessary protocols and member requirements are in place. As per Baseball BC's RTP Phase 2 planning there is to be no more than 10 players and 2 coaches to start on-field social distancing skills training. Teams can practice twice per week at this time only. NO internal scrimmages or game play is allowed at this time. Safety is first and foremost with no timeline for return to game play at this time.

**12. Challenger Baseball Liaison– Steve McCann (Chair)**

- Mission has withdrawn from hosting the 2020 Jamboree

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

- Source and promote sport-related training and educational opportunities (NCCP/Coaching Live Streams/Athletic Performance Webinars/ Etc.).
- Formatting of Honour Roll and Hall of Fame for consistency complete.
- Daily SM posts and updates.
- NEW Youth Athlete Development Page launched

<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)

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

- Have received final Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy for Admin position.

**15. Awards Committee – Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri – No Report**

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

- Discussed under Business arising

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

- Chris Balison is the new President of Baseball BC
- Grant Butler – Vice President
- Ted Hotzak – Secretary/Treasurer
- Ray Wearing stepped aside to allow John Braaten to sit on board
- Board will be reviewing all committees
- Until July 09 practices may consist of two (2) coaches and ten (10) players. Starting July 10<sup>th</sup> will team practices may start

## **DIVISIONAL REPORTS:**

- a) **25U (Jr. Men's) Chair** – Anne Hayes
  - Season has been cancelled – needed July 01 start date
- b) **18U Chair** – Ray Wearing – No Report
  - **18U AAA** – Hugh Gurney – At this time, there 10 of the original 13 teams wanting to play.
  - **18U AA** – Raj Puri – No Report
- c) **15U Chair** – Anne Hayes - No Report
  - **15U AAA** – Ron Miciuk – No Report
  - **15U AA** – Abigail Wong-de Leon – No Report
  - **15U A** – Doug Crone – No Report
- d) **13U Chair** – John Braaten No Report
  - **13U AAA** – Marty Hall –No report
  - **13U AA** - Steve McCann - No Report
  - **13U A** – John Braaten - 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
  - Dave noted that Comox has suspended all play and some others, Nanaimo, Laritz, Carnarvon are planning on summer play.
- 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**
  - Quesnel has cancelled season
  - Prince George – 13U and up – RTP mid-July
- **NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Motion to Adjourn meeting – 8:53 pm – C. Martin / D. Garton**

**Next meeting July 14th – Conference Call at 7 pm**