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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – Jan. 5th, 2021

Meeting done by Google Meet

Board of Directors:

Meet Video: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, A. Wong-de Leon, V. Greenwood, R. Puri, M. Kelly, M. Hall, N. Dhaliwal, R. Miciuk, T. Baker-Cornett, H. Gurney, A. Forman, B. Robinson, M. Van der Loos, C. Martin

Absent: G. Bodnarchuk **Administration:** J. Raymond

Call Meeting to Order: 7:02 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

Happy New Year to the BCMBA Board of Directors and our Member Associations, and I, like you, am looking forward to Return to Play in 2021 and hopefully the RTP guidelines and messaging will allow for house play this year and our Provincial Championships.

From my experience I've found that most people think of volunteering as a soul-sucking thankless endeavour and there at times I wouldn't disagree. However, there are times when you might think that you've added something to the sport and those participants engaged in your circles. You never really think that you or your sport might receive recognition, but for BCMBA, 2020 is one of those times.

It is to the latter that I, along with the rest of the BoD's, past and present, congratulate Anne Hayes, BCMBA Treasurer in receiving the 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award from Baseball Canada on Dec. 10thth.

https://www.baseball.ca/anne-hayes-wins-baseball-canada-volunteer-of-the-year-award?fbclid=IwAR1RFEQ_99NcykI3nUgH6egCgLwrxh156uNCIUoMSgX8K_CPhnaqMKF4DMA

This was certainly a humbling experience but there was more to come as on Dec. 20thth, the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference received the 2020 Baseball Canada Event Recognition Award. Congratulations to all those who worked with Mike Kelly, again, past and present, in earning this award.
<https://www.baseball.ca/bc-minor-baseball-coaches-conference-receives-2020-baseball-canada-event-recognition-award>

Congratulations also go out to Anthony Pluta of Victoria in capturing the Baseball Canada Coach Developer Award, which is handed out annually to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and excellence in the delivery of NCCP coach education to baseball coaches in their residing province.
<https://baseball.ca/anthony-pluta-captures-baseball-canada-coach-developer-award?fbclid=IwAR2Kmbczq9KxZjE3yGysM4hdLUFhBgt2INGj1jhGalC4HPwqn0I0q8s7UxQ>

Congratulations again and thank you for all that you do for the sport of Baseball.



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Adoption of Minutes :

- December 1st Minutes of Board of Directors
Motion: T. Baker-Cornett/H. Gurney
Motion to accept the Dec. 1st BCMBA BOD meeting minutes
M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Spring workshop dates

Correspondence:

- Secretary: Abigail sent the Society Filing docs
- President: Discussion with Cranbrook in entering an 18U AAA team this year (see 18U AAA)
- President: Correspondence with Baseball BC (See Baseball BC)

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Review BoD request: Ryan Carpenter
Motion: J. Braaten/D. Garton
Motion to bring Ryan Carpenter to the board
M/S/C

Executive Reports :

- President – Grant Butler
2020 was a year no one wants to see again, but 2021 is still in question as the Covid Pandemic encompasses the world so our Baseball programming will, like 2020, be under strict control from the PHO and hopefully our baseball community will hold up to those standards and not put ours and/or other sports in jeopardy of being locked down. Our continued efforts will go a long way this year, and I trust everyone will do their best in communicating this. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me and or John Braaten. Please note, that all messaging in these regards must continue to go through John first. From there, John engages Baseball BC and then has James, our Administrative Director, message our membership. It is extremely important that this process be carried out so we, as one, provide consistent and up to date information.
- 1st Vice President – John Braaten
 - See Report in Addendum Reports
- 2nd Vice President – Dave Garton
 - Reminder to BODs to please submit their “conflict of interest” document.



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4. Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- Motion to accept the Financials as presented/ N. Dhaliwal, S/ V. Greenwood, /C

5. Secretary – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- The 2020 BC Society Annual Report, the Bylaw Alteration Application, and the Notice of Change of Directors were filed on Dec. 9th, 2020.
- I will contact Ryan Carpenter to obtain his information and add him to the Notice of Change of Directors.

Administrative Director: - James Raymond

- BCMBA BOD Drop-in GSuite Q&A on Thursday, Jan. 7th, 2021, from 7 pm – 8 pm
- See Report in Addendum Reports

Committee Reports

1. Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)

(Neal Dhaliwal-Hugh Gurney-Marty van der Loos -Carmen Martin)

- An updated version is completed
- Will be posted on the website by the end of the week
- Are we printing hard copies? Last year we published 224.
- Will electronically send a copy to association presidents and hold off on printing for now.

2. Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair)

(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)

- One pending release request, waiting for the committee to review.

3. Discipline Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) - **NONE**

(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin)

4. Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NONE**

5. Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)

(Hugh Gurney - Al Forman - Raj Puri)

- Umpire's contract will have to be reviewed
- Grant will forward to Dave what he had put together previously

6. High-Performance Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair)

(Mike Kelly - Al Forman - Marty Hall- Brad Robinson - Anne Hayes - John Braaten - James Raymond)

- Programs are pending depending on our current Covid situation and the decision of the PHO.



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7. Boundary and Affiliation Committee: Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair)
 - I will be in contact with the affected associations next week.
 - Dave: Salt Spring and Victoria – no discussion yet. Don't foresee anything changing
8. Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) - John Braaten (Co-Chair)
(Al Forman - Raj Puri - Brad Robinson - Greg Bodnarchuk - Marty Hall)
 - Committee met today, Jan. 5th
 - There will be approximately 25 sessions for the virtual coaching conference in March.
 - The committee is currently fine-tuning the topics for discussion – Grassroots, High-Performance, Umpires, and NCCP are a few of the topics
 - Speakers are local Canadians and some from the US
 - There will be a minimal cost to attendees to cover the overhead cost of the conference
 - Mike will contact Baseball BC on NCCP
 - NCCP question: What is BC Minor's requirement for coaches?
 - We will implement what is written in the rulebook.
9. Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin)
(Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
10. Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) - **NONE**
(Greg Bodnarchuk - Al Forman)
11. Risk Management / Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair)
(Anne Hayes - Dave Garton)
 - Anne has requested an RFP from another insurance company
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
12. Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) - **NONE**
13. Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair)
(Anne Hayes)
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
14. Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair)
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)
 - Committee will meet in February for an annual review of Admin position.
15. Awards Committee: - Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NONE**
(Mike Kelly - Raj Puri - Marty van-der Loos)



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16. Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri (Chair)

(Mike Kelly - Hugh Gurney - Al Forman)

- See Report in the Addendum Reports

17. Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)

(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC, Ron Miciuk Strategic Plan Committee)

- Grant: I've had discussions with Baseball BC's new President, Chris Balison, regarding BBC and its role and deliverable. We seem to be on the same page. Chris is doing a complete review of the Baseball BC business model and procedures to bring those up to date. I'm looking forward to being part of that process.
- John: RTP guidelines and messaging. Will be attending a Sport Safe meeting with BBC.
- Ron: A SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.) analysis has been circulated amongst the Baseball BC BoD's to build a template moving forward.

Divisional Reports -

1. 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes

- The teams cannot even have their practices with the current PHO rules

2. 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly

a. 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly

- i. Will hold a meeting by the end of January.
- ii. Hoping to start with cohorts and then move to a full season.

b. 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney

- i. A total of 4 teams have declared – Kamloops, North Island, Cloverdale, and Prince George

c. 18U AA - Raj Puri – **NONE**

Trail has submitted their paperwork to join BC Minor. They are going to participate in the College Prep program.

Cranbrook wants to enter 18UAAA in ways of joining tournaments. Just like PG, BC Minor will have to consider giving them a berth to the provincials.

3. 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes – **NONE**

a. 15U AAA - Ron Miciuk

- i. 11 teams declared. (Although, rumour has it, Tsawwassen may withdraw?)
- ii. No island teams declared

b. 15U AA - Dave Garton

- i. Between 8-9 teams have declared
- ii. The deadline is Feb. 1st

c. 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal – **NONE**



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4. 13U - Chair - John Braaten
Discussion with 13U directors of Baseball Ontario regarding programming model and hope to be talking to others in the Western Canadians
 - a. 13U AAA Summer - Marty Hall - **NONE**
 - b. 13U AA - Al Forman - **NONE**
 - c. 13U- A - Marty van-der Loos - **NONE**
 - d. 13U John Main Tournament - John Braaten
 - i. On stand-by
5. 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett – **NONE**
 - Greg Bodnarchuk
6. 9U - Chair - John Braaten – **NONE**
7. Island – **NONE**
 - 18U and 15U - Dave Garton
 - 13U and 11U - Tina Baker-Cornett
8. Interior – **NONE**
 - 18U and 15U - Ron Miciuk
 - 13U and 11U - Neal Dhaliwal
9. North - Carmen Martin
 - I reached out to Quesnel to see their plans and see if the president is still the same.
 - Prince George canceled their winter program for 13U and below. The 15U and 18U are going ahead.

New Business:

- Spring Workshops via Video Conference
 - Lower Mainland – Mar. 3rd
 - Island – Mar. 4th
 - Interior – Mar. 8th
- Provincial Hosts
 - Victoria will be submitting 2 applications – 11UAAA and 13UAAA
 - Surrey will be submitting 2 applications - 13UAA and 15UA
 - James to send out an expression of interest to all association presidents re: provincial hosting

Motion to adjourn the meeting – 7:50 pm – C. Martin

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 2021, 7 pm, Google Meet



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January 2021 Board meeting

Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

Grant and I met with the new President of Nanaimo Minor Baseball last month re: introductions and programming. Lots of communication with associations as 2021 registration across the province are opening. Most of this is dealt with under Risk Management.

Archived the last of the paper files and uploaded them to BCMBA Shared Drive for file sorting.

Committee Report 2

Eligibility Member

Will defer to the Chair. Brief discussion with Neal prior to January 1st

Committee Report 6

High Performance Member

Will defer to the Chair as have not been part of any discussions.

Committee Report 8

Coaching Co-Chair

Have had multiple discussions with the committee regarding setting up virtual 2021 Coaching Convention up to and including today. We have been in contact with Baseball Ontario regarding their upcoming virtual convention in two weeks and their process of putting this on. I will be attending the ABCA virtual convention later this week and will be using observations to possibly use in our convention.

Committee Report 10

Grassroots Chair

No update at this time.

Committee Report 11

Risk Management

As we have been advised by Baseball BC they will be streamlining documentation for 2021 for all organizations in the province. We will advise members accordingly to use for the upcoming 2021 season once finalized.

Have received many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns.

Friendly reminder, we are all still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date. Associations please be prepared to "instruct/train" coaches/volunteers that were not part of any RTP in 2020. It is not at this time a return to traditional play or training. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask BCMBA as there are a number of member associations that did not have any programming in 2020 and have not done any preparation or posting of protocols on their respective website.

Committee Report 17

Baseball BC

In constant communication regarding Return to Play updates (as already noted in Risk Management). Also completed a requested SWOT analysis by Baseball BC.

Working with Baseball BC, along with Grant on a "Safe Sport" working paper.

Divisional Report "D"

13U Chair

Now that the membership approved all 13U motion changes from the AGM this past November the next step of the Directors is to review programming at all levels. The division Directors have held an initial online chat to discuss looking forward in 13U. We have reached out to other PSO's for information on how they run 13U provincially with historical references on how they got there and reasoning thereof (what works, what doesn't work & any potential changes they may be looking at, etc.).

John Main

2020 entries are still held for 2021.

Given we are all under RTP Phase 2 many unknowns. Have already reached out to 2020 co-hosts and all are standing by for 2021.

Divisional Report "F"

No report.

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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Administrative Director's Report

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Website and Social Media

- Update BCMBA Director's page with new BoD members - still need headshots for Tina, Marty, and Greg.
- Audit Complete - Updates applied, 2021 Seasons built and staged, Affiliation docs updated, COVID-19 resources updated

Administrative Support

- BoD member support for GSuite set up
- COVID-19 Member information distribution
- Follow up AGM reporting for BCMBA Members
- Support communications for the BoD
- Distribute and post BCMBA Policies and Procedures Manual
- Ongoing communications with BCMBA Member associations regarding RTP, affiliation, and follow up to 2020 AGM
- Write and provide rationale supporting Baseball BC nomination of Anne Hayes for Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year
- Write and provide rationale supporting Baseball BC nomination of the BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference for Baseball Canada Event of the Year
- Set up and distribute new GSuite credentials for directors and chairs in their new roles
- Adapt and distribute BoD duties survey and results
- Create "How to" guides for GSuite procedures and features
- Prepare GSuite training sessions content
- Offer live GSuite training sessions
- Organize and file scanned archive documents
- GSuite drop in Training sessions will be offered weekly or more frequently if demand is there

Marketing Committee Report

- Will need to look at how to best approach the 2021 season in regard to helping member associations drive registrations
- Will need to explore ways to promote the safe participation in local programming
- Will need to promote the naturally RTP compliant nature of baseball and the preparedness of our member associations



Grant Butler <president@bcminorbaseball.org>

Eligibility Report

1 message

Neal Dhaliwal <eligibility@bcminorbaseball.org>

4 January 2021 at 15:42

To: BCMBA BoD's <bod@bcminorbaseball.org>

I have had 1 request for player move up.. decision made.

1 request for player movement. Decision pending

ADOPTED



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18U AAA Report

January 2021

3 associations have declared 18U AAA teams for the 2021 season:

- Kamloops
- Cloverdale
- North Island

Cloverdale has announced a new Head Coach for the 18U AAA team:

- Mike Dance

Currently preparing for a full season schedule with "Cohort groups" similar to 2020. Will have to monitor the Covid situation for changes to the RTP procedure. Awaiting a move back to Phase 3 of RTP to allow gameplay. Teams will have to begin 2021 under Phase 2 of RTP.

Team declarations are to be in by February 1st.

Nothing else to report at this time.

Hugh Gurney
18U AAA Director