



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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December 7th, 2021 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

Meeting hosted via Google Meet

Directors in Attendance: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, J. Raymond, C. Martin, R. Puri, N. Dhaliwal, B. Robinson, N. Van Dyk, R. Hall, H. Gurney, M. Hall, T. Baker-Cornett, S. Coleman, M. Van-Der Loos, M. Kelly, D. Cabalfin, D. Michaud

Meeting Called to Order: 8:00 pm

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- Please introduce yourselves before speaking as the meeting is being recorded
- No further remarks

Adoption of Minutes :

- November 2nd, 2021 BoD Meeting
 - Motioned: S. Coleman
 - Seconded: C. Martin
 - M/S/C
- November 13th, 2021
 - Motioned: C. Martin
 - Seconded: N. Dhaliwal
 - M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Conflict of Interest form - all forms have been submitted
- Criminal Records Check: Grant has forms and has drawn up new letter for those that need it.

Correspondence:

Secretary -

- Society documents filed/to be filed
- Executive Rosters: Ladysmith, Richmond City, Enderby, South Burnaby, Nanaimo, Ridge Meadows, Cloverdale, Vancouver Minor
- Boundaries: Cloverdale, Vancouver Minor
- Team Declarations: Cloverdale (15UAAA/15UAA)
- Karen Morgan - New Westminster - inquires for 18U for 2022
- Question from Frank Peebles, Prince George President; Does the President of Prince George automatically become the Northern Director?
 - Carmen; He is well aware of process and procedure
 - Grant: I'll consider it looked after unless we hear back

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Convention - discuss under new business

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler, Items discussed under correspondence and additions

First VP - John Braaten, See report

Second VP - Dave Garton, No Report

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials
 - Motioned to accept financials: J. Braaten, Seconded: S.Coleman, M/S/C
- Anne - sent out working budget for everyone to see how money will be spent
- No questions, Motion to accept working budget for 2021/2022
- MOTION: C. Martin / M. Van-Der Loos, M/S/C

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Thanks to Jamie for giving me a hand with the agenda and minutes

Administrative Director - James Raymond: See Report

- You must be in the Google Chrome browser to log into your accounts
- Grant Butler - Committee assignments have been done. If you wish to change anything please make it known and we will work it out. We're trying to bring in experience, support and succession planning into these discussions.
- John Braaten - for new board members, we took into consideration what you put down for your preferences.
- Grant Butler - there is a lot of experience and support - don't hesitate to call anyone or give me a call

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee -

- Grant: I've talked to Carmen and called Daniel to co-chair rules committee
- Daniel Michaud: Yes. I will take on the role. Will need guidance and support from the previous chair.
- Anne: Didn't you put more people on Rules?
- Grant: Yes I did - I was going to ask Hugh Gurney and Ryan Hall - both are on board
 - You will need to be available for our tournaments and mostly in the summer
- Dave - Late March and early April when single seasons start - lots of questions I will be there as back up if you need me

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Neal Dhaliwal - Steve Coleman - Dino

- Request are coming in
- Will Process within 7 - 10 days after receiving completed document

3) Discipline Committee - Dave Garton / Hugh Gurney / Raj Puri / Neal Dhaliwal

4) Girls Baseball Committee - Val Greenwood / Marty Van-Der Loos / Al Forman

- Val: Committee will be having conference call Wednesday January 5th

- 5) Umpire Liaison Committee - Grant Butler / Raj Puri, See report
 - Nick: I think we should consider a fresh face on the Umpire Liaison
 - Grant: That's why Raj is on the committee - I plan on talking to Rhonda this week
- 6) High-Performance Committee - Mike Kelly / Brad Robinson / Al Forman / Daniel Michaud / Marty Hall
 - 13U, 15U and 18U chairs are also on the HP committee in non-voting role
- 7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman.
- 8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - Mike Kelly / John Braaten - co-chairs / Raj Puri / Al Forman / Nick Van Dyk
- 9) Marketing Committee - James Raymond / Raj Puri / Ryan Hall / Dino Cabalffin See Report by James
 - Grant: James is chair of committee for continuity
- 10) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten / Steve Coleman to co -chair
- 11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee - John Braaten / Anne Hayes

Anne will deal with the insurance and James will share insurance folder again for continuity

Grant - I would like to thank John for all the work he has done on the risk management, the return to play and pulling all things together
- 12) Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman
- 13) Website Committee - James Raymond / Anne Hayes / John Braaten / Nick Van Dyk - See report by James
- 14) Human Resources Committee -Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri
- 15) Awards Committee - Val Greenwood / Mike Kelly / Raj Puri / Marty Van-Der Loos
 - Nominations close
 - Team of the Year - no nominations, Dec. 31, 2021
 - Player of the Year - one nomination, Dec. 31, 2021
 - Coach of the Year - two nominations, Dec. 31, 2021
 - Umpire of the Year - one nomination, Dec. 31, 2021
 - Roll of Honour - 12 nominations, Dec. 31, 2021
- 16) Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri / Al Forman / Hugh Gurney / Dino
- 17) Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler / John Braaten

Both sit on Baseball BC board, mostly doing liaison with them in regards to qualifiers for Westerns and Nationals

- *Daniel Michauld has joined the call* - Grant: Is co-chairing the Rules committee with Carmen agreeable?
- Daniel: Yes, that would be okay
- Dave - back to the Discipline Committee - Ryan wants less - we don't have an Interior person - maybe if Ryan drops off and we put Neal there
- That would then give us Island, Interior and Lower Mainland
- Neal is good
- Grant positions are not written in stone and can be switched

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes / Al Forman

b) 18U - Chair - John Braaten

- 18U College Prep Director - Mike Kelly
- Not much happening as we will be having a virtual meeting December 12th at 10:00
- 18U AAA Director - Dave Garton
- 18U AA Director - Raj Puri
- The 18U and 15U Interior director will be Neal Dhaliwal
- The Island director for 18U and 15U will be Dave Garton

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes

- 15U AAA Director - Anne Hayes / Steve Coleman
 - o There have been 13 associations declare their intention of fielding a 15U AAA team this season
They are: Chilliwack, Cloverdale, COMBA, Cowichan Valley, Kamloops, Nanaimo, North Shore, Richmond/Ladner, Ridge Meadows, Salmon Arm, SOMBA, Township and Vancouver Community
 - o This is an increase of 3 teams from 2020
 - o We will be having the team meeting in February after the drop out date of February 15th, 2022
- 15U AA Director - Hugh Gurney
- 15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal, No Report

d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten

- 13U AAA Director - Marty Hall
- 13U AA Director - Al Forman
- 13U- A Director - Marty Van-Der Loos, No Report
- 13U John Main Tournament Director - Marty Hall and John Braaten to co-chair
- 13U Interior and 11U and 9U director will be Dino
- 13U and 11U on the Island - Tina Baker-Cornett

e) 11U - Chair - Co-chairs - Dave Garton / Daniel Michauld / Nick Van Dyk and Tina Baker-Cornett

- Dino Cabalfin in the Interior would also be available to help

f) 9U - Chair - John Braaten / Dino Cabalfin

g) Island 1 - Dave Garton, 18U and 15U

h) Island 2 - Tina Baker-Cornett, 13U and 11U /9U

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal, 18U and 15U

j) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin, 13U and 11U / 9U

k) North - Carmen Martin

- Carmen will cover all divisions in the North
- There is a concern that The North will only be going to Kamloops due to highways
- Report - I've reached out to both Prince George and Quesnel for updates - inquired about new board information and any upcoming winter training activities - will provide more of an update if I hear back before meeting. I spoke with Prince George about the 13U AAA single season proposal and will work with them moving forward to see if they can try and make it work for 2022

Committee Reports - (Where applicable)

Rules Committee: Grant - Asked for a review the new Baseball BC policies under Safe Sport

Discipline Committee:

- Nick: New rule at the AGM -communications to the President was made through division director, then President to coach
- Grant: That was changed on the floor, such that the coach and president would be notified
- Nick: Chair of division and President be notified NOT the coach - the coach should get it from the president.

Boundary/Affiliation:

- Grant - Asked that the rule where boundaries are turned in every year at the AGM be reviewed. We need to get a rule change allowing for no changes and a review of what's on the map is needed.

Baseball BC Committee

- Grant: Discussions on pathways to Western and Nationals have been held with PBL, Baseball BC. Baseball BC wants us to include Little League in our Provincials - I told them no as we go from 10 to 12 teams if we must find a way for them to be at Provincials, which would make another day necessary along with a bunch of other things. Need to talk to Little League first to see if they are interested

Grant to Raj: Have you heard anything on New Westminster at the 18U

- Raj, they were told to start process for becoming a society
- John has been in touch with Karen on process

Marty Van-Der Loos - Is the league shutting down for the Summer Games at the 15U, games are in Prince George July 21 -24?

- Anne - 15U provincials been moved a week to the August long weekend, league won't be shut down completely

John 13U single season proposal

New Business:

Provincial Hosts:

- Still seeking and accepting applications for all events
- Final Four events do not guarantee the host a berth in the bracket

Baseball BC Pathways to Westerns and Nationals

- Grant - We've already talked about that. I'm going to be in discussions with Baseball B.C. and Little League, and try to sort out the Little League/ Babe Ruth opportunities. Now, as far as the Board is concerned, I've told them that we are going back to our traditional Provincials. Do we want Little League or Babe Ruth in our traditional Provincials? Do we have consensus here on the Board that this is where we want to go? Are we... Or, would you prefer us to invite non- B.C. Minor teams into our Provincials? I'm seeing no. I believe we're all on the right track there, so I'll continue with that. I will keep you abreast of what happens.

2022 BCMBA BoD Meeting Dates:

- January 4th, 2022
- February 1st, 2022
- March 1st, 2022
- April 5th, 2022
- May 3rd, 2022
- June 7th, 2022
- June 25th, 2022 Provincials meeting (in person)
- July (Provincials)
- August (Provincials)
- September 6th, 2022
- October 4th, 2022 (Rules meeting)
- November 1st, 2022 (AGM prep)
- November 12th, 2022 AGM - *tentative*

Other meeting dates:

- Single Season meetings - Determined by division chairs
- Spring Workshops - March 8th, 2022
- Summer Season members meeting - TBD
- Fall Workshops - September 13th, 2022

Agendas

Agenda items are to be submitted the Friday before the meeting in order to have them added to the agenda

Convention

Anne Hayes: I have to bring up one other thing from the convention: we were going to run an in-person convention, and we were going to have a banquet on Saturday night. We will need someone to step up and phone all the presidents to see if they're interested in coming, if they want to buy tables. We need to know now if somebody is willing to do that, because if they're not, we're going to have to cancel the banquet on Saturday night.

Dave Garton: I kind of agree with Anne. We need a central point, or at least a central message. I'm happy to send it to the Island... Tina and I can contact everybody on the Island, but we need the details.

John Braaten: I think what Anne's looking for is for someone to run point on the actual banquet, to help with this... Mike and I are already doing the conference, but I can help with the banquet. I'll need somebody to assist, cause when we're actually there getting ready for the silent auction, the seating, all that type of stuff.

John Braaten: Someone, preferably local here that can assist me.

Steve Coleman: I don't mind helping with whatever you guys need.

Grant Butler: I think we'll sit down with Val and we'll go through the association list with directors, and we'll assign them like we have in the past so that we have a local presence. Then we'll fire that out with the poster that James draws up nicely for us.

Val Greenwood: Yeah, because a lot of the times where we've had those director's assignments, it was for stuff like this

Nick Van Dyk: What's the contingency plan for the conference if we get Omicron'd?

John Braaten: Then we go back to virtual.

Grant Butler: Are we not doing virtual and in person?

John Braaten: This is both, we're still planning that, but we'll have to see where it is in February.

Grant Butler: So, it's going to be virtual regardless, but hopefully it's personal. I guess, Nick, like everything right now, it's kind of a bunch of balls up in the air.

Anne Hayes: If we're doing it virtually, and in-person... If the in-person gets cancelled, how can we run the virtual if it's supposed to be a live stream of the in-person?

James Raymond: I would bet that what you'd probably do, I'm assuming— unless they lock down travel— is you kind of would have to host it with empty rooms and still have your presenters do their thing unless they lock down buildings.

Grant Butler: That would be the safety net on that, right? We're going to record it anyway and have it available afterwards, so to have it beforehand kind of looks after that also. But, that's so many balls in the air on that one.

I'm going to leave it to the Committee to bring things along, and I think we're getting pretty close to being able to get some items out, right John? The streaming, the event stuff, Steve helping out with the... Anne with... Help with the banquet... All right, anything else anybody?

Grant Butler: Do we have anything else to talk about/bring up/discuss?

Daniel Michaud: ... The shared Drive and all that stuff, I don't know how to access that. Maybe I'm missing something... I've received e-mails regarding B.C. Minor but nothing about accessing a shared Drive.

James Raymond: Excellent segway... One of the things we do, our Board uses Google Workspace, so with everyone now having Director assignments, I am going to be assigning their Gmail emails. With that comes a Google Drive account, similar to Microsoft Teams. What we're going to do is I'm going to set up orientation meetings with each Board member. We'll go through how it works, we'll go through the year and what your important dates are, and how to access all those different folders and drives.

Also, I do offer orientation. There are a number of different people with varying levels of experience and background using this, so some need the help, some don't. All you need to do is send me a link. I do video tutorials, and I'll even jump on a Google Meet call and walk you through it as well. I'll start working through that, probably with the newest Board members first. You'll get that over the next week. I'm going to start sending out your e-mails and credentials.

James Raymond: As a point of order, certainly you want to clean up any personal stuff, but I do recommend that you leave Legacy stuff there, specifically in areas where people ask you questions. So that way you're consistent in that respect. That's why we want these Google accounts set up. That way when you hand the keys over to the next driver, they're familiar with it.

Grant Butler: Okay, I think we're done. Anything else tonight?

Next Meeting: January 4, 2022

Meeting Adjournment at: 10:17 PM Motioned: Dave Garton



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Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

Had multiple inquiries regarding proposed rule changes recently at the AGM which was forwarded to the committee. New Westminster (NWBA) had restarted inquiries about affiliating particularly at 18U AA and awaiting further follow-up from them. I recently worked with the executive board regarding the upcoming 2021/22 divisional directors and committee members. Looking forward to returning to traditional programming this coming year!

Committee Report 2

Eligibility Member

Committee Report 6

High Performance Member

Committee Report 8

Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair

Mike and I have been working through finalizing the 2022 BC Coaches Conference speaker and high performance schedules. Promotion for this should begin shortly with the new Marketing Committee. Just starting initial planning for the 2022 Travelling Caravan as well. More update to come.

Committee Report 10

Grassroots Chair

No report.

Committee Report 11

Risk Management

No report. No changes since AGM to report.

Insurance

Committee Report 17

Baseball BC

Continuing with the rest of the board on strategic planning for the coming years. Will be BCMBA's representative on their High Performance committee.

Divisional Report “D”**13U Chair**

Chaired the 13U AAA Single Season committee. Please refer to the previously communicated document that had gone to association presidents and to BCMBA board of directors for a proposed Article XX motion.

John Main

No report.

Divisional Report “F”**9U Chair****John Braaten****1st Vice President****BC Minor Baseball**



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Administrative Director's Report

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Website and Social Media

- Website audit underway
- We will be rolling over the season to 2022 on all pages
- Need headshots for Nick, Ryan, and Daniel (Otherwise I get creative, tastefully)
- Create and document procedure for single-season team registration via BC Minor website

Administrative Support

- 2021 AGM planning and implementation
- Collect, format and distribute AGM packages for Financials, Rules, and Reports
- Set up and distribute BoD forms for Societies Act, Conflict of Interest, and 2022 Roles
- 13U AAA Single Season planning committee support
- BoD Google Workspace credential updates
- BoD Google Workspace orientation planning

Marketing Committee Report

- Coaches Conference promotional materials
- Caravan creative layouts
- Awaiting finalized format (virtual element) to launch. Should launch by December 11th, 2021
- The upcoming focus will be on set up and orientation of the new Marketing committee, Coaches Conference promotion, Coaches Caravan promotion, and HP promotion



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Meeting Agenda

College Prep- 10am, Sunday December 12th, 2021

Google Meet Virtual Event

Introductions

- Mike Kelly, 18U CP Director 18ucp@bcminorbaseball.org
- Roll Call:

Tricity Thunder

Kamloops RiverDogs

Cloverdale Nationals

Penticton Tigers

Kelowna Sun Devils

Ridge Meadows Royals

Chilliwack Cougars

VI Mariners

Trail Orioles

South Fraser Giants

North Fraser Nationals

Overview of last season

- Regular Season
- Post Season
- Final Four

Review

- 2022 COVID-19 Season Impact and Risk Management - Expectations
- Manager, Coach, Player, and Parent – Code of Conduct

Scheduling

- 48 game schedule vs. 40 game schedule
- Start date: 48 Games - April 2nd/40 Games - April 9th
- Scheduler info sheet, email completed form to treasurer@bcminorbaseball.org
 - Blackouts, field times, lights? Events, field availability ie: open for play

- League wide blackout – 16U Development Camp weekend, College Showcase weekend
- Rainout/Makeup Games. Both teams need to arrange the games within 1 week.
 - This applies to all teams except if one team is from out of town or traveling teams. Home team sets the reschedule date. Games not played or cancelled will be fined \$500.00. For the benefit of travelling teams, please make it a point to cancel before teams begin to travel.

Playoffs format

- Top 8 teams play off starting July 16th, 2022
- Final Four Championship weekend July 22 - 24, 2022

Provincial Winners Travel

- Update

Westerns/Nationals

- Top BCMBA CP team plays top PBL Senior team (Three game series)

Fall Classic Tournament

- Fall of 2022

Coaches Conference

- Update

Scholarships

- Update

Round Table

Reminders

- Iscore is mandatory for all College Prep leagues
- Scores should be submitted within 24 hours after the game.
- Home team should give 30 mins BP for visiting teams.

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15U Chair Report

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