

	<p>BC BASEBALL ASSOCIATION British Columbia Minor Baseball Association PO Box 33511, Surrey Place Postal Outlet, Surrey, BC V3T 5R5 Web Page: http://www.bcbaseball.ca/</p> <p><i>Providing Canadian Youth Baseball Programs Since 1963</i></p> <p>Rally Cap * 9U * 11U * 13U * 15U * 18U * Junior Men * Challenger</p>	<p>Executive Board Meeting Minutes Jun. 23, 2018 9:00 am</p>
Meeting called by:	Mike Sarai, President	
Type of meeting:	Board Meeting	
Minute taker:	James Raymond	
Attendees:	M. Sarai, J. Raymond, A. Hayes, T. Chudyk, G. Butler, S. Drysdale, M. Kelly, T. McGuire, L. Szabo, P. Weatherill, J. Braaten, C. Martin	
Conference Call:		
Absent:	V. Greenwood, G. Rimer	
Guest(s)		
1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM		
2. President's Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Review and accept resignations of Sanda King and Steve Mcaan.● Appointment of interim coverage for the vacant leads:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Challenger - Mike Sarai○ 13U A - John Braaten○ 13U AA - Anne Hayes○ 13U AAA - Stuart Drysdale○ Rules - Stuart Drysdale		
3. Additions to Agenda.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 13U AA LL Player		
4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes		
4.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ MOTION: C. Martin/P. Weatherill <p>Motion to accept Jun. 5 minutes as distributed.</p>		

5. Correspondence

5.1 Letter from member regarding the process for selection of yearly annual award of association of the year. Specific to deadline, board discussion and identified January 2019 board meeting date as deadline.

5.2 Letter from Jolene Grant of Ladner regarding Super-T forwarded to M. Kelly for follow up

5.3 Parent of 18U Div. player offering compliments to coach Brent and Steve as well as association for great work with players and parents. Recommended to create and add a referral/testimonial page for BC Baseball website

6. Business Arising

6.1 Field growth – Letter complete, to be forwarded to J. Raymond for final edit then distributed to all member association presidents

6.2 Provincials dates regarding reserve day for rainouts. Should it be Monday or Tuesday. Discussion lead to determination that Monday should be reserved for Rain Out Contingency. 12 team tournaments to be started on the Wednesday to allow for extra games.

6.3 Keeper banners - Les to pick up.

6.4 Medals - Picked up and distributed

6.5 Baseballs - 138 Dozen already. Low return count from last years Provincial tournament. More baseballs required. ****Note**** Record year for number of teams participating in Provincial tournaments. Trevor to buy another case (10 doz.)

6.6 BC Baseball marketing banners - complete and received

6.7 BC Baseball event canopies - currently have four in inventory. Recommendation that number be increased for future events

7. Director Reports:

7.1 President – Mike Sarai

- No Report

7.2 1st Vice President – John Braaten

- Request from member association presidents for Presidents conference call with M. Sarai. October scheduling (tentative)
- Discussion - Presidents pre-AGM breakfast meeting in lieu of Presidents conference call. Message to be sent out to incumbent presidents to advise of intention for Presidents conference call/breakfast and to determine most suitable time.

7.3 2nd Vice President – Grant Butler

- Cloud shared documentation - tabled until August meeting

7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- No report

- Printer for Administrative Director - Approved

7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood

- No Report

7.6 Administrative Director – James Raymond

Administrative Director's Report June 23/2018

BC Travel Teams

- 16U Tournament has switched host city venue to Enumclaw, new accommodations have been secured. Player dues inbound. Jerseys and hats have been ordered.
- 15U All players paid in full. Jerseys and hats have been ordered. Request sent for traveller's information along with equipment listing for Air Canada.
- 13U had a successful weekend placing 5th out of 16 teams with a 4-1 record. Their one loss was a one run 7-6 final score. Feedback from players and coach was stellar.

Finance

- With only one Team BC Camp in the books will look to get the other two in before prepping budget for next year.
- With planning for coaches conference and coaches caravan underway, will use 2018 numbers and build in increase to set budget prior to August meeting.

Sizing Boxes and Provincial Banners

- Sizing boxes not ready as of yet. Alex has prioritized the uniforms for Team BC and will get those in production prior to focusing on the sizing boxes. Will keep us updated.

15U Bantam AAA

- Season winding down. Inter-tier weekend underway with all but three teams competing this weekend. Chilliwack, Kamloops and Kelowna all idle this weekend.
- Discussion with John Powell around the security risk of players providing their BC ID numbers when submitting rosters and the exposure to possible identity theft. Upon further consideration the board may wish to consider either providing a secure online portal for submission of sensitive documentation. Or, simply omitting the ID number and stipulate that BC copies be kept on person for verification at any time.

Marketing and Sponsorship

- Original contract sent was seeking a three year commitment from BC Baseball. Advised Traveling Teams that we are seeking a one year term to ensure membership satisfaction and promised experience. Negotiated a one year "opt out" clause. Awaiting updated contract as next

7.7 North – Carmen Martin

- Quesnel very happy to have the opportunity for their players to participate in summer ball season with PGYBA and hope to see the continued fostering of the sport between the communities.

7.8 Interior – Terry Chudyk

- All associations are busy working on preparation for the summer program after making their declarations. See below following teams and zone hosts:
- 11U A Teams-Vernon, COMBA Zones= best of three
 - 11UAAA T-I Teams- COMBA, Kamloops Zones= best of three
 - 11UAAA T II Teams- Kamloops, Vernon, SAMBA,SOMBA, W. Kelowna, COMBA Zones= Kamloops
 - 13U A Teams- W. Kelowna, SOMBA, SAMBA, COMBA Zones=SOMBA
 - 13U AA Teams- COMBA, Kamloops, SOMBA Zones= Kamloops
 - 13U AAA Teams- Vernon, W. Kelowna, COMBA, Kamloops
 - 15U A Teams- Kamloops, SOMBA, COMBA Zones= ?
 - 18UAA Teams- Kamloops Zones= Not Required

Still waiting for a host for 15U A in the interior should have in place this weekend.

- Iain MacIntyre appointed as second Interior Division rep.
- Discussion to be had with Iain about ability to attend zones

7.9 Island –Eric Toneff / Mike Holyk

- One item I have brought up with James is the creation of a document that explicitly explains the declaration process as well as identifies the Division Directors for Summer. This speaks to the practical issue is that each year we have a good amount of turnover at the local association level that looks for direction come Summer Season. Lastly I have attached a copy of a Zone format piece that the Island put together a few years back that provides some guidance on Zone Play.

Division	Host	Zone Date	Provincial Date	Teams Declared
Tadpole Jamboree	NMBA	July 13-15th	N/A	3
Tadpole Regional	Carnarvon	July 6-8th	N/A	12
Mosquito A	NMBA	June 27/28	Aug 3-7	3
Mosquito AA	Ladysmith	June 27/28	Aug 3-7	6
Mosquito AAA - 2	Oceanside	June 27/28	Aug 3-7	5
Mosquito AAA - 1	TBD (Vic, Nan)	TBD	Aug 3-7	2

Pee Wee A	Vic	Aug 3-5	Aug 9-13	10
Pee Wee AA	Comox	June 27/28	Aug 2-6	3
Pee Wee AAA	N/A		Aug 2-6	2
Bantam A	Campbell River	Aug 3-5	Aug 9-13	5
Bantam AA	N/A		Aug 1-4	6
Bantam AAA	N/A		Aug 3-7	3
Midget AA	Only one team declared (CR/Comox)		Aug 2-6	1

- Nanaimo has authored an outstanding sponsorship package that is used to present to potential sponsorship candidates. Recommendation to other associations to develop something similar in their efforts to secure further funding from sponsors
- M. Holyk attended VMBA meeting as a guest will continue to liaise and cultivate a strong working relationship

7.10 Web Site – John Braaten / Stuart Drysdale

- Will remove need for Birth Certificate registration number from roster forms
- Will remove NCCP # requirement from roster forms, will eventually replace with BCBA registration number
- Some concerns expressed, given recent issues, on the stability of our website host to manage the back end during the upcoming summer season. John to prep notification letter in the event of technical challenges through key events
- Discussion around identifying and contracting a key event correspondent to attend, record and report on events as they occur in order to provide more communication with BC Baseball member associations, players and their families during key events.

7.11 Rules - Stuart Drysdale

- S. Drysdale to send out call for recommendations on rule changes for 2019

8. Committees:

8.1 Coaching Development:

- Conference plan will include breakdown of departments, tasks and leads for each department
- Questionnaire to be sent out inviting presidents/coaches to suggest topics for speakers deadline for submission Oct. 1
- Conference speakers in place may also add Andre LaChance and/or Greg Hamilton

8.2 Marketing – Les Szabo / James Raymond/ Trevor McGuire / John Braaten

- Banners completed and in hand
- Sourcing out vector format files for crest and game boards

- Recommended that the new logo be used for the Provincial swag
- Will apply to travel teams who win Provincial championship

8.3 Girls – Val Greenwood

- Nanaimo ID camp - short on turn out. Recommendation on venue movement/selection
- Communications may have fallen short - audit for improvement
- Recommendation from M. Holyk to update divisional contact chart and forward to Presidents, publish online

8.4 Challenger - Mike Sarai

- Golf event went well
- Dinner - BC Baseball recognition not being communicated clearly enough. Bias is toward Little League. Communicated to host. Apology received, was an oversight and completely unintentional. Intent to improve moving forward on future events
- Jamboree had a good turn out and was a good event

8.5 Umpires - Mike Sarai

- M. Sarai to meet with Sean Sullivan
- Request from BCBUA to “re-message” 13.11 to associations
- BCBUA says rule is not working. However documentation received by BCBA(including rejection reports) that speaks to the opposite, rule is working effectively
- CRC - lack of consistent ruling, BCBA would like to see standardization in application
- Suggestion tabled that BCBUA should be invited to attend 2019 Coaches Conference
- Relationship between BCBA and BCBUA is strong and continuing to grow
- P. Weatherill initiated discussion around allocating monies to support 2019 programming for officials further discussion to include input from BCBUA
- M. Sarai to discuss framework and direction moving forward as cohesive and unified partnership between BCBUA and BCBA

8.6 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

Eligibility Report.....

- 206 Spring Try Outs...
- 147 Spring Release...
- Summer Try Outs.....51
- Mosquito.....12
- Pee Wee.....13
- Bantam.....22
- Midget.....4
- Summer Releases To Date.....16
- Mosquito.....5
- Pee Wee.....7
- Midget.....4

- Numerous requests at the Tadpole Level, for Try Outs/Releases, as we do not govern for Summer, just keeping a tally for future reference
- Summer Mergers.....approved
- Surrey/White Rock Midget AA
- Ladner/TABA Midget AA.....**Ladner has a team, and balance of player's in the merger
- Mission/Abbotsford Midget AA
- Summer Move Ups to Date.....5 (4 Tadpole to Mosquito, 1 Mosquito to Pee Wee) Several requests not approved yet.
- Summer Move Downs to Date.....6 (Pee Wee AA to Pee Wee A)
- A total of 3 players that have been approved from Little League to play Summer with BC Minor.....must pay BC Minor affiliations fees, and have been restricted to Mosquito AA, Pee Wee A, Bantam A
- There are more to come, just waiting information.....plus one Newton request to board
- Very encouraged that there are 3 player from Quesnel that are playing Summer with Prince George, 2 Mosquito AAA, 1 Bantam
- 1 Player from Tri Port playing with Campbell River

8.7 Discipline - Mike Sarai

- Fraser Campbell appointed as interim chair
- Coach of Ladner 18U who was levied discipline expressed that he felt it was unfair. Upon discussion with M. Sarai presenting info and details, M. Sarai expressed support of the sanctions laid out by LMBA

8.8 High Performance - Grant Rimer/Trevor McGuire/Mike Kelly/Mike Holyk/Pat Weatherill/James Raymond/Les Szabo

- 18U/College Prep Showcase and All Star game has traction and is gaining recognition. As the program has experienced substantial growth more logistical support should be extended to Grant Rimer
- HP Committee meeting slated for early July
- Discussion around primary focus on the HP program going forward

8.9 Boundary/Affiliation - Pat Weatherill

- Squamish to be addressed and defined moving forward

9. Division Reports

9.1 11U - Grant Butler

BCBA 11U June 2018 Meeting Report

- 2018 11U summer Meeting held at Cloverdale, thank you Chris and Cloverdale
 - BCBA Directors: Grant Butler, Chair; Anne Hayes, 11U Scheduler; Stuart Drysdale, 11U A Director at Cloverdale
 - Well attended, Provincial Tournament procedures and expectations reviewed
- Since North Shore the request to play down from T1 into T2 was denied last month NS has asked for additional concessions that were found not to fit the existing model in the 11U division and may result in NS not being able to form any summer teams for 2018. There is a concern around the BOD table that the growth of NS may have created a situation where said growth has outstripped the ability of NS to foster and develop the required coaching at this level to confidently enter the BCBA 11U summer program.
- Salmon Arm requested a move down from T2 to AA but was asked to support and trust their existing program, which they have done.
- West Kelowna entered a late declaration at T2 which impacts the Interior zone but does bring the number of teams eligible for the provincials up to 3 at this time.
- Terry Chudyk, Interior BCBA director has been in discussion with Chris Balison in working out Interior zones and Mike Holyk, BCBA Island Director is working out the Island Zones.
- The number of teams in 11U summer declared this year is 70, up 6 from last year but oddly enough no AA teams from the Interior. 29% of Lower Mainland registered 11U players are playing summer ball, 26% of Island players and 8% of Interior players.
- Summer schedules for A and T2 are underway, the T1 and AA will be completed mid week and posted.
- Emails to all divisions will be going out this week including Provincial Tournament information and rule interpretations.
- It is yet to be determined whether or not tiering helps or hinders the fostering of youth baseball at the U11 level
- Taking into consideration the absence of 11U AA Summer Season teams in the Interior, is the messaging on LTAD vs. competition side being supported by our member associations
- Based on the observation of game play skills MSET may not be working as designed

9.2 13U – Anne Hayes/John Braaten/Stuart Drysdale

- Scheduling is in place and moving forward for A/AA/AAA

9.3 15U - Trevor McGuire

Bantam A

- The spring season has completed and there are 19 confirmed teams in the BC Baseball Summer programming from the Fraser Valley/Interior and 5 confirmed teams from Vancouver Island. Northern area (PG) has 1 team for the 2018 summer season. Summer season schedule is now posted to the BC Baseball website and is active. Summer season will commence June 23 and run to Aug 05 with a 16-game season.

Rosters:

- Team rosters are due July 01

Rules

- Any bat rule change questions have been referred to Trevor

- Fair play rules for the summer season and Provincials

Provincials U15 A

- West Provincial (10 team) will be held in Nanaimo Aug 09-Aug 13 2018
- East Provincial (10 Team) will be held in Mission Aug 09- Aug 13 2018
- Blank schedules have now been supplied to Mission and Nanaimo for field and umpire scheduling.

Association Concerns

- Questions regarding placement of teams for traveling along with zone placement for provincial. Questions have been answered as to provincial attending per team. Some of our larger associations are not submitting teams for the 2018 year, this brings into question of whether we are forgetting about the 15U A programs at this level. More communication through the fall workshops and direct contact with these association will be required to aid in supplying future teams.

Rule book

- Modifications and proposed rule changes will be submitted for the 2019 season.

Bantam AA

- 80% of the single season has now been completed with many teams trying for that top position. All teams have shown great improvement for the season to this date, and some truly great baseball games have enjoyed by all. The final leg of the season will bring some exciting baseball to be watched as the teams vie for that final position.

Wild Card

- Mission has been selected to host the Wild card for 2018, preparations are underway July 20-22 2018
- Blank schedule was submitted allowing for umpire booking and field allotments.

Provincials

- West Provincial will be held in Burnaby (10 team) Aug 01-04 2018
- East Provincial will be held in Ladner (10 team) Aug 01-04 2018
- Championship game will be held in Richmond Aug 05 2018 (Winner to San Diego tournament)
- Blank schedule was submitted allowing for umpire booking and field allotments.

Rules to date for 2018:

- As per 2018 rule book
- Rules for 2019 will have to be modified along with some changes to make the process smoother.

Summary:

- The 2018 season will go down as a very successful division season with a great deal of anticipation already happening for next year from some associations.
- The 15U AA as it is now operating can easily take more teams for the 2019 season

Bantam AAA

- Tiered system not working in respect to competitive balance aspect(based on feedback from parents, players, coaches and association directors)
- Recommendation for 2019 10-12 teams will need to follow and application and qualification process similar to College Prep
- Import policy to involve evaluation process prior to approval consideration

- Merged association teams will not be permitted imports
- Coaching levels will need to reflect the changing player demographic being witnessed at the higher competition level of the AAA program
- More growing pains anticipated
- Three meetings set up for discussion and introduction of new AAA program. Interior Jul. 16th, Lower Mainland Jul. 17th, and Island Jul. 18th.
- Consultation with members and membership associations to define the vision we as a collective have for the AAA division to continue to put the path in place
- Strong coach retention is increasingly critical

9.3 18U – Grant Rimer / Les Szabo

18UAA

- 14 Teams (Interior 1 team, Island 1 team, Prince George 1 team)
- Mission hosting
- Schedule released July 4th

Junior Mens

- Maple Ridge hosting final
- All is going well
- Some concerns around umpire certification in some associations

10. New Business

10.1 Provincial dates

- North Delta Baseball has expressed interest in hosting 15U AAA
- Dates to be set for 2019
- Preliminary review of dates for August 25th

10.2 Fall Ball Division Directors

- 13U - Pat Weatherill
- 15U - Trevor McGuire
- 18U - Grant Rimer

Motion to adjourn: Grant Butler/Stuart Drysdale 1:20 PM – M/S/C

Next Board Meeting: August 25 2018 Location – Sandman Signature, Langley

Other Important Dates: