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Minutes - May 4, 2021 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting via Google Meet

Board of Directors:

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

Absent: A. Wong-de Leon,

Administration: J. Raymond

Call Meeting to Order: 8:02 PM

President's Opening Remarks:

It's been a quiet month for the most part, calls are all what we're all waiting for.... When are we going to get to play some games? The answer is the same you've heard when the PHO makes the required changes to their RTP guidelines. The likelihood of this happening would be after a period of time after the May long weekend tied to Covid testing supporting the changes.

Again, thank you for your efforts to follow the RTP guidelines and we'll see you as soon as we get the green light.

On behalf of BCMBA BoD's, I would like to wish Tom Katelnikoff a speedy recovery from a recent health issue.

Adoption of Minutes :

- Motion to Adopt April 6th Meeting Minutes/Raj Puri, S/Mike Kelly, Carried

Additions to the Agenda: None

Correspondence:

- Baseball Canada cancellation of Westerns & Nationals followed by Baseball BC cancelling its qualifier tournament to the same.

Business Arising from Minutes: None

Executive Reports :

- 1) Grant Butler - President ● **See Report in the Addendum Report**
- 2) John Braaten - 1st Vice President ● **See Report in the Addendum Report**
- 3) Dave Garton - 2nd Vice President – **NO REPORT**



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4) Anne Hayes - Treasurer

- Motion to Approve April 2021 Financials/Carmen Martin, S/Steve Coleman, Abs/Anne Hayes
 - o Carried

5) Abigail Wong-de Leon - Secretary – **NO REPORT**

Administrative Director - James Raymond • See Report in the Addendum Report

Committee Reports

1) Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) - **NO REPORT**

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

2) Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair) – **NO REPORT**

(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)

3) Discipline Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) – **NO REPORT**

(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin)

4) Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair)

- All in person clinics and skills development camps have been postponed.
- Many thanks to James, along with help from David and Scott for developing the girls page for our website.
- Messaged Professional Development Opportunity for any women working/volunteering in an administration/leadership role within baseball.

5) Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) – **NO REPORT**

(Hugh Gurney - Al Forman - Raj Puri)

6) High-Performance Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) – **NO REPORT**

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

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) – **NO REPORT**

- Anne Hayes: Conference Budget to Actual Report in progress

9) Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin)

(Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)

- **See Report in the Addendum Report**



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10) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) (Al Forman) – **NO REPORT**

11) Risk Management/Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair) (Anne Hayes, Dave Garton)
– **NO REPORT**

- G Butler: Discussion on May 5 letter regarding Coaches on multiple rosters.

12) Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) – **NO REPORT**

13) Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair) , (Anne Hayes)
● **See Report in the Addendum Report**

14) Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair) – **NO REPORT**
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)

15) Awards Committee: - Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NO REPORT**
(Mike Kelly - Raj Puri - Marty van-der Loos)

16) Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri (Chair) - **NO REPORT**
(Mike Kelly - Hugh Gurney - Al Forman)

- Raj Puri: Will bring recommendations to the next meeting regarding 2020 and 2021 awards.

17) Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)
(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC, Grant Butler, Strategic Plan)

- April 9 - GB VP Baseball BC: Management Meeting
- Much RTP messaging ongoing
- Discussion on messaging to Presidents not getting down to Coaches/Teams, need more buyin.

Divisional Reports -

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes : Will be reaching out to teams next week

b) 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly – **NO REPORT**

- 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly – **NO REPORT**
- 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney – **NO REPORT**
- 18U AA - Raj Puri – **NO REPORT**

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes – **NO REPORT**

- 15U AAA - Ron Miciuk – **NO REPORT**
- 15U AA - Dave Garton – **NO REPORT**



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- 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal – **NO REPORT**

d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten – **NO REPORT**

- 13U AAA Summer - Marty Hall – **NO REPORT**
- 13U AA - Al Forman — **NO REPORT**
- 13U- A - Marty van-der Loos - **NO REPORT**
- 13U John Main Tournament - John Braaten : No Updates

e) 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett – **NO REPORT**
Steve Coleman, Lower Mainland - **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 - Ron Miciuk – **NO REPORT**

j) Interior - 13U and 11U - Neal Dhaliwal – **NO REPORT**

k) North - Carmen Martin – **NO REPORT**

New Business

- - **2021 Provincials** - Summerball Committee to bring recommendations for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Google Meet, 8 pm, June 1, 2021

Meeting Adjournment: 8:43pm Motion to adjourn: Dave Garton



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BCMBA - Presidents Report, Grant Butler

For me, April, unlike March, was not very busy with most issues being centred around Return to Play.

I'm presently coaching a 13U AA team in Duncan and I feel your pain, we just want to play. like the rest of you. Hopefully baseball will get a "get of jail free card" after the May long weekend and we can get to small cohorts like last year.

Again, I'd like to thank John Braaten for supporting anyone who has had questions or just needed help with the RTP guidelines and the bouncing ball they have become from the PHO. Please be diligent in keeping up to date on the RTP guidelines and help the baseball world stay safe.

Other business this month

- Baseball Canada cancelled the National Championships,
- Baseball BC cancelled their Baseball BC Provincial Championships.(National Qualifiers)
- April BoD's meeting minutes



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Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

Continue to have many inquiries and discussions with association members regarding what 2021 may look like and programming questions. Numerous Return to Play questions (RTP) from membership.

Committee Report 2

Eligibility Member

Will defer to the Chair.

Committee Report 6

High Performance Member

Will defer to the Chair.

Committee Report 8

Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair

Will defer to Mike Kelly at this time.

Committee Report 10

Grassroots Chair

No update at this time.

Committee Report 11

Risk Management

Baseball BC did send out general reminder to all organizations and members April 30th. Essentially no changes at this time in Return to Play (RTP) with reminders of what is and is not allowed under Phase 2 Stage 1.

HOLDOVER FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS - Reminder

We continue to receive many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns. I am really concerned based on the amount of questions about ViaSport and Baseball BC Return to Play RTP guideline phases that are not being communicated effectively downward to coaches and members.

Friendly reminder, we are all still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 Step 1 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date. Last update from Baseball BC was March 1st. RTP is now extending to players over the age of 22 in limited to small group team training/development (maximum size of 10 persons).

Baseball BC did update adult and player waivers and declarations which can be now found on the BCMBA website under "More/Resources/COVID-19 Resources" and also distribution online. Adult and player waivers and declarations from 2020 are still valid.

We do not know what this year will look like yet, but in my many, many conversations so far please plan for another “not-so-traditional year” of programming. We will message and help all associations and keep lines of communication open. We have no idea at this time when/if game play may start in the province. It is practice only at this time and BCMBA will advise when next steps can be taken in returning to game play.

As of this date:

- **No games** (no team simulated/inter-squad game scenarios ex: batter, pitcher, runners & fielders at the same time)
- **No Interlocks/cohorts**
- **No travel.**

Associations please be prepared to “instruct/train” coaches/volunteers that were not part of any RTP in 2020 as all protocols and guidelines are still in place. It is not at this time a return to traditional play or training. Any questions please do not hesitate BCMBA to ask 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.

Insurance

I will defer to Anne Hayes.

Committee Report 17

Baseball BC

No board meeting since last report. In frequent communication with Baseball BC regarding Return to Play. I have been participating currently with their Risk Management committee in reviewing/updating various internal policies when able.

Divisional Report “D”

13U Chair

No update.

John Main

No update at this time.

A holdover from last month’s report:

2020 entries are still held for 2021.

Given we are all under RTP Phase 2 Step 1 there are many unknowns. Have already reached out to 2020 co-hosts and all are standing by for 2021. Tournament is full and waitlisted.

Divisional Report “F”

9U Chair

No report.

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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Administrative Director's Report

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Website and Social Media

- 15U AA league page built and live
- Built and launched a dedicated Girls Baseball page
<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/6332006-girls-baseball>
- Joint effort messaging with Baseball BC regarding COVID-19 RTP updates and changes continues
- Posts and releases promoting

Administrative Support

- COVID-19 Member information distribution
- Reconciliation and collection of registration dues for BCMBA Coaches Conference
- Reconciliation and collection of registration dues for Coaches Conference NCCP
- Reminder messaging to member associations regarding affiliation deadlines and payment dues
- Applications management for 2021 BCMBA Provincial Host Applications (No new applicants as of 3.30.21)

| Division | Applicants to Date |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| 11U A | |
| 11U AA | |
| 11U AAA T1 | <i>Nanaimo Minor Baseball</i> |
| 11U AAA T2 | |
| 13U A East | |
| 13U A West | <i>Mission Minor Baseball</i> |
| 13U AA | <i>Surrey Canadian Baseball</i> |
| 13U AAA | |
| 15U A | <i>Surrey Canadian Baseball</i> |
| 15U AA | <i>Cloverdale Minor Baseball</i> |
| 15U AAA | <i>SOMBA (Penticton)</i> |
| 18U AA | <i>Mission Minor Baseball</i> |
| 18U AAA | <i>COMBA (Kelowna)</i> |
| 18U CP | |
| Jr. Men's | |

**italics denote that the host has not been awarded yet*

***division chairs will find a summary of applications for their divisions in the shared AD drive for your division*

- Support communications for the BoD
- Administrator support for GSuite
- Continued creation of “How to” guides for GSuite procedures and features as BoD members identify needs
- Prepare GSuite training sessions content
- Offer weekly live GSuite training sessions. I will be cutting back frequency - *these sessions have slowed down based on attendance. Please let me know if you would like to attend or set up a training session*
- Host and support monthly BoD meetings via Google Meet
- Support communications for BoD and member associations
- Post-event registration reporting for billing support

Marketing Committee Report

- The Chair continues to study content creation and media editing in order to up our quality and effectiveness of our digital marketing campaigns (online training) and has built some training content to date
- Continued resource planning to promote the naturally RTP compliant nature of baseball and the preparedness of our member associations to provide healthy and compliant outdoor recreation for BC youth
- The BCMBA Marketing Committee met on April 14th. Among the items discussed were;
 - Coaches Conference 2021 Review
 - Coaches Conference marketing for the future
 - Discussed and identified the three key pillars of the committee’s role in support of the growth and development of youth baseball in our member communities. Those pillars are defined as membership benefits promotion, revenue generation, and information distribution
 - It is the intent of the Marketing committee to collaborate with BCMBA program and event committees to grow and improve the value of BCMBA programming for our members. This could be as simple as liaising with updates or as cooperative as a joint event task force
 - This should allow the committee to be more nimble and progress quicker when working on initiatives as it won’t necessarily require the entire committee to be hands on at all times
 - The Marketing committee will work to establish an annual marketing plan that includes timelines with benchmarks
 - The Marketing committee has identified five initiatives as a focus and foundation of our actions;
 - 2022 BCMBA Coaches Conference (Worldwide)
 - BCMBA sponsored prize promotions via BCMBA SM channels to define and demonstrate our SM marketing platforms
 - Mother’s Day Celebration campaign
 - BCMBA Member branding tools and resources
 - Creation of surveys to identify areas of need based on the perspectives of our member associations
- The Marketing committee will work with the Coach Development, High Performance, and event committees to create a collaborative and efficient process of supporting those programs
- The Marketing committee will continue to meet on a monthly basis to build our effectiveness