



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Annual General Meeting

November 02, 2013

Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel – Surrey, B.C.

1. Call to Order – 9:58 AM
2. Roll Call
3. President's Welcome

John Berry – President – Baseball B.C.

David Laing – Executive Director – Baseball B.C.

Scott McKenzie – Baseball B.C.

Bill Beckett - CABA

Thanks to all the Associations for a successful year

Thanks to all Board members for their hard work this past year

Boundary advisory – boundary submissions need to be in. If no changes they will remain as they are on the website

John Berry – President Baseball B.C.

Thanks BCMBA for sending delegates to the Baseball Canada convention and their contribution to the discussions

David Laing – Executive Director – Baseball B.C.

David introduced Tammy Diniz – Purdys Chocolates – Fund raising coordinator

4. Minutes – 2012

To accept the 2012 AGM minutes as distributed.

M/S/C – Burnaby Minor / Vancouver Minor

5. Business Arising – None
6. Correspondence – None

7. President's Report – Mike Sarai

My report begins with an opening comment that overall we had a successful baseball year.

Two (2) years ago I reported on B.C. Minor's direction and focus towards grass roots baseball and moving forward with reviewing and researching programming at the younger ages and levels within our sport. B.C. Minor is still on that track today to work towards those goals as we believe are before us at the core of retaining athletes through viable programming throughout the local communities province wide. Our overall numbers of participants are down again this year. You will hear discussions on some rules presented today which support our position and perspective. Baseball B.C. and Baseball Canada have endorsed our direction. We all need to continue with our efforts to maintain player retention and positive experiences for those that choose this sport as one of their activities in their lives.

On a not so positive report this past year is that of the total number of coaching ejections which exceeded 79. The majority of these were for arguing with umpires on judgment calls. We will move forward with efforts to better educate coaches along with working with the Umpires Association. Our review tells us that young umpires are exiting this sport due to confrontation with adult coaches. Some coaches feel a level of entitlement on how they address umpires which has resulted with a negative impact.

Last year I announced a new program for the 16U (Midget) first year, grade 10's which B.C. Minor was to work on and develop this year with the goal of having it ready for the 2014 season. I am pleased to report to you all today that we have finalized the details of that program and will provide you with a short version of this in a few minutes.

We have recently returned from this year's Baseball Canada meetings and can report to you on a couple of three items. The Toronto Blue Jays Honda camp will be making their three (3) to possibly four (4) stops through our province again next year. Details will be forthcoming.

The 13U (Pee Wee) National hosting province will alternate between Ontario and Quebec for the next five (5) years. Also, at the Western Canada meeting the topic of Western 11U (Mosquito) was discussed for Championship competition. We (B.C.) do not support this directive within this age group as it does not comply with the L.T.A.D. (Long Term Athletic Development). We are hosting the 18U (Midget) AAA Western Championship next year. We will decide on the hosting association at our February meeting.

I would like to acknowledge all teams this past year for their successes and accomplishments from spring and summer.

8. Treasurer – Ray Wearing

Discussion on financials as distributed

Motion to accept Treasure's report.

M/S/C – Coquitlam-Moody/Nanaimo

9. Secretary – Val Greenwood

League registrations were very slow to come in this year. They were due May 31 and we are still receiving them. ***I would however request that only one (1) person from each associations preferably the registrar send them in all at one and that they are complete with all the information that we need. Below is an example of how it should be laid out and the information that is needed.***

<i>LAST FIRST</i>	<i>ADDRESS</i>	<i>PC</i>	<i>PHONE</i>	<i>DOB</i>	<i>DIVISION</i>	<i>GENDER</i>
<i>Smith John</i>	<i>1234 Main St.</i>	<i>V5R 1J2</i>	<i>604-256-9871</i>	<i>03-01-92</i>	<i>Bantam</i>	<i>M</i>
<i>Doe Jane</i>	<i>9876 Elm St</i>	<i>V3S 1K2</i>	<i>604-123-4567</i>	<i>01-01-95</i>	<i>Midget</i>	<i>F</i>

Time to put your thinking caps on. We are looking for nominations for the BC Minor Roll of Honor. The categories are for builder(s), coach(s) and umpire(s). The nominees should be long time participants in your program who have shown dedication and hard work to help develop your program over the years.

Please submit your nominations before January 31st, 2014 (as they will be voted on at our Board meeting on February 4th, 2014) to Val Greenwood at boilers@telus.net. **Please be sure to include a short bio on the nominee.**

10. Committee Reports

First Vice-President – Brian Davis

No Report

Second Vice-President – Ray Wearing

No Report

Island: Gary Trudell

Interior: Janice Wright – Tom Katelnikoff

Spring League:

- 1) 2013 was an overall good year for baseball in the BC Interior. There were very few issues this past season. There was a small issue in Midget AA with over-age players. But guidelines that address this issue is currently be worked on.
- 2) This spring, the Interior held a significant amount of tournaments, all of which were very well run. There has been quite an increase in teams from the lower mainland participating in Interior tournaments this year.

- 3) 13U-A started a website for schedule and scores, which was a big success. Thanks to Maureen Larson for looking after the website. For 13U-A, we had 2 tiers for playoffs. These were split off into the 8 top teams and 8 lower teams.

Summer League:

- 1) The Summer Ball leagues this season were also a great success. I was very pleased that most associations either hosted Zone playoffs or Provincial playoffs. Kamloops and Rutland hosted Provincials while Vernon, Kelowna and Penticton hosted zones. The Interior was represented by 10 teams at Provincial playoffs. Penticton 11U-A, West Kelowna and Kelowna 11U-AAA tier 2, Rutland and Kamloops 11U-AAA Tier 1, Kelowna 13U-AA, Kamloops and Rutland 13U-AAA, Rutland 15U-AA, Kamloops 15U-AAA and Kamloops and South Okanagan 18U-AAA.
- 2) Congratulations to Kelowna 13U-AA and South Okanagan 18U-AAA for winning silver in the Provincials.
- 3) On August 15, 16& 17, The Toronto Blue Jays held their camp in Kelowna. I would like to give a special thanks to BC Minor Baseball for sponsoring two players to attend the camp, one from Kamloops and one from Penticton.

Fall Ball:

- 1) The level of interest for a fall ball league in the interior is really starting to grow. Teams were formed in Kamloops, Rutland, West Kelowna, and the Okanagan Athletics.

North

No Report

Website – Lyle Bowman

No Report

Juniors – Brian Davis

- **TEAMS** The Junior Men's division had 12 teams in 2013 (down from 14 teams in 2012), including Aldergrove Sun Devils, Chilliwack Braves, Cloverdale Rays, New Westminster Twins, Newton Giants, PoCo Pirates, Ridge Meadows Jays, Ridge Meadows Rays, South Delta Spartans, Surrey Expos, Vancouver Capilanos and Vancouver Blue Jays.

SCHEDULE

Went to a new schedule format this year with 2 Divisions (North and South) of 6 teams each. Teams played their own Division twice (10 games) and the other Division once (6 games) for a 16 game schedule, generally with 1 game per week from mid-April through June, then 2 games per week in July. Most teams seemed to be happy with the schedule format.

- **PLAYOFFS** All teams qualify for playoffs, with 2 Tiers of 6 teams each. Based on regular season standings, Top 3 teams in each Division were in Tier 1 and bottom 3 teams in each Division were in Tier 2. Each team played 2 round robin games leading up to the final weekend tournament. Top 4 teams in each Tier then advanced to final 4's tournament hosted by New Westminster Twins at Queen's Park on Aug. 10th & 11th. Saturday's Tier 1 semi-finals saw Newton Giants defeat Vancouver Blue Jays 4-0 and New West Twins defeat Aldergrove Sun Devils 10-8. Tier 2 semi-finals results were Chilliwack Braves over South Delta Spartans 3-2 and Ridge Meadows Rays 11-8 over Vancouver Capilanos. Sunday's Tier 1 finals had Newton Giants defeating host New West Twins by a 4-3 score. Tier 2 final was Chilliwack Braves over the Ridge Meadows Rays 4-2.

For the 5th year in a row Ron Suffron and the New West Twins organization did a fantastic job of hosting the final tournament at Queen's Park.

- **FINANCIALS** The Division paid for the umpires and 4 sets of T-shirts for the finalists at the playoff tournament in Queen's Park. There is also a \$50 per team scheduling fee due to the division administrator. These events were funded by the \$200 per team "fee" called for in Rule 36.
- **PROVINCIALS** It was determined that there was not sufficient interest this season to send a Junior Men's team to the Junior Provincials in Kelowna in mid-July. This 3 team tournament included college teams from Kamloops and Kelowna, as well as the Burnaby Bulldogs (mostly Douglas College players). Future participation in this Provincial by the Junior Men's division is up for discussion.
- **WESTERNS** There has been some discussion of creating a "Junior Men's" division for Western Canada. This year the date would have been the same as our final tournament, so we decided it would not work. It will be discussed again in the off-season for possible future participation.

Midget AAA/Selects – Brian Davis – Wayne Bampton – Janice Wright

No Report

Midget Select: Brian Davis

No Report

MIDGET AA – Wayne Bampton

No Report

Grade 10 – First year 16U (Midget)

- Least served group
- April 26 and 27 are the tryout dates for the Lower Mainland (26) and Fraser Valley (27) – locations to be announced – all interested players are welcome
- May 3 – Victoria
- May 4 – Nanaimo
- May 10 and 11 – Kamloops
- Cost is \$20 per session per player
- June 28 – 30 – 25 – 30 players from try outs will be invited to a skills camp – cost is \$100
- From skills camp 14 – 15 players will be invited to join the Select Team
- July 5 – 7 – Wood bat tournament in the Bay Area of California
- Cost will be \$350

Bantam AAA, AA, A – Mike Kelly - Pat Weatherill – Tom Katelnikoff – John Braaten

Bantam AAA – Mike Kelly

The 2013 season was a challenging one with the Wild Card Tournament implemented and a new format for the Provincials with the top five (5) teams playing in Pool A and the next two (2) the host and two (2) wild card teams playing in Pool B. There were plenty of meaningful games in both pools. The final was between Vancouver Minor and the Cloverdale Spurs. It was a well-played game with Cloverdale prevailing with a 4-3 win.

Cloverdale represented B.C. in Vaughn at the Nationals losing in the final against Ontario.

The Westerns were held in Aldergrove with Vancouver Minor representing B.C. and Aldergrove as the host. Aldergrove won the Westerns defeating Saskatchewan.

I would personally like to thank Kamloops and Aldergrove for hosting the Provincials and the Westerns.

At the AGM there will be some new rules to vote on to strengthen the league. Please consider the changes, if you have any questions in regard to these rules please speak to me for an explanation.

Below are some stats that we pulled from the 15U (Bantam) Boys division following the 201 Nationals.

Percentage of meaningful games went up 22% (from 33% to 55%)

Bottom three (3) teams that were allowed over ages had the following record after round robin (Nova Scotia 4-1; Prince Edward Island 3 – 2; Newfoundland and Labrador 2 – 3) vs others in the same pool (Saskatchewan 1- 4; Manitoba 2 – 3; New Brunswick 3-2)

Saskatchewan lost two (2) one (1) run games, Manitoba lost two (2) one (1) run games and New Brunswick lost one (1) one (1) run game
Prince Edward Island only had one (1) over age player

Newfoundland and Labrador over aged players:

Player 1 went 2 for 6, was winning pitcher vs Manitoba allowing only two (2) hits in 7 innings (advantage on the pitching side for one (1) game only)

Player 2 went 5 for 16 and pitched one game for 5 innings, allowing 6 hits, 5 runs and 4 walks (no major impact for this player compared to other over aged)

Prince Edward Island over aged players:

Player 3 went 12 for 19 (was leadoff hitter). Pitched once but nothing significant to report (good impact offensively)

Nova Scotia over aged players:

Player 4 went 6 for 17, threw six (6) inning with 2 runs, and 9 Ks to beat Saskatchewan (good impact)

Player 5 went 0 for 5, pitched three (3) innings with 7 Ks vs Prince Edward Island but allowed 5 runs and 5 hits and 3 walks in the medal round vs Quebec (some impact)

On number of runs scored vs runs allowed (2012 vs 2013) for Pool B teams:

Nova Scotia 13/23 (2012 – 4 games) vs 42/19 (2013 – 5 games)

Prince Edward Island 31/45 (2012 – 5 games) vs 31/34 (2013 – 5 games)

Newfoundland and Labrador 16/62 (2012 – 5 games) vs 18/38 (2013 – 5 games)

Saskatchewan – 33/55 (2012 – 5 games) vs 28/49 (2013 – 5 games)

Manitoba 35/29 (2012 – 5 games) vs 30/26 (2013 – 5 games)

New Brunswick 21/46 (2012 – 4 games) vs 44/27 (2013 – 5 games)

In 2012, 260 runs total were allowed vs 193 in 2013

Comparing 10+ run difference games from 2012 to 2013 ...

In 2012, 13 games ended up with 10+ run difference compared to 5 games in 2013

For 13U (Pee Wee), 16U (Bantam Girls) and Senior Women's championships, bats constructed of aluminum, fiberglass or magnesium with a maximum diameter barrel of 2 5/8 inches will be allowed

For 13U (Pee Wee) championships, the bats may have a maximum length/weight differential of minus ten (-10)

For 16U (Bantam) Girls and Women's championships the bats may have a maximum length/weight differential of minus five (-5)

For Canada Cup and Canada Games ONLY wood or bamboo bats will be allowed. No composite bats will be allowed.

For 15U (Bantam) boys, 18U (Midget), 21U (Junior) and Senior Men's championships ONLY wood bats, bamboo bats and wood composite bats will be allowed. Wood composite bats including wood bats with fiber glass sheathing and wood barreled bats with composite handles. Wood composite bats do not included any bat that has any metallic component.

The bat MUST clearly show the manufacturer's original markings (including, if applicable, length/weight differential). If no, the bat will be considered illegal.

Rule 6.06(d) will apply to any bat not complying with the above.

Bantam AA – Pat Weatherill

The Bantam AA season went well. I was not involved with AA until mid-May. We held the Summer meetings along with Bantam A in Cloverdale June 6th, the lower mainland fielding 11 teams for the Summer, along with 2 teams from the Island, 2 teams from the interior and one from the North (Prince George). 10 teams ended up in Rutland for the Provincial championships. Victoria emerged as Provincial Champions, going on to represent BC in Swift Current, at the Western AA Championships. We look forward to the 2014 season, again with Western Championships planned for Swift Current in 2014

Bantam A – John Braaten

I took over the 15U "A" Division in May just in time to prepare for the Summer Zone Play downs. There were nineteen 15U "A" Summer teams declared. There were 13 teams from the Lower Mainland; 3 from Vancouver Island; 3 teams from the BC Interior and 0 from the North Region.

The Lower Mainland had 8 teams qualify for the Provincial Championship including the co-hosts Aldergrove the Her-icanes female team. There were also two Zone Provincial qualifier tournaments. Vancouver Island (Comox Valley host) and Interior (Kamloops host) held Zone Qualifiers where 2 of the 3 teams qualified for the Championship in Aldergrove.

For the first time in recent memory the Provincial Championship hosted a 12 team tournament. This added an extra day to the tournament. Coaches meeting Tuesday night and round robin play began Wednesday. The Tournament ran on 2 fields (one with lights) and because of rain shutting down one field for the majority of Friday we were able to juggle schedules and keep the tournament on track to finish Saturday evening. Of note, each team that qualified for the tournament recorded at least one win.

Also, tiebreakers were used in both Pools for advancement to the medal round after round robin play. Overall, this was a very competitive tournament with over 50% of the games played being within 3-run differential.

The all-female Her-icanes team advanced to the cross-over Semi Final games versus eventual champions Campbell River while Cloverdale defeated Vancouver Community in the other Semi Final game. The final was very competitive with Campbell River pulling away in the later innings from Cloverdale to win the Championship.

Observations from the Summer Lower Mainland Summer season where there were many uncompetitive games for the most part of the two Associations that played in the 15U "AA" Interlock Spring League in the Lower Mainland and "dropped down" to 15U "A" Summer because of the number of teams registered rule as allowed in the BC Minor Rulebook. This led to many uncompetitive games that Chilliwack (11-0-1) and Ridge Meadows (10-2-0). The biggest difference was these teams were formed in March and played against competitive AA teams through June; then competed against teams that were formed just for Summer "A" play. A proposal will be coming at the AGM to amend this Rule.

Also, we had Associations because of a BC Minor Rule not field multiple teams at this level because of they must be "equally drafted" for Summer play. This led to many players not having a chance to play Summer All-Stars. We will be proposing a change in the Rule to remove the equal balancing of Summer teams at this level to allow more players to participate in Summer All-Star play going forward.

The all-female Her-icanes team played mostly weekends during the Summer Zone play downs. This type of scheduling was because their team was comprised of females throughout BC made pitch management difficult. Though their Summer record was near the bottom of the League it prepared them well for the Provincial Championship tournament and eventual

Canadian Championships a couple of weeks later where they captured Bronze.

This being my first go around with 15U "A" Summer play was an enlightening one. I would like to thank the Associations, coaches and team managers for their commitment to making sure their players had the best time possible for the 2013 Season.

Pee Wee AAA, AA, A – Orville Germaine – Gary Trudell – Tom Katelnikoff – Grant Rimer

13U – Orville

13U A: Total of 29 teams for summer:

1 Provincial team (girls) - 1 provincial berth
1 North – 1 provincial berth
6 Interior – 2 provincial berths
6 Island – 2 provincial berths
15 Lower Mainland – 4 provincial berths including host
Provincial Champion: Port Alberni

Provincial Tournament host Surrey Canadian did a great job combating the weather and getting all the games in on schedule.

13U AA: Total of 20 teams for summer with breakdown as follows:

North Zone – 0 teams
Interior Zone – 2 teams, 1 provincial berth
Island Zone - 6 teams, 3 provincial berths including host
Lower Mainland – 12 teams, 6 provincial berths
Provincial Champ: Burnaby Braves
Western Canadian Tier II Gold Medal won by Burnaby Braves

Provincial Tournament host Comox Valley did an outstanding job and would recommend Comox Valley as host in the future.

13U AAA: Total of 13 teams for summer with breakdown as follows:

North Zone – 1 team: Prince George
Island Zone - 3 teams: Victoria Black, Victoria Red, Nanaimo
Interior Zone – 1 team: Rutland
Lower Mainland – 8 teams: Cloverdale, Abbotsford, Aldergrove, White Rock, Vancouver Minor, Richmond, Vancouver Community, Chilliwack

Provincial Champ: Cloverdale Spurs
Western Canadian Tier 1 Gold Medal won by Cloverdale Spurs

Instituted a province wide, summer AAA schedule (other than Prince George who had automatic berth as host and chose not to participate in summer schedule).

Instituted a wild card tournament for the last 2 provincial berths, held the weekend prior to the provincial tournament. Thank you to Richmond for hosting at Brighthouse field. Wild card tournament was very competitive with some great baseball. Rutland and Nanaimo advanced to provincials from this tournament.

Provincial Tournament host Prince George did an outstanding job, and the stadium atmosphere was great.

13U Issues to review for 2014:

- 1) At 13U A, with 30 summer teams for the last 3 years, look at options to increase Provincial Tournament participants:
 - a) Encourage teams to participate at 13U AA
 - b) Increase Provincial Tournament to 12-16 teams from the existing 10
 - c) Split 13U A into 2 tiers, each with its own provincial tournament
- 2) At 13U AA:
 - a) Look at implementing the Baseball Canada draw at the Provincial Tournament to increase the amount of competitive games and reward team depth.
 - b) Look at implementing a summer Island schedule with or without a zone tournament, to determine Provincial tournament berths.
- 3) At 13U AAA continue the province-wide summer schedule and Wild Card Tournament to determine the last 2 provincial berths. Look at implementing the Baseball Canada draw at the Provincial Tournament to increase the amount of competitive games and reward team depth.
- 4) Throughout the 13U Division continue to encourage associations to “play up” during summer season to increase player development rather than “playing down” to increase the chances of winning. In general the most advanced players come out of the areas of the province that tier and compete regularly against the highest possible competition.
- 5) Encourage a spring 13U AA league on Vancouver Island for 2014 season to aid in player development.
- 6)
 - a. The 13U AAA Nationals will be returning for the 2014 season. The Provincial Tournament Champion will represent BC at the Nationals. Look at whether we want to send 2nd place team from

Provincial Tournament to Tier I Westerns, or the alternative of doing a split provincial with the winner of the bottom pool going to the Westerns.

7. 12U CABA program: With the return of the 13U Nationals there will not be the necessary funding to send a BC Minor team to the 12U CABA World Series. However, the unique nature of our CABA program with province wide tryouts and developmental opportunities for players and coaches is worth preserving. Currently the 13U Division is working to confirm a high level 12U tournament within driving distance of the lower mainland, in the June 21-July 6 time window for the 2014 season to keep costs to a minimum.
- 8) John Main Tournament – look at accepting 1-2 CABA 12U team to continue to increase the profile and level of play at the tournament. Possibility of CABA sanctioning the tournament as a World Series /regional qualifier to help attract the best teams possible.

13U A – Tom

The 13U A division had a good 2013 All Star summer season. We had 17 Lower mainland teams, 6 Island teams, 6 Interior teams and 1 Northern team sign up and compete for the 10 Provincial berths. The lower mainland teams competed in league play in 2 divisions, while the Island and Interior teams competed in a zone tournament for Provincial berths. The North was represented by team from Prince George. The Lower mainland was represented by Vancouver, Surrey, Burnaby, Cloverdale, and Abbotsford, while Port Alberni and Ladysmith represented the Island and Vernon and Penticton won the Interior berths.

The Surrey Canadian did a great job hosting the Provincial tournament and Rob Masson and his volunteers are to be commended. There were no major issues throughout the tournament and all teams competed well. Congratulations to Port Alberni Athletics for winning the 2013 13U-A Provincial Championship.

It was a pleasure to work with Surrey and all the associations this summer. I would also like to thank Vernon and Victoria for hosting the zone tournaments for the Island and Interior. Being my first provincial tournament I learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Going forward, I feel with approximately 30 associations putting teams in at this division we need to look at expanding this division at the Summer All Star level by adding more berths or by going to a 2 tier system. This could mean 2 – 8 team tournaments. The associations obviously feel comfortable fielding teams at this level.

Mosquito - Gary Trudell – Grant Butler – Janice Wright

No Report

Tadpole/Rally Cap – Grant Butler

The following is the present Tadpole specific message in the 2013 BCMBA Rule Book:

9U (Tadpole) Specific Rules: Rule 31.01

Preamble

The B.C.M.B.A. is pleased to provide to its member affiliates the following rule variations covering minor divisional play in the 9U (Tadpole) Division. It is hoped that the SUGGESTED FORMAT be adopted into each organization's respective programs. It is designed to get young people interested in the game of baseball by stressing and maintaining active participation of all the players; with mandatory and total free substitutions each inning and EMPHASIS PLACED ON TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BASEBALL.

My Personal Journey with North Delta Baseball in the Tadpole division:

As North Delta was planning to host the 2010 Mosquito A Provincial Tournaments I went to a ball field when all 4 of our teams were playing on the same night. I was truly shocked at the poor level of skills the players were exhibiting the out of control dugouts and the dog running around the field, my only thought was what went wrong with Tadpole? I went to watch some Tadpole, turned out it was a walkathon, they were pitching for two innings and for the rest the parents running the pitching machine was coaching, the parents were coaching and General Chaos was running the show.

In 2012 NDBA eliminated pitching in Tadpole so the players could return to skill development and we put all of the coaches in uniform so everyone knew who was running the game.

NDBA got back to "Teaching the fundamentals of Baseball" by allowing the players to play and be engaged in the game.

In 2013 Brent Dingsdale of North Delta took it upon himself to organize the South Fraser U8 Tadpole Summer league, made up of four teams it allowed the U8's (all 1st year). Congratulations to North Delta as they came first in the windup tournament. And congratulations to the U9 North Delta team (all 2nd year) finishing first at the Dianne Cook Tournament in Newton and again in the 16 team Cloverdale Round Up.

Future Considerations

The U9 Tadpole division will be positively impacted with the implementation of the Rally Cap program in the Tee Ball division, with its focus on “Skill Development”, over the next few years and I highly recommend it to all of our Associations.

Girls: Val Greenwood / Wayne Bampton

The 2013 season saw the girls participate in Winterball for the first time. The program was open to all girls from ages 9 – 16 and saw great turnout with many new faces. 2013 saw the reintroduction of a team at the 13U (Pee Wee) age group. In early April the Pee Wee team entered a CABA qualifying tournament in Washington State.

Both the 16U (Bantam) and 13U (Pee Wee) practiced every weekend and played in several Spring tournaments where both teams had good success. The Ross Tournament in Newton saw the 16U (Bantam) go undefeated through the round robin only to lose in the final game to a strong Cloverdale team. The 13U (Pee Wee) team won the tournament. The 13U (Pee Wee) team also entered the Walter Bird Tournament in Port Coquitlam and finished a strong second. The 16U (Bantam) entered a tournament in Oceanside and finished in third place.

June 28 saw the Toronto Blue Jays host a “Girls Day” skills camp. There were approximately 80 girls in attendance from the ages of 7 – 17. All were very impressed with the coaching staff and the skills that they were taught.

Both teams entered in the Summer leagues at the A level. Both Her-icane teams and the Okanagan Halos enter the Burnaby Minor “Summer Fun” tournament.

The 16U (Bantam) team co-hosted the Provincial Championships in Aldergrove. This was the first time in BC Minor history that an all-girls team was entered into the Provincials.

They played well and impressed a great number of people. They made it to the cross over game after a hard fought comeback win against Ridge Meadows and lost to the eventual tournament winners Campbell River.

The 13U (Pee Wee) team and the Okanagan Halos both went to the Western Canada Championships in Red Deer where Team BC won gold and the Halos took third.

The 16U Her-icanes headed off to Halifax in August for the Baseball Canada Nationals. The girls played well and finished a respectable third. Upon returning home the Vancouver Canadians honored the girls on field before the final game of the season.

Many thanks to Coach Wayne Bampton for his hard work all season. Without his efforts the program would not have grown as quickly as it has. Along with past coach Marty van der Loos, Wayne brought Bruce Murdock and Bill Beckett on

board to help with the coaching. Thanks to all the coaches for the terrific effort and dedication they put forward with the teams this year.

Thanks also go to the parents for their extreme dedication in getting the girls to practices and games every weekend, especially the ones from out of town. The parents also volunteered many hours as the co-hosts of the Provincials. They did everything from getting sponsors, prizes, ground work and even security.

To Aldergrove, thank you for giving the girls a home for the past two years and for hosting the Provincials.

Once again my big thanks go to David Laing and Scott McKenzie from Baseball BC for their support and allowing me to vent when needed.

Coaching Development – Mike Kelly

What a great year for Coaching and Player development for the 2013 season. The Traveling Road Show was a great success with over 1,700 coaches, players and parents taking part in the sessions.

The Coaching Convention was also a success with Regional courses and High Performance held for the athletes and seminars held for coaches.

The 2014 convention will be held at the Langley Convention Centre on February 21, 22, and 23 week end. More information to follow in the near future.

BASEBALL CANADA:

Policy on Renewal of Certification and Professional Development

Implementation date: January 1, 2013

Baseball Canada recognizes the importance for certified coaches across Canada to be involved in professional development that reinforces the values of continuous improvement and lifelong learning and encourages the sharing of learning among coaches.

POLICY STATEMENT

Professional development is required for coaches to renew “Certified” status in any context.

Professional development requirements must be completed by the end of the period for which the certification is valid.

Coaches are required to obtain a minimum of Professional Development credits, dependent upon the context in which they are certified.

Context (includes any gradation)	3 years
Instruction – Beginners	6 points
Regional/Provincial Coach	12 points
Competition – Development	18 points

Professional Development credit is available in all of the following activity categories, within the limits described.

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Activity Category	Points	Limitations
Active Coaching	1 point/year for every season coached 1 point/year for Learning, Facilitator or Evaluator activity	To a maximum of 3 points for certification renewal period
NCCP activity	5 points/training module or Evaluation event	No maximum or minimum
Non NCCP activity	1 point/hour of activity up To 3 points maximum	No maximum or minimum
Coaching self-directed Activity	3 points for the valid certification period	Maximum of 3 points for Certification renewal period
Re-evaluation in context	100% of the points for PD credit in the context	No other PD is required if the Coach chooses Re-evaluation

MULTI-SPORT

NCCP activity	5 points/training module or evaluation event	No maximum or minimum
Non NCCP activity	1 point/hour of activity up To 3 points maximum	To a maximum of 50% of required PD credits for the context in a certification renewal period

Baseball Canada and CAC will maintain a PD Registry that included all events that are eligible for Professional Development credit including:

1. Multi-sport and baseball specific core NCCP events
2. Multi-sport and baseball specific NCCP events specifically designed as PD
3. Baseball specific non NCCP activities (e.g. Baseball Quebec Coaches Convention, Baseball Ontario Best Ever Clinic, Baseball B.C. Annual Coaches Clinic, Baseball Canada Super Clinic, Blue Jays Clinic, American Baseball Coaches Association Annual Clinic, Be the Best You Are Coaches Clinic (Cherry Hill) and other **approved** coaches clinics in Canada or elsewhere). Events that are not listed on the approved PD list for which coaches wish to attend for PD purposes must first be approved by Baseball Canada as PD eligible events. Contact Baseball Canada (info@baseball.ca) to inquire about an event's PD eligibility
4. Non NCCP activities for all sports

A coach will have the full period of their valid certification to accumulate the total required professional development credits

January 1st of any year will be the date used to determine the certification period of valid certification

Only those profession development credits entered in a coach's record on the Baseball Canada NCCP Database will be used to determine whether the coach meets the context-specific requirements within the current certification period of valid certification

Baseball Canada will determine whether to authorize a PSO (Provincial Sports Organization) to enter PD credit on the Database for completed baseball specific non NCCP events.

Certified (Renewal) status will be given only to those coaches who accumulate to required professional development credits within the current certification renewal period

Failure to accumulate the required professional development credits within the specified time causes the coach's status to be changed to Certified (Not-renewed)

A coach who does not complete the required Professional Development credits after the end date of the period for renewal of certification will be required to complete context-specific Certification Renewal event as specified by **Baseball Canada** and consistent with the minimum criteria for this event

Glossary:

NCCP activity: any approved NCCP activity including:

- Coach training – sport specific or multi-sport for core or any gradation
- Multi-sport professional development module
- Sport-specific profession development module
- Coach evaluation

- Learning Facilitator, Advanced Learning Facilitator, Master Learning Facilitator, Evaluator or Master Evaluator training

Non NCCP activity: any non-formal or informal learning activity or self-directed activity that is recognized as profession development by Baseball Canada

Formal learning: takes place w3ithin a structured education system that has standardized curricula and requires a coach to demonstrate a predetermined level of competency before achieving certification

Non formal learning: is any organized educational activity outside of the NCCP that provides learning opportunities for coaches. Examples include coaching conference, seminars, apprenticeship programs, workshops and clinics

Informal learning: is the lifelong process of acquiring knowledge, skills, attitudes and insights through daily experiences and exposure to coaching and sport. Informal learning happens in a wide variety of settings including previous experience as an athlete, informal mentoring, day-to-day coaching experiences and interaction with peer coaches and athletes

Self-directed learning: occurs when the coach reflects upon their technical, practical and critical coaching issues and determines how to overcome practical coaching dilemmas. Self-directed learning makes us of a wide variety of materials, including coaching and sports science manuals, books journal articles, videos and Internet sources, etc., that were created for the purpose of enabling learning

Season of coaching: is the normal coaching period for a context in a sport. It could be a partial year or a full year.

SAMPLE SCENARIO 1:

Robert becomes provincial coach certified on June 1st, 2013. Therefore, his certification expiry date is December 31st, 2016. During these 3 years, Robert must accumulate 12 points of professional development.

In May of 2014, Robert took the Instructor beginner Hitting workshop (5 points – Baseball specific NCCP related) as well as being trained to become a facilitator (5 points – Baseball Specific NCCP related).

In January 2015, Robert attends the Best Ever Coach in Toronto where he sits down at the various workshops for a weekend, (3 points – Baseball Specific Non NCCP related).

His certification would then be renewed for 3 more years and will then expire on December 31st, 2019.

SAMPLE SCENARIO 2:

Kelsey becomes development coach certified on September 1st, 2013. Therefore, his certification expiry date is December 31st, 2016. During these 3 years, Kelsey has to accumulate 18 points of professional development.

Kelsey is invited to participate at the Mizuno Camp in Toronto in October 2014 where he will be an active participant (3 points – Baseball Specific Non NCCP).

Kelsey is also an active coach and has been active each year of his certification period of valid certification (1 point per year = 3 points – Baseball Specific – Active coaching).

Kelsey also decided to attend the Blue Jays National Clinic in January 2015 (3 points – Baseball Specific – Non NCCP related).

Kelsey has attended the ABVA Coaches convention each year during this period (3 points x 3 = 9 points – Non NCCP Baseball specific activity).

His certification would then be renewed for 3 more years and will then expire on December 21st, 2019.

As submitted by Chris Johnson

As many of you know I have spoken at the BC Minor Baseball Conference for many years and have travelled around BC with the baseball Minor road shows in the spring. As a physical educator I have always tried to teach that physical activity skills in the early stages of learning are a means to an end not an end in themselves.

We do not set out to produce major league players at five years of age. We should set out to teach the various aspects of all activity, whether it is for team sports, individual sports or recreation in the general sense of the word.

Hand eye coordination, speed, agility, balance, space awareness, timing, dexterity etc. are the building blocks for future development whether in Baseball, rock climbing or God forbid, 10 pin bowling!

Steve Nash and Grant Connell were two very talented Canadian athletes in their relative sports. They were not initially great tennis players or great basketball players but great athletes who excelled in many sports. They chose their respective sports late in their teenage years after playing a wide variety of other sports at a reasonably high level, in fact at the pinnacle of their chosen fields.

Baseball Canada and BC Minor baseball are now recognizing that player and coach development is aimed at the “whole Child” and are working to develop skills which will ultimately allow the athlete to be the best they can be even though it may not be baseball. In short to develop athletes and not baseball players

My 15 year old grandson has just returned from a lacrosse tournament in N Carolina. The phys ed specialist in me tells me this is a long way to go to play in a tournament, especially when you consider the cost, days off school, and the fact they were quite soundly beaten in all their games. The grandfather in me tells me that because of his upbringing he has played a multitude of sports both in the community and on several school teams. The old saying “If you want to be world champion, chose your parents well appears to fit here, especially his granddad!! But

above all else he has dreams of winning a lacrosse scholarship to an American University and to that end he knows he has to have good grades. He got to see the lacrosse facilities at Duke which totally “blew him away”

He is only 15 but now has some goals in his life, both academically and sports wise. His basketball, volleyball are still important to him and he plays a pretty mean game of golf.

The sports scientists tell us that over specialization at too early an age is not good for the young athlete and may lead to, amongst other things muscle imbalance, overuse injuries, burn out and boredom.

Winning is and always will be PART OF THE GAME, not the whole game or the reason we play-unless you are getting a lot of money- and that is entertainment!

Baseball's job is to prepare athletes, not weed out the less talented players who one day may represent Canada in another sport but have been so disillusioned that have dropped out of sport altogether. We schedule high pressure try outs that don't allow for those kids who do not perform well under pressure(try walking on a 2x4 on the ground and the same 2x4 50 feet in the air- see what pressure does to your skill level). We leave kids off their local teams so we can import players from other leagues and even towns. We travel great distances to play exhibition games and completely ruin long holiday weekends for some families. We forget the cost of travel, hotels, tournament fees etc. for the single parent who is having a tough time just registering their child for the season.

Baseball Canada and BC Minor recognize that the numbers of registrants is dropping and they have to do something to turn players back onto the sport.

Tennis racquets instead of bats for hitting- sorry hand eye coordination skills, bean bags for throwing and catching, no mitts whilst using tennis balls or waffle balls, bigger and lighter balls, fun activities and drills, smaller sized teams, with less time sitting in the dugout or in the outfield picking daisies!

The name of the game has to be player development- in the full sense of the word, physically, mentally, emotionally and above all else socially. As the purist baseball coaches keep telling me “WE have always done it this way” My reply “Well that doesn't mean we have to do it that way in the future!

My granddad used to write on a slate, I use an I Pad!!

NCCP – Ray Wearing

No Report.

High Performance – Ray Wearing – Mike Kelly – Orville Germaine

No Report

Rules – Stuart Drysdale

See Proposed Rule Changes

Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

Spring---171 releases
Summer—101 releases
Fall—44 releases

All requests for releases must be completed in full, signed by both President's and received by dates approved in the rule book. Any incomplete requests will be returned, and may hamper the ability to play.

Try out requests may be done via email, and must be approved before player can participate with the association they are trying out with. Successful player's will then be required to have full releases.

Discipline – Stuart Drysdale

No Report

Umpire Liaison – Stuart Drysdale

No Report

Boundaries – Brian Davis – Orville Germaine

No Report

Scholarship – Midget Division Directors

The Scholarship committee received 14 applications this year, and recommends the following 2013 scholarship awards:

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| 1. | \$500 | Ryan Andrews | Cloverdale |
| 2. | \$500 | Liam Muir | Coquitlam-Moody |
| 3. | \$500 | Steven Rintoul | Kamloops |
| 4. | \$500 | Luke Yam | Richmond City |
| 5. | \$500 | Michael Yamaguchi | Richmond City |

Challenger – Grant Butler

No Report

Risk Management – Stuart Drysdale

No Report

Grassroots – Grant Butler – Gary Trudell

See Tadpole

Marketing/PR/Sponsorship/Media – Pat Weatherill – Tom Katelnikoff

No Report

11. General Business

29 Association Members in attendance:

Abbotsford, Alberni Valley, Aldergrove, Burnaby Minor (proxy), South Burnaby, Campbell River, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Coquitlam/Moody (proxy), Duncan, Kamloops, Ladner, Mission, Nanaimo, Newton (proxy), New Westminster, North Delta, Penticton (proxy), Port Coquitlam (proxy), Richmond City Baseball, Ridge Meadows, Rutland, Summerland (proxy), Surrey Canadian (proxy), Tsawwassen, Vancouver Minor, Victoria (proxy), West Kelowna (proxy), White Rock.

16 Boards of Directors

4 Lifetime Member (L)

Mike Sarai (L), Gary Trudell (L), Ray Wearing, Val Greenwood (L), Brian Davis, Janice Wright, Mike Kelly (L), Orville Germaine, Pat Weatherill, Grant Butler, Wayne Bampton, Tom Katelnikoff, Stuart Drysdale, Fraser Campbell, John Braaten, Grant Rimer

Absent Board Members: Mike Pheasey

40 Non-voting guests

Thanks to Stuart for putting all the proposed rule changes together

Request to have secret ballot – nothing in the by-laws, Robert's Rules or Societies Act (encourages open voting)

Open voting promotes transparencies

Request for secret ballot denied by Chair

26 votes needed to pass by-laws

27 votes needed to change rules

By-Laws:

Article XIII Age Requirements and Divisions – **Carried**

Article XX General Business - Defeated

Rule Changes: (full changes will be in new 2012 rule book)

1. Membership in B.C. Minor – **Carried**

2. Affiliation Fees – **Carried (28 for/9 against)**
3. Rule 8 (8.03) – Single Season Procedures – Roster Changes – **Carried (32 for/10 against)**
4. Rule 8 (8.03) Single Season Procedures – Roster Changes – **with amendment Carried**
5. Rule 8 – Single Season Procedures – add new – **Defeated**
6. Rule 5 – Spring play – Tiered Divisional Structure Requirements – **Defeated**
7. **Withdrawn**
8. Rule 6 – Summer Play Procedures – add new – **Defeated**
9. **Withdrawn**
10. Rule 6.04 – Number of Teams Required – **Carried**
11. Rule 6.04 – Number of Teams Required – 13U (pee Wee) - add new – **Carried**
12. Rule 5.06 – 13U (Pee Wee) – add new – **Carried**
13. Rule 6 (6.01) - Summer Play Procedures – Player Eligibility – Remove – **Carried**
14. Rule 6.04 – 15U (Bantam) Summer Play – Remove – **Carried**
15. Rule 10 (10.04) Age Requirements – Permanent Move Up – **Carried**
16. Rule 9 (9.01(A)) – Coaching Certification – **Carried**
17. Rule 10 (10.04) – Permanent Move Up – add new – **Carried**
18. Rule 10 – Age Requirements – add new – **Carried**
19. Rule 11 – Player Eligibility – Release Procedure – **Carried**
20. Rule 11 (11.05) – Release Dates – **Carried**
21. Rule 11 (11.06) Player Eligibility – remove – **Carried**
22. **Withdrawn**
23. **Withdrawn**
24. **Withdrawn**
25. **Withdrawn**
26. Rule 15 (15.11) Code of Conduct – add new – **with amendment – carried**
27. Rule 15 – Code of Conduct – add new – Automatic Suspension – **Carried**
28. Rule 20 – Equipment – change – **Defeated**
29. Rule 23 – Pitching Rules – **Carried**
30. Rule 23 – Pitching Rules – **with amendment – Defeated**
31. Rule 26 (26.04) – Fair Play – remove – **Carried**
32. **Withdrawn**
33. Rule 27 – (27.04) – Line-Up & Substitutions –add new - **Carried**
34. Rule 27 (27.05) – Line-Up & Substitutions – add new – **Carried**
35. Rule 35 – Qualification, Pick-Up and Fee Guidelines – **Defeated**
36. Rule 35 – Qualifications, Pick-Up and Fee Guidelines – **with amendment – Carried**
37. Rule 35 – Qualifications, Pick-Up and Fee Guidelines – change - **Carried**
38. Rule 35 – Qualifications, Pick-Up and Fee Guidelines – change – **Carried**
39. Rule 17 – Scheduling Games – (17.04 – Provincials – change – **Carried**
40. **Withdrawn**
41. Rule 19 – Umpires – (19.01) remove/replace – **with amendments – Defeated**
42. Rule 31 9U (Tadpole) Specific Rules – **with amendments – Defeated**
43. Appendix A – General Notes – **with amendments – Defeated**
44. Rule 18 – Rally Cap – Administration of games – (amendment – defeated) - **Carried**

12. Directors up for re-election:

Brian Davis	Val Greenwood
Wayne Bampton	Orville Germaine
Mike Kelly	Tom Katelnikoff

Randy Downes, Richard Todd, Jim Swanson, Vern Kellow and Vince Restoule resigned from the board this past year.

Replacements were put in place of Downes, Rodd and Restoule

Six (8) Lower Mainland position

One (1) Island position

One (1) Interior

One (1) North

Nominees: above board members plus:

Serj Sangara

Island Director elected – Fraser Campbell

Interior Director elected - Tom Katelnikoff (2 years)

Northern Director – Ken Wood (2 years)

Board Members elected: (all 2 year terms) – all elected by acclamation

Brian Davis	Val Greenwood
Wayne Bampton	Orville Germaine
Mike Kelly	Serj Sangara (1 year)
John Braaten	Mike Pheasey

13. Boundary Advisory

Boundaries need to be submitted. If no submissions they will be taken as correct to what is posted on the web site

No further business

Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:15 P.M. – Burnaby Minor - Vancouver Minor

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