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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2021

Meeting done by Google Meet

Board of Directors:

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

Absent: C. Martin, G. Bodnarchuk, R. Miciuk

Administration: J. Raymond

Call Meeting to Order: 7:05 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

- Most associations are gearing for some level of baseball
- Most associations should be able to ramp up as their Return to Play are all in place.

Adoption of Minutes :

- February 2nd Minutes of Board of Directors
Motion: R. Puri/M. Kelly M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Vancouver Minor and South Burnaby – “soft merge.”
 - Discussed under 18UAA division

Correspondence:

- Air quality national guidelines for outdoor sporting activities survey
- Rec'd single-season affiliation from RMMBA, forwarded to division chairs.
- Rec'd revised KMBA Executive Roster
- Rec'd Surrey, Richmond, Cloverdale, SOMBA, Van Minor, Alberni, Vernon Executive Roster

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Conference phones, John was to pickup

Executive Reports :

1) Grant Butler - President

- Managing to use Google World
- Created an appeals directory on Google drive and started to upload info from 2019.
- Hoping to keep track of all discipline issues.

2) John Braaten - 1st Vice President

- See Report in the Addendum Reports

3) Dave Garton - 2nd Vice President – **NO REPORT**



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4) Anne Hayes - Treasurer

- Approval of February 2021 financials
Motion: A. Wong-de Leon/V. Greenwood
Motion to approve the February 2021 financials
Question from Val: Why is the office/stationary expense so high?
Answer from Anne: Grassroots expense, last year's convention, and installment M/S/C

5) Abigail Wong-de Leon: Secretary

- Emailed associations acknowledging that their merge request was granted for the 2021 season.
- Attended Rules Committee meeting. Minutes were forwarded to Dave.
- Attended 15UAAA Pre-season meeting. Minutes were forwarded to Anne and Ron.
- Attended 18UAAA Pre-season meeting. Minutes were forwarded to Hugh.

Administrative Director (AD)- James Raymond

- See Report in the Addendum Reports

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)

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

- Review of Covid A-XX tracking and filing
- See Report in the Addendum Reports

2) Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair)

(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)

- Grant chaired an appeal from Van Minor regarding a move-up from 13U to 15U. The committee comprised of Grant, Raj, and Carmen. The appeal was upheld (granted).
- Everything is moving along as our associations are starting to come out of winter hibernation. The applications are coming in more each day. The committee is reviewing these within our timeline of 7-10 days of a completed form.
The committee is in constant communication with each other via email, texts, phone calls, and the rules chair.
- Issue: Tryout releases. Tryouts have been happening around the province. It was noted that one Island team was doing a joint tryout with the PBL. The Eligibility Chair received no release request.

According to the Rulebook, if an association uses any player before approval of that player's Application for Player Movement or Preliminary Try-out Approval from the Eligibility Chair, the association shall be fined a minimum of \$200 per player, as well as be subject to suspension. BC Minor will strictly impose this fine.

- We should add tryout release information to the Spring workshop agenda.
- We will have James send out tryout guidelines to all association presidents.

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



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(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin)

- 4) Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NO REPORT**
- 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)
 - Emailed correspondence re New West boundaries sent to Burnaby Minor
 - Emailed the Richmond president to inform him that their boundaries on the BCMBA website map 2018 are incorrect – as it included a portion of New West. New West is open territory.
 - Val mentioned that in the past, Richmond boundaries included New West.
I clarified that Richmond only applied for Queensborough (New West) boundaries in 2019. There was no further application received in the following years. Hence, New West is open territory.
 - Working on updating the boundaries map for 2021.
- 8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) - John Braaten (Co-Chair)
(Al Forman - Raj Puri - Brad Robinson - Greg Bodnarchuk - Marty Hall)
 - The committee expects a large attendance at the virtual coaches convention since there is no travel. Everyone can attend the convention in their house.
 - NCCP modules. \$29 per module and this includes the processing fee on the online registration.
 - The dry run will happen soon.
- 9) Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin)
(Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)
 - See AD Report in the Addendum Reports
- 10) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) – **NO REPORT**
(Greg Bodnarchuk - Al Forman)
- 11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair)
(Anne Hayes - Dave Garton)
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
- 12) Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) – **NO REPORT**
- 13) Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair)
(Anne Hayes)
 - See AD Report in the Addendum Reports



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- 14) Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair)
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- The committee will send a questionnaire to some board members.
- 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)
- 17) Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)
(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC, Ron Miciuk Strategic Plan Committee)
- Baseball BC's meeting was last night.
 - Chris Ballison is trying to bring in more business-style management to the group, review everything, and going through the procedure and stuff.
 - Grant gave a BC Minor report – hoping for a season.
 - Concerns on messaging – David Laing will be sharing with James what Baseball BC is posting (on social media and website) related to Covid.
 - Ron is currently too busy with his job. We need to find somebody to replace him on the Strategic Plan Committee.

Divisional Reports -

- a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes
- see Report in the Addendum Reports
- b) 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly
- attended the 18UAAA Pre-season meeting
 - 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly – **NO REPORT**
 - 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney
 - West Kelowna claimed to declare an 18UAAA team. Did anyone receive an email?
 - See Report and Spring Meeting Minutes in the Addendum Reports
 - 18U AA - Raj Puri
 - Vancouver Minor and South Burnaby "soft merge" at the 18UAA level.
 - Mary sent an email to 18UAA Director requesting a "soft merge" approval at the 18UAA level.
 - Raj to clarify that there is no such term as "soft merge" and if the email was an official request.
 - Mary confirmed that the email she sent was an official request for a merge in the 18UAA division.

Motion: R. Puri/A. Wong-de Leon

Motion to allow the merge on the 18UAA for 2021 Season

M/S/C



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- c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - 15U AAA - Anne Hayes (Ron Miciuk not available)
 - See Report and Spring Meeting Minutes in the Addendum Reports
 - 15U AA - Dave Garton
 - The pre-season meeting will be next week.
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal - **NO REPORT**
- d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - 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 REPORT**
- e) 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett/Greg Bodnarchuk
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
- f) 9U - Chair - John Braaten – **NO REPORT**
- g) Island - 18U and 15U - Dave Garton
 - Island Spring workshop is on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm
- 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

- Spring Workshop Agenda
 - Grant will prepare the Agenda for the workshops
- Spring/summer programming (non-single season divisions)
 - We are currently in Phase 2, Stage 1
 - PHO announcement will be mid-April so we don't know when we can start to play games, if games don't start in May, what are we looking at in terms of structure?
 - Considerations;
 - Extend the spring season?
 - Summer ball season?
 - Cannot start summer ball right away – need to quarantine.
 - Regional model
 - Provincial Championship or Final 4?



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- Greg Bodnarchuk – resignation
Motion: M. Kelly/D. Garton: To accept Greg’s resignation from the BoD of BCMBA.
M/S/C. Grant to send a thank you email to Greg.
- Steve Coleman - board position
Motion: J. Braaten/R. Puri: to accept Steve Coleman to the BC Minor BoD until the 2021 AGM.
M/S/C. Grant to send a welcome email to Steve.

Next Meeting: Google Meet, 7 pm, April 6, 2021

Meeting Adjournment: 8:41 pm Motion to adjourn: T. Baker-Cornett

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March 2021 Board meeting

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. Received many questions Regarding "Return to Play" protocols and the possible effects thereof. I participated in the 18U AAA virtual pre-season meeting.

Looking forward to the upcoming pre-season regional meetings.

Committee Report 2

Eligibility Member

Will defer to the Chair

Committee Report 6

High Performance Member

Will defer to the Chair.

Committee Report 8

Coaching Co-Chair

Mike and I, along with the committee continue to meet and plan for the upcoming virtual Coaches Conference March 26-28. Most all out-of-town speakers for the virtual Coaches Conference have submitted recorded sessions. Most all local speakers have finished their recorded sessions and are currently being edited. Working with and receiving support from Baseball BC and our own committee members in planning and such. Marketing committee has begun to promote conference via various platforms. Registration for Conference is now open. We understand our virtual hosting platform is near completion in advance of the scheduled dates.

NCCP Clinics for those coaches attending the BC Coaches Conference have the opportunity to attend all sessions at \$29 each for weekend following the conference. Baseball BC will be hosting these clinics. Marketing committee has been provided the information to promote to membership via various platforms.

Committee Report 10

Grassroots Chair

No update at this time.

Committee Report 11

Risk Management

We continue to receive many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns. I am really concerns 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.

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 are still awaiting word from the Provincial government of any potential updates in regards to programming and RTP Phases that ViaSport and Baseball BC can provide us for further guidance.

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 Interlocks/cohorts
- No travel.

A holdover from last two month's reporting:

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.

Committee Report 17

Baseball BC

Attended the March 1st Board meeting. Brought up concerns provincially regarding RTP communications that is not filtering down to coaches and members regarding “Return to Play” guidelines.

Divisional Report “D”

13U Chair

I have also received more calls about planning of exhibition games and Interlocks. Reminder, that at this time there is **no** game play and do not know when this may occur. BCMBA division directors will have to work with all provincial Interlocks if/when we may be able to play to ensure whatever guidelines ViaSport and Baseball BC present are adhered to and understood at that time.

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

- Still need headshots for Tina, Marty, Ryan and Greg.
- 18U AAA league page built and waiting for confirmation of teams
- 15U AA league page built and waiting for confirmation of teams
- Full swing promotion of BCMBA Coaches Conference 2021
- Full swing promotion of Spring Registration
- Single Season division chairs will need the SportsEngine User names for their team coaches (without coaches will not be able to log their game scores)

Administrative Support

- COVID-19 Member information distribution
- Updated and distribute new liability waivers and compliance forms for 2021 COVID-19 RTP
- Applications management for 2021 BCMBA Provincial Host Applications

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
- Ongoing communications with BCMBA Member associations regarding RTP, affiliation, single-season declarations, and BCMBA Coaches Conference 2021 - ***Recommend that we re-issue a fully updated RTP package as many new volunteers will be in place for the 2021 season.***
- Administrator support for GSuite
- Continued creation of “How to” guides for GSuite procedures and features as BoD members identify needs
- Creation of “How-to” video archive to support BoD Members
- Prepare GSuite training sessions content
- Offer weekly live GSuite training sessions - these continue to be well attended with an average of 3-4 participants weekly
- Host and support monthly BoD meetings via Google Meet
- Host and moderate 15U AAA Spring Pre-Season meeting
- BCMBA 2021 Spring Regional Workshop communications (If regional directors need assistance with agenda or communications please advise me ASAP)
 - LM/FV Region Wednesday, Mar. 3rd 7:00 PM <https://meet.google.com/rfq-hveg-twe>
 - Island Region Thursday, Mar. 4th 7:00 PM <https://meet.google.com/tph-xuoo-rok>
 - Interior Region Monday, Mar. 8th 7:00 PM <https://meet.google.com/pzm-whim-wjm>
- Create and distribute Jr. Men’s communications regarding declaration date extension
- Support communications for BoD and member associations
- Attend BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference committee meeting to determine logistical and support needs for the 2021 event
- Work with Jeff Krushell to record Coaches Conference presentation

Marketing Committee Report

- Hosted two meetings to discuss key objectives for Coaches Conference and strategies for securing conference sponsorships
- The primary focus over the next 30 days will be the daily promotion of the annual Coaches Conference and the NCCP Coaches Training Clinics
- The secondary and parallel focus of the Marketing Committee will be the promotion of spring registration in support of our member associations
- Chair currently studying 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
- Still looking to collaborate with Baseball BC in building a province-wide media campaign focused on the recovery of lost community registrations



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Rules Report for March 2, 2021 Board Meeting

Rules Committee (Dave Garton, Neil Dhaliwal, Hugh Gurney, Marty van-der Loos, Carmen Martin)

1. Committee meeting on February 16, 2021.

Shared drive for Rules files set up for committee members to access.

- Current Rulebook (word version for on going edits)
- Excel tracking sheet, for any possible rule changes, clarifications given by Rules Chair or issues discussed over the year. Also tracks any uses of Article XX by the BCMBA board.
- Rule change forms
- Any Article XX motions

Currently the committee is working on updates to the Rulebook regard gender specific pronouns, formatting consistency and general grammar, spelling or wording clarity.

We have set reoccurring monthly meeting for the next few months. Next is March 23, 2021 at 7:30pm

2. Article XX adjustments

Wanted to clarify the uses of the Article XX from our February 2nd meeting:

As a board we can use the passed motion to make adjustments because of Covid related issues – things like changes to dates, scheduling, fees, etc. but it doesn't give us the ability to do anything/everything. If there is another issue not related to Covid/RTP delays, we need to do a full new Article XX with a board vote.

Ultimately, we are accountable to our member associations and with us doing things for the betterment of baseball and property tracking what and why we do then we are in good shape.

Any uses of the approved Article XX should be reported to the Rules' committee/chair for tracking purposes. For example, 15U AA allowed a team to enter a team after the Feb 1, deadline – this decision was made by the 15U Chair and AA director, then it is forwarded to the Rules Chair for tracking. This is a reporting task, not a request for the Rules' Chair or committee to approve the uses. But if you have questions please don't hesitate to ask.

3. Rulebook updates

It was brought to my attention that the 2019 Roll of Honour recipients were not included in the current Rulebook. I have reached out to the awards committee to get the updated information for all 2019 and 2020 recipients.

Reminder to the board that if you see something that is missing, incorrect or you just have a question about the Rulebook please let me/the committee know.

Thank you,

Dave Garton
Rules Chair
BC Minor Baseball Association



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18UAAA Report for March 2021

League meeting was held on Friday February 26th. A total of 12 teams have declared for this season.

- Chilliwack
- Cloverdale
- COMBA
- Cowichan
- North Island
- North Langley
- North Shore
- Prince George
- Richmond
- Ridge Meadows
- South Fraser
- Victoria

Representation from every team was in attendance. Discussed possible start dates and conditions of play regarding RTP phases. Also discussed potential cohort groups once allowed to play.

Island		Lower Mainland		Lower Mainland		Interior
North Island		Cloverdale		South Fraser		COMBA
Cowichan		Ridge Meadows		Richmond		Chilliwack
Victoria		North Langley		North Shore		Prince George

Final 4 format will be used for this years Championships. COMBA to host final 4 weekend. It was also explained that Final 4 host does not get an automatic bye. Prince George will get a bye and make it a final 5 if they aren't able to play any league games against other teams this season.

April 1st is Spring roster deadline. Associations were asked to get field availability and scheduler interlock information in to Hugh and Anne asap so the schedule can start to be built. Email with links to both forms (scheduler interlock/field availability & roster) were emailed out to the group.

Practices only permitted at this point. No spectators, no games or tournaments.

Waiting for move into next phase so we can begin season!

Hugh Gurney
18UAAA Director



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Pre-Season Meeting Minutes

18UAAA League, 7 pm, Friday, February 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Hugh Gurney

Introduction:

- Hugh Gurney – 18UAAA Division Director
- Mike Kelly – 18U Division Chair
- John Braaten – 1st Vice President, Risk Management
- Anne Hayes – Treasurer, Scheduler
- Abigail Wong-de Leon – Secretary
- Ryan Carpenter – BCMBA Director
- Roll Call:
 - Chilliwack – Jason Emery
 - Cloverdale – Mike Dance/Michael Yamaguchi
 - COMBA – Jeff Bligh
 - Cowichan – Ken Ramwell
 - Kamloops - withdrawn
 - North Island – Hugh Gurney
 - North Langley/Aldergrove – Brad Blatz/Dan Chapman
 - North Shore – Alex Carrera/Carolyn Hornell
 - Prince George – Jody Hannon/Carmen Martin
 - Richmond – Richard Kishi
 - Ridge Meadows – Jake Moyer
 - South Fraser – Ben Dias/Mitch Brown
 - Victoria – Dave Garton/Dustin Robirtis
 - Marnie Crozier

League Discussion:

- Anticipated start date (John Braaten)
 - Since February 6's announcement from the PSO, there has been no change. Baseball is back to Phase 2, Stage 1. Looking for another update at the beginning/mid-April.
 - Modified training activities, drills, practice only.
 - Contact tracing to be kept for 30 days after each event.
 - Maintain 3m physical distancing
 - No use of dugouts
 - No sharing of personal equipment
 - No games
 - When it moves to Phase 2, Level 2, the list above plus –
 - Modified and in club gameplay only.
 - Only gameplay between teams from the same club is permitted in this phase.
 - Any modified or gameplay permitted in this phase is to follow Baseball BC Phase 3 GamePlay guidelines and recommendations during gameplay.
 - No travel
 - John recommended visiting the BCMBA website and read the Risk Management report in the BoD Monthly Meeting Minutes for the last 6 months. <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/meetings>
- Cohort Groups/schedule (Anne Hayes)
 - 48 games (depends on when we can start playing games)
 - Games might begin at the beginning of May -
 - Teams will break into 4 Pools

Interior	Lower Mainland	Lower Mainland	Island
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COMBA	North Shore	Cloverdale	Cowichan
Chilliwack	South Fraser	Ridge Meadows	North Island
*Prince George	Richmond	Township	Victoria

*Prince George will only play in the Cohort when travel is allowed.

- The game schedule will be posted on the BC Minor Baseball website.
- COVID setup/protocols for games
 - Attendance/tracking – every practice/game and need to be kept 30 days
 - Must adhere to 50 people max per event, no spectators
 - Sanitizing of game balls and responsibilities of home teams
 - Post-game procedures (no handshakes)
 - Associations should have their Return to Play Safety Plan posted on their website.
- Scores – reporting (home team's responsibility within 24 hrs)
 - Email the scores to Hugh @18uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org
- Provincials/Final 4 Tournament (July 29 – July 31)
 - Pre-Covid was an 8 team provincial in one host site.
 - With the Covid, it isn't easy to host a regular provincial, resulting in a Final 4. Last year, we got an exemption; hence was able to play in one area.
 - COMBA had put an application forward to host the Final 4.
 - Anne made it clear that in Final 4, the host does not get a "bye."
 - Hugh reminded everyone that "if you made it in the Final 4, you have to attend and play."
 - The final 4 is on the last weekend in July – we might push it back depending on when we start the season. The latest will be on the 2nd week of August.
 - Prince George situation:
 - If we move to Phase 3, PG can play with the Interior cohort; however, there might still be "no overnight travel." If PG can play games, they will NOT get a "bye" in the Final 4. It will be "by standing."
 - If PG cannot play games with the Interior cohort, PG will get a "bye," and it will be a Final 5 Provincial, and games start on Friday.

Open Discussion:

- Teams cannot play exhibition games outside their cohorts.
- Jody Hannon (Prince George) raised a question. His team received an invite from Kamloop's College Prep team to play games. Can they play?
 - It was made clear that NO college prep teams are permitted to play games at this time.
- Please complete the scheduler form and email it to Hugh. Hugh will be the one to forward them to Anne. Anne mentioned completing the scheduler form, including field availability from April 10 to mid-August.
- Roster submission
 - 1st roster due April 1, 2021
 - 2nd roster due July 1, 2021
- Carmen: PG parents concern about their kids who are planning to play college ball.
- PBL teams have games? Their game schedules are posted on their website.
- Please read the rulebook.
- Links:
 - BCMBA 2021 Rule Book
<https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/6ebc-2331438/2021 BCMBA RuleBook 29490 .pdf>
 - Scheduler form
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYmGa73eaPtRcHXDAwrqX8m3Sr1I9hCxnESul8pGoURhbkA/viewform>
 - BCMBA forms and documents resources <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/documents>

Meeting Adjournment: 7:40 pm



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15U Chair

We held the 15UAAA meeting on Sunday, February 21st. There was a representative there from all 10 teams. We reminded everyone that we were in Phase 2 of Covid 19 return to play and only practices were allowed at this time. We also stressed that the teams were not to play exhibition games against their 15UAA teams when we move to the next step as the 15UAAA have already been broken into cohorts for the start of the season and they cannot play anyone else. Currently we have 4 team field availability forms and are awaiting 6 more. The sooner we have the forms the sooner the schedule can be built for the start of the season.

Jr Men's Chair

The announcement went out to all Presidents yesterday that we have extended the declaration date for this division until April 1. As most teams have players over 22, they cannot even practice right now. Hopefully in the next month we will have some good news that will allow this division to play baseball this season.

Risk/Insurance

The player insurance has been renewed now with the same carrier. I am trying to get Marsh to send me a loss run for the liability policy so that I can get a quote on this from another carrier. I have not received the quote yet from Marsh for this renewal either. I do have another quote for the D&O Insurance, but I need to have Marsh's quote before I can decide which policy to take.



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Pre-Season Meeting Minutes

15AAA - 10am, Sunday, February 21, 2021

Via Google Meet

Meeting called to order at 10:07 am by Anne Hayes

Introduction

- Ron Micuik, 15UAAA Director - absent
- Anne Hayes, 15U Chair/Treasurer
- Abigail Wong-de Leon – BC Minor Secretary/Minute taker
- James Raymond – Administrative Director
- Roll Call::
 - SOMBA – Thurman Matthews/Scott Steward
 - Cloverdale – Michael Dagg
 - Kelowna – Troy Fisher
 - Chilliwack – Colin Currie
 - Township – Brad Blatz
 - Richmond – Logan Wedgewood
 - Kamloops – Frank Ingram
 - North Shore – Barb Ferreira/Jon Alpen
 - Vancouver Community – Pat Chaba
 - Salmon Arm – Tyler Shattock
 - North Delta/Tsawwassen/Ladner - withdrawn

Overview of last season

- Sixteen teams were playing in a bubble of 3.
- Teams dropped out during the season.
- There was no Final 4.

Single Season Fee

- Single Season fee - \$700 due April 1, 2021
- Teams who paid for the 2020 Single Season fee of \$700 will receive a credit of \$400 to be applied towards their 2021 Single Season fee.

Rules

- Roster size and submission
 - 1st roster due April 1, 2021
 - 2nd roster due July 1, 2021
- Rule 13 – Manager, Coach, Player, and Parent – Code of Conduct
- Rule 19.04 - Bats
- Rule 22.08 – Mercy Rule
- Rule 25.06 - Single Season Teams – NO fair play rules
- Rule 29.01 - Tie Breaker Rules



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Scheduling

- 48 games: Interior will be playing 4x among themselves, and the Lower Mainland will be playing 4x among themselves plus 2 other teams
- Planning to start games on April 10, 2021, and ending July 11, 2021
- Unlikely to schedule weeknight games – will leave this for possible makeup games
- Weekends will be doubleheaders but no overnight stay
 - Interior: 2 home games, 2 away games
 - Lower Mainland: 1 day off
- For the first 6-8 weeks (depending on what viaSport decides), teams will be playing within their cohorts.
- We are back in Phase 2, Level 1, and therefore, only training/practices in-club only.
- We need to be in Phase 2, Level 2, to start playing, but NO overnight travel.
- Teams will break into 3 Pools.

Interior	Lower Mainland	Lower Mainland
SAMBA	Cloverdale	Richmond
SOMBA	Township	North Shore
Kamloops	Chilliwack	Vancouver Community
COMBA		

- The game schedule will be posted on the BC Minor Baseball website.

Any requested changes email to

15uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org and 15uchair@bcminorbaseball.org

It is the responsibility of each team to complete all games and reschedule as needed of rain-outs etc. Must notify both the 15UChair and the 15UAAA Division Director by email.

The winning team's responsibility to post the scores – any discrepancies will be referred to the Division Director with both teams providing Official Game Score sheets.

HP 15U Selection Camp

- It is not happening according to the regular timeline.
- Looking into a regional model, but nothing is set in stone at this time.

BC Baseball Playoffs

- The top 8 teams will play a 3 game playoff to determine which teams make the Final 4 – IF we have a full season.
- If not, it will be the top team of each pool based on the winning percentage.

Provincials – Final Four

- July 23 to July 25, 2021 (4 teams: Top 4 from playoffs.)

Other tournaments and participation

- Teams cannot play exhibition games outside their cohorts. You can only play teams that BC Minor has assigned.



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- Currently, there are no tournaments posted on our website other than in the fall.
- Do not foresee any Westerns and Nationals for this year.

Round table/Open discussion

- A reminder of the RTP Safety protocol
 - Vancouver Community – RTP safety protocol on their website?
- North Shore clarified if 15UAAA can play with 15UAA – the answer is NO. You cannot break your bubble.
- Cloverdale and North Shore signed up for the Whalley Tournament
- Please complete the scheduler form and email it to Anne.
- Links:

BCMBA 2021 Rule Book https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/6ebc-2331438/2021_BCMBA_RuleBook_29490_.pdf

Scheduler form <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYmGa73eaPtRcHXDAwrqX8m-3Sr1I9hCxnESul8pGoURhbkA/viewform>

BCMBA forms and documents resources <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/documents>

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am



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15U AA Report for March 2, 2021 Board Meeting

As of February 28, 2021, there has been 28 teams declared for the 15U AA 2021 season. Since last report one team added (Abbotsford) and two team withdrawn (Kamloops and Victoria from 5 to 4 teams). Teams by region are:

- 1 – North
- 8 – Island
- 2 – Interior
- 17 – Lower Mainland

Planning to hold a 15U AA virtual meeting in March, date to be determined.

Like all single season divisions, we are in a bit of a holding pattern wondering when games will be able to begin, but will start planning a schedule with small local groups of teams and hopefully moving to more fulsome schedule as the season progresses. All of this is of course dependent on ViaSport and Baseball BC guidelines / movement to other phases.

Thank you,

Dave Garton
15U AA Director
BC Minor Baseball Association



Grant Butler <president@bcminorbaseball.org>

11 U Chair Report

1 message

Tina Baker-Cornett <11uchair@bcminorbaseball.org>

1 March 2021 at 21:35

To: bod@bcminorbaseball.org

11 U Report

Been asked by COMBA to tier mosquito and have an interlock with other associations. Referred to Rules and the following reply was sent

The rule is

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Associations are allowed to tier internally, provided they do not play in league games or tournaments outside of their association for the spring season.

Programs such as MSET and Prospects are permitted, however associations may not do both tiering and the MSET or Prospect programs. Teams may participate in MSET or Prospects tournaments, provided their association has offered this program in the spring.

Associations must notify BCMBA of their intentions, by April 1st, before they start of each spring season.

So I read two things here – first can tier internally, so this is meant to be for just playing against your own association. The second thing is no league games, so not a set schedule with other associations doing the same thing.

The association in their submission does mention exhibition games which are not covered explicitly by the rule, but if the exhibition schedule becomes the regular schedule then I would have an issue with the intent of the rule. As an example if they set up a dozen game schedules each amongst their 3 or 4 tier teams and then play only 2 or 3 exhibitions against another association that makes sense, but if the numbers were flipped that would not be following the rules.

Tina