

**B.C BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES – December 02, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: M. Sarai, V. Greenwood, G. Butler, B. Davis, M. Kelly, J. Braaten, T. Katelnikoff, F. Campbell, R. Wearing, P. Weatherill, E. Toneff, A. Hayes, D. Berry, G. Rimer, O. Germaine, T. Mabone

CONFERENCE CALL: C. Balison, B. Astorino (apologies to both as we had technical difficulties with the phone and they could not connect.

ABSENT: S. Drysdale

GUEST: None

CALL TO ORDER –6:15 P.M.

ADDITIONS:

**Affiliation letter of intent – Agassiz
Randy Downes – President Coquitlam/Moody – Boundaries
Scholarships**

MOTION: P. Weatherill / M. Kelly

To accept November minutes as recorded.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- Bill Beckett – fund raising – will be circulated to Associations
- Pakistan Baseball Federation – interested in sending delegates to Conference
- Nigerian Baseball – interested in sending delegates to Conference
- Sue Deane – external schools credits

BUSINESS ARISING:

a) Director's Assignments

18U – Grant Rimer – Chair

18U – John Braaten

Junior Men's – Brian Davis
15U – Mike Kelly – Chair
15U – Pat Weatherill
15U – Tracy Mabone
13U – Orville Germaine – Chair
13U – Dave Berry
11U – Grant Butler – Chair
11U – Ray Wearing
11U – Eric Toneff

High Performance – Orville Germaine, Grant Rimer, Mike Kelly, Grant Butler
Eligibility – Pat Weatherill
Boundaries and Affiliation – Pat Weatherill, Brian Davis
Girls – Val Greenwood
Umpire Liaison – Stuart Drysdale, Pat Weatherill
Rules – Stuart Drysdale
Coaching Development – Mike Kelly
Challenger – Grant Butler
Discipline – Stuart Drysdale
Grass Roots/Grand Slam/Rally Cap – Tom Katelnikoff
PR/Marketing – Tom Katelnikoff, John Braaten, Pat Weatherill
NCCP – Ray Wearing
Awards – Mike Kelly, Val Greenwood

b) Boundaries

Vancouver Minor – Vancouver Community

Fraser to Broadway to Burrard Inlet

Kelowna/Rutland – both have new Presidents – still need clarification on their boundaries

c) Affiliation – New Westminster

New Westminster has until the end of the calendar year to make a decision
South Burnaby, Burnaby Minor, Coquitlam/Moody and Richmond will be notified of conditions for registrations out of New Westminster should they resign from BC Minor

d) Website Service

Notice to Lyle Bowman that his services will not be necessary
New boundary map needs to be drawn up

e) White Rock – Transition

Grant B. and Orville met with White Rock
White Rock looking forward to bringing all players to BC Minor
Mechanics of how 11U (mosquito) works
Need to use birthdates as per BC Baseball – calendar year

f) Aldergrove – North Langley – Grandfather Clause

Letter from Lyall Sharman, President Aldergrove voicing some concerns should Langley City decided to move to BC Baseball. Aldergrove asked for the following conditions to apply:

- A. Currently registered players in Aldergrove that live in North Langley catchment be allowed to stay in Aldergrove
- B. Players registered in Aldergrove prior to BC Baseball's AGM be allowed to stay in Aldergrove
- C. Any player residing in North Langley who wants to play in Aldergrove for 2015 be allowed to do so.

O. Germaine to contact Kelly Parker, President North Langley re: Aldergrove's letter

Negotiations on grandfather should be done by Aldergrove and North Langley

B. Davis to follow up with both Associations

g) Aldergrove – appeals

NCCP – coach had credentials up to date – fine was issued – fine to be rescinded

All NCCP data is now up to date with Baseball Canada

13UAAA – Aldergrove was given ample notice for an appeal

REPORTS:

President – Mike Sarai

Had meeting with PBL – will have another meeting December 18
Dealing with a Risk Management issue – follow up with Stuart

1st Vice President – Stuart Drysdale

Player has laid claim to racism – Stuart looking at how to move forward

2nd Vice President – John Braaten

Attended meeting between Coquitlam/Moody – Coquitlam Reds – Little League

Discussion was mainly about losing fields due to cutbacks

City of Coquitlam not doing upkeep and maintenance on fields

Groups need to work together

BC Baseball – send official letter to city re: our concerns about the loss of fields

Treasurer – Anne Hayes

Forms needed to change signing officers – Richmond branch

Finance meeting with the Executive in January

MOTION: G. Butler / F. Campbell

To accept Treasurer's report as distributed.

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Secretary – Val Greenwood

Society papers have been filed with the Government

DIVISION REPORTS:

Junior – Brian Davis

No Report

18U – Grant Rimer/John Braaten

Meeting – Sunday, December 7

Elite Showcase Team

Develop kids and provide opportunities for players for college in BC Baseball

Work with Victoria and their coaching staff

Would like 1 Island, 1 Interior and 1 Lower Mainland team

Working with High Performance

Challenge at 18U
Orville has contacted almost all Associations for meeting
How to retain players
Dave Empey and Bill Green – coaches
Promote, Promote, Promote

15U – Mike Kelly/Pat Weatherill/Tracy Mabone

Will meet in January with coaches
They have until January 1 to declare intentions and February 15 to opt out
Will discuss scheduling

13U – Orville Germaine/Dave Berry

Have received two (2) entries for the John Main
Aldergrove has applied to host

11U – Grant Butler/Ray Wearing/Eric Toneff

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

Some inquiries re: tryouts

Umpire Liaison – Stuart Drysdale / Pat Weatherill

Attended the BCBUA AGM on Saturday November 22nd 2014

-question was asked about our Provincial dates.....explained the Friday to Monday concept for the long weekend, they like the change in format

-Super Clinic is planned for February, week prior to Convention

-President's report mentioned issue between Baseball BC and BC Baseball, as a concern

-Mentorship program deemed very successful

- they are financially sound

Rules – Stuart Drysdale

No Report

Challenger – Grant Butler

They seem fine on their own
Don't really need help from us
Need Associations to have a primary contact person

High Performance – Mike Kelly / Grant Butler / Grant Rimer / Orville Germaine

Presidents and Coaches need overall program layout
High level for opportunities and training
ID camps to be held in the Lower Mainland, on the Island and in the Interior
February 21 – High Performance day at the Conference
Budget ready for January
External school credits – will follow up on how they will work
Mike Sarai and Pat Weatherill going to CABA meetings this week – will look for tournaments

Program Highlights:

30 player floating roster
Practices between January 24 to March 7 – Saturdays – 1 to 5 PM
March 14 – 22 – Tuscan, Arizona for spring training
2 – 3 high exposure tournaments
Increase coaching staff – apply to join staff – mentorship – skills training
Large commitment of time and money

Coaching Development – Mike Kelly

U15 will go Friday night and all day Saturday
Blue Jays will be in attendance at Conference – 2 players – 2 executives
Schedule for conference is in the works
Committee – TBA

NEW BUSINESS:

1) 2015 Provincial and Regional Meetings

Provincials – run Friday through Monday with Tuesday as rain day – July 31 – August 4
Provincials – second week will start on Thursday – defer to January

Regional Meetings:

Island – March 14 – Lake Cowichan

Interior – date TBA – Kelowna
Lower Mainland – none

2) Rule Books

Stuart to look after printing
Order on line
Need tally and distribution
Caravan will do distribution

3) 15U AAA merger

Request from North Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen applied for merger at 15U AAA ONLY

MOTION: M. Kelly / P. Weatherill

Motion to allow North Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen to merge for the purpose of forming one (1) 15U AAA team for 2015 season.

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4) Special Resolution

Withdraw from Baseball B.C.
Mike S. and Mike K. met with PBL – another meeting to be held on December 18
Received letter from Baseball B.C. stating that they have not heard from the board – no reply as yet
Baseball B.C. wants a letter of intent by December 15
Need a business plan
25% more work for our board
Gaming Revenue?
NCCP – we have the ability to train our own instructors
Outside tournaments to replace Nationals and Westerns
Rally Caps can be ordered by us directly from Baseball Canada
A change is need at the top end of the Baseball B.C. board
Committee for drawing up business plan: Fraser Campbell, Mike Kelly, Mike Sarai, Tom Katelnikoff, John Braaten and Chris Balison
Any ideas send to Fraser

5) Website

Make up classified page for associations who wish to advertise for coaches
Formatting sponsorship package for advertising on the website

After seven (7) months of monitoring:

165,000 hits
46% look up from mobile

6) Awards

Chris Johnson working on criteria for selection of coach and team of the year
Criteria will be available on website
Need nominations for Association, Coach and Player of the year (a coach from each division will be selected – 18U, 15U, 13U and 11U)
Nominations for Roll of Honour are also being accepted

Nominations must be in by January 31, 2015, please send to Val Greenwood at boilers@telus.net

Tracy to look for some way to have “crowd” control for banquet

7) Agassiz

Agassiz Minor Baseball sent request for affiliation
Boundaries would need to be discussed with Chilliwack, Mission and Abbotsford
Pat to follow up

8) Coquitlam/Moody

Coquitlam/Moody put in boundary request to claim the North Shore as part of their boundaries for 2015 and beyond.

MOTION: B. Davis / T. Mabone

Motion to allow Coquitlam/Moody to include the North Shore as part of their boundaries for 2015 and beyond.

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9) Scholarships

Letter has been sent to recipients – Midget division to follow up with invitation to banquet.

Tyler Lemke - \$750.00
Sam Salvail - \$750.00

Justin Russell - \$750.00

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 9:40 PM – G. Rimer / P. Weatherill – M/S/C