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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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April 4th, 2023 - BCMBA Board of Directors Minutes

Tuesday, 4 April · 8:00 – 11:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Roll Call: G. Butler, R. Puri, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. McKearney, A. Forman, C. Lund, N. Dhaliwal, R. Hall, A. Wong-de Leon, D. Cabalfin, M. Van-der-Loos, V. Vankoughnett

J. Raymond - Administrative Director

Absent: S. Coleman, H. Gurney, T. Baker-Cornett, D. Michaud, M. Hall, M. Kelly (caravan)

Meeting Called to Order: 8:04 pm

Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler

By this time of the baseball season teams are picked, practicing and sorting out their schedules because they booked into too many tournaments..... so normal.

Please remember our new system for any of our tournaments, John Main and Provincials that all communication should go through Abigail, our new Tournament Director. This includes agendas for meetings, contacts and scheduling.

Introduction of Veronica Vankoughnett as the new director for the Northern Region.

Again, please forward any questions to the appropriate person on the BoD and if you have any questions call myself, Val, Anne, Raj and/or John.

Adoption of Minutes :

- Motion to accept minutes of the March 7, 2023 BoD meeting
 - Motioned: D. Cabalfin
 - Seconded: A. McKearney
 - M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Human Resources

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood - See below under Secretary

Business Arising from Minutes: None

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler

- Attended Duncan 11U gym tryouts and presented the 11U Coach of the Year Award to Jesse Davis. He had no idea and was genuinely surprised. Picture sent to James.
- Attended Nanaimo 13U AAA game and presented 13U AAA Coach of the Year Award to Brandan Dornan and the Umpire of the Year Award to Zander Hope. Again, he had no idea and was genuinely surprised. Pictures sent to James.
- Very impressed with the work Abigail has done to date for the John Main tournament.
- Working with BCBUA and Baseball BC on transparency and communication, things are going well.

First VP - Raj Puri - See written report

Second VP - John Braaten - See written report

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- There are currently 16 associations that have not sent in their affiliation. They are Chilliwack, COMBA, Duncan, Newton, North Shore, Oceanside, Osoyoos, Powell River, Quesnet, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Summerland, Trail, Tsawwassen, Vernon and West Kelowna
- Financials

Motion to accept financial report as distributed.

- Motioned: M. Van-der-Loos
- Seconded: A. Forman

M/S/C

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- **Incoming Correspondence**

1. Casey Jantz - looking to coach 13U travel team - forwarded to 13U chair
2. Chelsey Iwama - Abbotsford - 13U Commissioner - looking for 13U contact - forwarded to Anne
3. **Executive Rosters:** Agassiz, North Shuswap, New West, Cloverdale, Salt Spring Island, Greater Victoria, Aldergrove, White Rock, Campbell River, Ladner
4. Nicole Funk - Penticton Tigers - looking for contacts for 13U AA and 13U A - forwarded to division directors
5. Tiger Okuma - looking for a 26U team - forwarded to Anne
6. Graeme Carlson - how are competitive teams selected - sent him back to coaches
7. Veronika Ilich - Community Manager Nex Gen Men - how do we build athletes
8. North Shuswap - new president - Keisha Martel - northshuswapball@gmail.com
9. BC Registries - changes to the Societies Act
10. **League Registration:** Agassiz, North Langley, New West. Vancouver Minor, Oceanside

11. Single Season Affiliation - Cloverdale
12. Affiliation: Cloverdale, North Langley
13. Corrie White - Cloverdale - affiliation corrections
14. Neo Chalifoux - looking for info on 15U selects - forwarded to Anne
15. Lisa Biamonte - NCCP with regards to manager
16. Nick Van Dyk - 15U AAA roster
17. Heather - SOMBA - looking for scheduling
18. Troy - Winner's Circle - confirmation of order
19. Stacey Larsen - 2023 Insurance Certificate - forwarded to James
20. Lisa Biamonte - New West - affiliation - Anne
21. Lisa Biamonte - New West - additional players
22. Jackson - information on 26U - forwarded to Anne
23. Chad Costello - North Langley - looking for info on 15U A Provincials
24. Brad Blatz - Aldergrove - affiliation
25. Heather - White Rock - affiliation
26. Heather - White Rock - Single Season affiliation
27. Oceanside - affiliation
28. North Langley - affiliation
29. Todd Thicke - female playing down - Neal responded
30. Veronica Vankoughnett - merge request - Prince George and Quesnel - 13U

Outgoing:

1. Anne to Corrie - Cloverdale - correction to affiliation
2. Anne to Lisa Biamonte - NCCP
3. Val to Winner's Circle - Ridge Meadows
4. Anne to Heather - Interior scheduling - forwarded to Neal
5. Grant to Erik, Brandon and Ross - presenting awards
6. Anne to Lisa, New West - re affiliation
7. James to presidents - deadline for affiliation - April 1
8. Marty to Veronica - replied to merge request
9. James to Presidents - Changes to rule 13

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- MailChimp helps track emails sent out
- **See written report**

Committee Reports:

- 1) Rules Committee - **Daniel Michaud** / A. Wong de-Leon / R. Hall
 - Grant - still working with Paul Craven with the rule book

- 2) Player Eligibility Committee - **Neal Dhaliwal** / Steve Coleman / Marty van-der Loos/ Tina Baker-Cornett
- Neal - **see written report**
- 3) Discipline Committee - **Ryan Hall/ Tina Baker Cornett** / Raj Puri / Neal Dhaliwal / Lyndsey Hotell
- **Ryan - No Report - made contact with the BCUBA**
 - **Grant** - I've been working on a message that James is going to send to all of our member Associations regarding ejections and discipline. I've shared it with the BCBUA and Baseball BC prior to sending out for transparency and inclusion on said messaging.
- 4) Girls Baseball Committee - **Marty Van-Der Loos** / Val Greenwood
- 40 girls attended the caravan at Kensington
 - **No Report**
- 5) Umpire Liaison Committee - **Steve Coleman/ Alan McKearney/** Raj Puri
- Steve - **No report**
 - **Grant** - in touch with Sean Sullivan with how we would like to deal with ejection reports
- 6) High-Performance Committee - **Chris Lund/ Mike Kelly** / Marty Hall / Hugh Gurney/ Raj Puri / John Braaten Rep (18U) / Anne Hayes Rep (15U) / Tina Baker-Cornett Rep (13U)
- **Chris** - 13U selects - coaches have been selected and split into four (4) regions: Mainland West, Mainland East, Island and Interior. Dates for the regional tryouts have now been set and are going to be posted along with the player registrations. Still working on finding a tournament host for the fall.
 - **Chris** - 16U Selects - Have reached out to JJ and he is willing to coach the 16U selects team. We have a meeting this week to work out the details and additional coaches. We have locked up Cloverdale Hillcrest field for May 5th to 7th for the development camp. Still working on finding a suitable tournament for the fall.
 - **John** - Attended 13U Selects conference call in support of committee and supplied historical references and evaluation sheets to restart this program last run in 2019
 - **James** - Registration is now live - email to go out - player selection 18U
- 7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - **Steve Coleman - No Report**
- 8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - **Mike Kelly / Grant Butler** / Marty van-der Loos / Chris Lund / Dino Cabalfin/ Anne Hayes NCCP Chair
- Coach NCCP Certification report
 - **Grant** - I spent some time organizing CRC's for the Caravan Staff, and can report all looked after.
 - **Anne** - I have started the process of looking at all coaches on the single season rosters. There are multiple coaches that don't have Safe Sport and they have been told that they cannot step on the field on April 8th, when the season starts without this module. I will contact each coach individually about

this module. After I receive all the rosters, I will be sending the teams and their Presidents the necessary steps to have their coaches reach the level of NCCP needed for their coaching level. The coaches will have until the playoffs to be either certified or trained to continue coaching through to the Provincials

- **Anne** - Safe Sport is mandatory - check rosters that have been completed. Single Season 15U AAA and College Prep need Safe Sport - the seem to think they don't need it
- **Chris** - sent email to College Prep about Safe Sport
- **Grant** - if they don't have Safe Sport and they go on the field they will forfeit those games

9) Marketing Committee - **James Raymond** / Raj Puri / Dino Cabalfin / Ryan Hall

- **See written report**
- next promotion will be the Provincials

10) Grassroots Committee - **John Braaten** / **Steve Coleman**

- John - **No report**

11) Risk Management - **John Braaten** / **Alan McKearney**

- **John** - **No report**
- Insurance - **James Raymond/ Anne Hayes**

James - Insurer is working on paperwork for travel

12) Challenger Baseball Liaison - **Steve Coleman** - **No Report**

13) Website Committee - **James Raymond** / **Alan McKearney/ Anne Hayes**

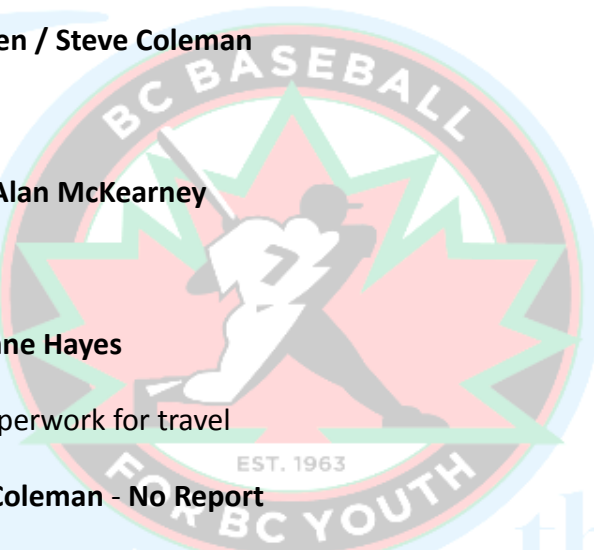
- **See written report**
- **John** - 62 (up from 56 in March) BCMBA tournaments posted on website. Associations hosting 11U tournaments please note members that Tier internally and are ineligible to participate. Refer to 11U Chair for any clarifications
- Post the 13U AAA standings on website

14) Human Resources Committee - **Anne Hayes** / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri

- We had James' review on Thursday, March 23rd. We went over the responses that we received from the Board to our questionnaire

15) Awards Committee - **Val Greenwood** / Tina Baker-Cornett/ Marty Van-Der Loos/ Dino Cabalfin

- **No Report**
- will hand out Association of the Year to Ridge Meadows at the John Main Tournament



16) Scholarship Committee - **Abigail Wong-de Leon** / John Braaten/ Al Forman / Lyndsey Hotell

- We are still working on the scholarship application. Nothing has been finalized yet.
- John - provided concerns to the Chair of current draft proposals and wording moving for the next scholarship intake. Needs clarity
- Lyndsey is working on the wording for the scholarships

17) Tournaments Coordinator - **Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- John Main is set to go. **See written report**
- **no time limit on medal games**

18) Baseball BC Committee - **Grant Butler** / Raj Puri

- **John** - Baseball BC High Performance Pathways document communicated to baseball organizations and player registration 14U and up opened April 1st. Multiple dates for each Zone. Players must attend at least one (1) session to be eligible for the respective teams/pathways. Evaluations start as early as April 11th.
- **Grant** - Working with Kyle on Pathways to Nationals and Westerns.
 - Today, 13U AAA Westerns will be hosted in Fort McMurray, Alberta.
 - Yesterday, 15U AA qualifiers will now be between 3 BCMBA and 1 Little League Team.
 - Discussion: Proposal is for a Round Robin, 2 vs 3 and winner vs 1.

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - **Anne Hayes**

- Had a pre-season meeting on March 26th. It looks like we will be having 12 teams this year in 26U. The games will start May 3rd. I am waiting for three (3) more field availability forms before I can start this schedule. The 2023 Policies and Playing Rules will be put on the website next week

b) 18U - Chair - **John Braaten**

- **See written report**

18U College Prep Director - Chris Lund/John Braaten

- Schedules have now been inputted into Game Changer

18U AAA Director - Chris Lund

- Schedules have now been inputted into Game Changer

18U AA Director - Raj Puri

- **See written report**

c) 15U - Chair - **Anne Hayes**

- The 15U AA schedule has now been uploaded to the website. I had to make a major correction to this once it was published but it is now final

15U AAA Director - Hugh Gurney - **No Report**

15U AA Director - Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Anne completed the game schedules which were emailed to all teams
- The season starts April 9, 2023
- Teams rosters were received on time except for two (2) teams. So, an email was sent as a reminder
- North Delta will host the Wild Card Tournament on July 22 and 23

15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal

- Still looking for a host

c) 13U - Chair - **Tina Baker-Cornett**

- merge request at 13U between Prince George and Quesnel
- **Motion: V. Vankoughnett / C. Lund**

Motion to allow Prince George and Quesnel to merge at the 13U level for the 2023 season.

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13U AAA Director - *Interim* - Anne Hayes, Lyndsey Hotell

- The meeting was held on Saturday, March 18th with all 15 teams represented. There will be 20 games in the spring and the summer amount will depend upon whether we have any additional teams for this level. The spring schedule is ready and sent out to all the coaches. It will be uploaded to the website this week. Tina and I will be having a discussion this coming week on how we are going to schedule the summer season
- 16 teams for the summer, too many to play everyone once - will likely split them into pools
- Burnaby should be AAA for summer play

13U AA Director - Al Forman - **No Report**

- The week of March 25 to April 1st I worked on the BC Minor Caravan throughout the Lower Mainland with stops at Mission, Aldergrove, North Langley, Surrey, Newton, South Burnaby, North Burnaby, Cloverdale, Richmond and Abbotsford
- **James** - Kelowna has made it mandatory for their coaches to attend the caravan - 50 coaches turned out for each session - 13U down had 80 coaches between the two (2) groups
- Neal will do the pictures in Kamloops

13U A Director - Marty Van-Der Loos - **No Report**

13U John Main Tournament Directors - John Braaten / Abigail Wong-de Leon

d) 11U - Chair - **Anne Hayes/ Steve Coleman**

- **Anne** - Have four (4) associations that have declared that they will be tiering in 11U this spring. Cloverdale, COMBA, Ridge Meadows and White Rock

John - **No report**

e) 9U - Chair - **Dino Cabalfin - No Report**

- **John - No report**

f) Island 1 - Tina Baker Cornett - **No Report**

- 9U / 11U / 13U
- Tina is meeting with the groups to do the interlock

g) Island 2 - **No Report**

- 15U / 18U

h) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal - 18U / 15U

- **See written report**

i) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin - 9U / 13U / 11U - **No Report**

j) North - Neal Dhaliwal

- Veronica Vankoughnett is the new director for the Northern Region

New Business:

- Up date Provincials and hosts
 - A. Mission is confirmed as the host for 18U AA
 - B. Host is still needed for 15U A
 - C. 26U - South Delta (Tsawwassen) to host
 - D. James is transitioning banners and medal to Abigail

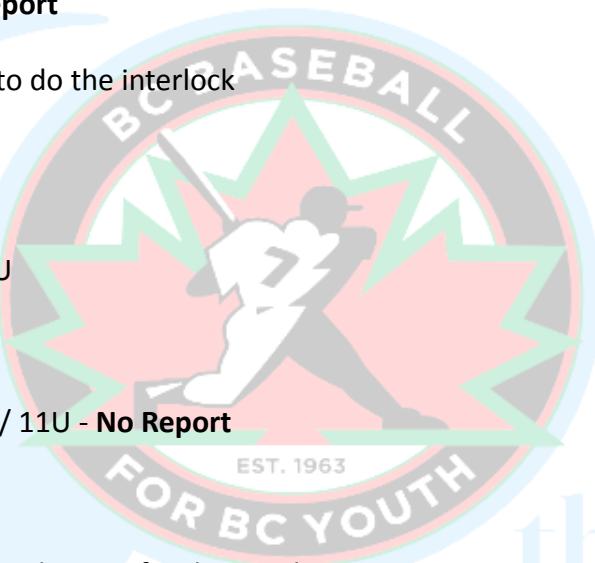
- **Motion - A. Hayes / A.Wong-de Leon**

Motion under Article XX at 15U to drop “tiering” to regulate travel and costs to teams.

M/S/C - J. Braaten - against

This will go to the AGM as a proposed rule change

John - remove tiering from the rule book - this will provide flexibility



E. Human Resources

- **Motion: A. Hayes / R. Puri**

Motion to move meeting “in camera”

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James to leave meeting

- **Motion: R. Puri / D. Cabalfin**

Motion to move meeting “out of camera”

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Next Meeting:

- **May 2 - 8:00 pm**

Meeting Adjournment at: 9:09

- **Motioned: J. Braaten**



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