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**SOUTH OKANAGAN MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

Providing a Positive Baseball Experience for the Youth of the South Okanagan

<b>Subject</b>	<b>SOMBA Coaches Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Date</b>	March 12, 2024
<b>Facilitators</b>	Josh Snider & Thurman Matthews, Player & Coach Development Contractors	<b>Time</b>	5:00 - 7:00pm
<b>Minutes</b>	Janet Wheeler, Secretary	<b>Location</b>	Salon D, Penticton Lakeside Resort
<b>Attendance</b>	48 Coaches + 7 Board Members = 55 participants (Coaching Attendance = 49%)		

TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>5:00 – 5:10 pm - Opening Remarks</b>	
1. Call to Order	<i>Motion: Janet, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul, 5:09 pm</i>
2. Welcome	Tyler Andrew, President
3. Meeting Overview	Edgar Yost, Vice President
4. Player & Coach Development Contractor Introductions & Baseball Bios	Edgar Yost, Vice President
<b>Josh Snider</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grew up in Moses Lake Washington</li> <li>Dad has spent the last 37 years coaching High School Baseball</li> <li>2011 Central Washington Athletic Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team Pitcher</li> <li>Graduated from Ephrata High School 2012</li> <li>2012 Pre-season Under Armour All American</li> <li>2012 Central Washington Athletic Conference MVP &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> team all-State OF/Pitcher</li> <li>Played at Yakima Valley in 2013 and was East Region 2<sup>ND</sup> team DH</li> <li>Played at TRU</li> <li>Has spent time coaching for the last 10 years</li> <li>BLE Senior Camp Counsellor 2016 – present</li> <li>2022 &amp; 2023 Team BC 15U &amp; 14U Provincial Coach</li> <li>2022 &amp; 2024 BC Summer Games Head Coach</li> <li>2024 Women’s 21U Provincial Baseball team Assistant Coach.</li> </ul>	<b>Thurman Matthews</b> Highschool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Born and raised in Edmonton, AB</li> <li>St. FX Rams 2011-2014</li> <li>Edmonton Cardinals 2011-2014</li> <li>Team Alberta 2011-2014</li> </ul> College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walla Walla Community College 2014-2015</li> <li>Edmonton Collegiate 2016-2018</li> </ul> Coaching <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Jasper Place Blue Jays (Edmonton) 2015-2019</li> <li>SOMBA Tigers (Penticton) 2019-present</li> <li>15U BC Provincial Championships 2021</li> <li>13U Team BC 2023-present</li> </ul>

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<p>5. SOMBA Board Member Introductions</p> <p>Tyler Andrew, President          Edgar Yost, Vice President          Andrea Messing, Treasurer          Janet Wheeler, Secretary          Lorne Raymond, Umpire in Chief          Paul Foreman, Umpire Allocator          Emma Achurch, Webmaster</p>	<p>Tyler Andrew, President</p> <p>Pat Dowler, 7U Director          Lucas Oleniuk, 9U Director          Scott Leir, 11U Director          Andrew Nendick, 13U Director          Raylene Benner, Fields Director          Jamie Moore, Sponsorship Director</p>
<p><b>5:10 – 5:50 pm - SOMBA Information &amp; Resources</b></p>	
<p>6. SOMBA Values &amp; Coach Code of Conduct</p> <p><b>Values:</b> Respect, Inclusive Community, Sportsmanship, Integrity, Teamwork</p>	<p>Tyler Andrew, President</p> <p><b>Coach Code of Conduct:</b> submit signed copy to your Division Director</p> <p><a href="https://www.sombatigers.com/page/show/8429326-code-of-conduct">https://www.sombatigers.com/page/show/8429326-code-of-conduct</a></p>
<p>7. Team Fees, Fundraising &amp; Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary shared of where registration fees are allocated</li> <li>• Submit receipts for NCCP training to Division Director or Treasurer</li> <li>• Teams collecting team fees and/or fundraising need to review the SOMBA Team Fees, Fundraising &amp; Sponsorship Policy</li> </ul> <p>SOMBA Team Fees, Fundraising &amp; Sponsorship Policy:  <a href="https://www.sombatigers.com/teammanagers">https://www.sombatigers.com/teammanagers</a></p>	<p>Andrea Messing, Treasurer &amp; Jamie Moore, Sponsorship Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review SOMBA website for current SOMBA sponsors before reaching out for team sponsorships.</li> <li>• Recreational teams – all funds raised go to the general SOMBA fund.</li> <li>• High Performance teams – check with sponsors that they are not general SOMBA sponsors. They may still sponsor a team. Team sponsors will not go on the SOMBA website without also being a general SOMBA sponsor.</li> </ul>
<p>8. Uniforms</p> <p>Uniforms have been ordered and Jenn will reach out to Division Directors to coordinate handing out uniforms to Coaches as soon as they arrive.</p>	<p>Jenn Keast, Uniform Director (absent)</p>



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<p>9. SOMBA Website - Coaching Resources</p> <p>Webmaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward updates as to player and team highlights for the Pride &amp; Recognition page on the SOMBA website</li> <li>• Forward game, tournament, other event information to be posted on Facebook and on the SOMBA website</li> <li>• Emma assists with entering teams onto SportsEngine</li> </ul>	<p>Emma Achurch, Webmaster &amp; Janet Wheeler, Secretary</p> <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2023 survey results indicated a need for improved communication and information sharing. SOMBA has undertaken a website redesign project and has put a lot of effort into re-organizing, updating, and adding content to the SOMBA website to make it more user friendly and a resource of information.</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.sombatigers.com/home">https://www.sombatigers.com/home</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Volunteer Page has information: For Coaches, For Team Managers, For Scorekeepers and on Field Preparation</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.sombatigers.com/volunteer">https://www.sombatigers.com/volunteer</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas and suggestions for additional information/resources are welcome!</li> </ul>
<p>10. Fields</p> <p>Raylene submits field bookings and liaises with the City about field issues. If you have issues/concerns about a field, forward them to your Division Director for follow-up.</p>	<p>Raylene Benner, Fields Director</p>
<p>11. Equipment &amp; Storage Sheds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward your equipment needs/concerns to your Division Director and they will follow-up with Mike</li> <li>• Coaches who still have team bags from last year, please let your Division Director know (advise whether additional items are needed for the team bag)</li> <li>• Mike is planning to hand out team bags the week of March 25<sup>th</sup></li> </ul>	<p>Mike Inglis, Equipment Director (absent)</p>



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<p>12. Umpires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed information shared about supporting umpires and role modeling respectful behaviours</li> <li>Lorne &amp; Paul are available to provide rule clinics and to discuss Division specific rules</li> <li>Reference Rule 13 in the BCMBA Rulebook</li> <li>Encouraged that a Coaches role should be focused on teaching skills and having fun and that a measure of your success is how many players come back next year!</li> </ul>	<p>Lorne Raymond, Umpire in Chief &amp; Paul Foreman, Umpire Allocator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See the Umpire Information for Coaches document on the Coaches Page on the SOMBA website for additional information</li> </ul> <p><a href="https://www.sombatigers.com/coaches">https://www.sombatigers.com/coaches</a></p>
<p><b>5:50 – 6:50 pm - Coaching Information &amp; Resources</b></p>	<p>Josh Snider &amp; Thurman Matthews, Player &amp; Coach Development Contractors</p>
<p align="center"><b>See attached document for the slides from the Coaching Information &amp; Resources presentation (Contact Josh and/or Thurman if you have questions or need assistance)</b></p>	
<p>13. NCCP Training</p>	
<p>14. Player Safety, Warmups &amp; Arm Health</p>	
<p>15. Creative Ways to Structure a Practice</p>	
<p>16. Player Development &amp; Baseball Drills</p>	
<p>17. Field Maintenance</p>	
<p>18. Game Day Preparation</p>	
<p>19. Creative Ways to Set a Lineup (see also BCMBA Rulebook – Rule 25)</p>	
<p>20. Division Specific Rules (see also League Rules &amp;/or BCMBA Rulebook)</p>	
<p><b>6:50 - 7:00 pm - Closing Remarks</b></p>	
<p>21. Questions</p>	<p>No general questions</p>
<p>22. Adjournment</p>	<p><b>Motion: Josh, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Janet, 7:00 pm</b></p>