



BC BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

British Columbia Minor Baseball Association
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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 04, 2018
5:50 pm

Meeting called by:	Mike Sarai, President – Stuart Drysdale in the chair
Type of meeting:	Board Meeting
Minute taker:	Val Greenwood
Attendees:	V. Greenwood, A. Hayes, J. Braaten S. Drysdale, M. Kelly, G. Rimer, L. Szabo, D. Garton, R. Puri, N. Van Dyk, J. Raymond, P. Weatherill, C. Wade, A Wong de Leon
Conference Call:	C. Martin, I. MacIntyre, M. Hall
Absent:	M. Holyk, M. Sarai, T. Chudyk
Guest(s)	

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm

2. President's Opening Remarks

2.1 Busy week

2.2 Trevor McGuire has resigned from the board for personal reasons, Abigail Wong de Leon has been appointed to take his board position until the 2019 AGM

2.2 Welcome to new board members – Cathy Wade, Nick Van Dyk, Dave Garton, Marty Hall, Raj Puri and Abigail Wong De Leon

3. Additions to Agenda.

3.1 Directors clothing

3.2 Enderby – Pat has discussed Enderby affiliating with BCNBA in 2019 – Pat will follow up with talks with Salmon Arm (Enderby players do migrate to Salmon Arm) – tabled to January

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **MOTION: J. Braaten / P. Weatherill**
- **Motion to approve November minutes as distributed.**

M/S/C

5. Correspondence

- 5.1 Anonymous** – letter re: governance of BC (Minor) Baseball
5.2 Jacque Griffiths- President North Shore – letter re: governance BC (Minor) Baseball
5.3 John Braaten – President Richmond City – 15U AAA application
5.4 John Braaten – President Richmond City – appeal on denial of 15U AAA application
5.5 Stacey Larsen – Enderby – application to join BC (Minor) Baseball
5.6 John Braaten – President Richmond City – request to host 2019 John Main 13U AA tournament
5.7 Mandy McQuarrie – Past President Revelstoke – new executive
5.8 David Fong – Roll of Honour nomination
5.9 Chris Balison – President Kamloops – question re: President’s meeting

Out Going:

- 5.9 James Raymond** – Administrative Director BC (Minor) Baseball – letter to all Presidents re: upcoming season

6. Business Arising

- 6.1 Burnaby (Minor) – boundaries - tabled to New Year
6.2 Follow up on membership movement – see new business
6.3 Director’s duties and assigned associations

- Director’s duties have not be assigned
- Directors were assigned their association

6.4 2019 Board Meeting Dates:

- January 08
- February 5 and 10
- March 05
- April 02
- May 07
- June 04
- June 22 – 9 am
- July no meeting
- August 24
- September no meeting due to workshops
- October 01
- November 02 – AGM

6.5 BC Umpires 2019

- Trouble with retaining members
- Summer could be problematic

6.6 Provincial hosting and Provincial winner travel

- All US travel has been cancelled
- College Prep travel to be determined

6.7 Web site up date

- Close to completing new site
- Sports Engine has a great library for tutorials and training
- Doing up manual for training in use of new site
- December 10 is deadline for going live with new site

7. Director Reports:

7.1 President – Mike Sarai

- **No Report**

7.2 1st Vice President – Stuart Drysdale

- **No Report**

7.3 2nd Vice President – Iain MacIntyre

- Attending a meeting with interior associations regarding the effects the potential new Diamond League may have on the interior on Wednesday, December 7

7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- No formal audit is need any longer

MOTION: P. Weatherill / M. Kelly

Motion to accept treasurer's report as distributed.

M/S/C

- Membership concerns on affiliation feed, out of province travel, select teams

MOTION: V. Greenwood / Nick Van Dyk

- **Motion to accept the 2019 Coaches Convention budget as presented.**

M/S/C – abstentions: P. Weatherill, A. Hayes, L. Szabo

7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood

- **No Report**

7.6 Executive Director – James Raymond

- **Website and Social Media**

Migration has been completed, currently in the final stages of content manipulation. Training has started with SportsEngine with a follow up session on Wednesday. Live date of December 10th still in place. At which point we will shut down registration on our TeamPages website.

- Jack Tite will continue to cull and organize all media and documents as well as duplicating the navigation tree so that it mirrors as closely to our current site. A key aspect in transitioning users over to the new site is that they experience a familiar navigation path to the pages they are looking for. Jack Tite is also currently working on the completion of a training guide for BC Baseball to archive and reference for future website administrators.
- Now that we have had more in depth exploration of the SportsEngine product it is evident that this platform is infinitely superior to our current site. It offers far more customization, more efficient administration of articles and items, SE supported registration form creation, more engaging viewing experience, and more dynamic social media cross platform tools.

- **BC Travel Teams**

Team BC 15U Tournament moved from Chicago to California. July 5-12th, 2019. Orange County, CA.
Registered

We need to send call out for Coach Applicants for all three Team BC squads

- **High Performance**

Registration live for HP workshops at 2019 BC Baseball Coaches Conference
Need to set venues for ID Camps

- **Marketing and Sponsorship**

New website will provide a sponsorship slider as part of its home page. I would like to work with Les to put together some form of sponsorship package for brand placement on our home page

- **2019 BC Baseball Coaching Conference**

Currently 28 registrants

Promotional Campaign ramping up on all social media platforms. Seven remaining presenters to showcase.

Coming Events mailer scheduled to go out Wednesday Dec. 5th.

RFQ sent out to a number of Charter services companies in an effort to explore transportation options for Interior region attendees. At this time most proposals are coming back in the \$5k range. At that price point bus transportation may be cost prohibitive

- **Conference Committees and Chairs**

Hospitality - **Vacant**

Budget - Anne, Mike K, and James

Registration - Anne, Val and Joanna (Val's daughter)

Luncheon - Val

Signs & Tents -Les

Photos - James

Web Pages - James
Player Registration - Mike and Pat
Audio & Video - James and Jim Salter
Transportation - Grant R and Les
Banquet - Val
Silent Auction - **Vacant**
Speakers Mike K, Grant R, and James
Exhibitors Les, James and John
Online Registration - Mike, James and Anne
Bus from Okanagan -James
Luncheon Awards - Val
Programme - Mike and Val

- **2019 BC Baseball Traveling Caravan**

Follow up invite to host to be send out in the Coming Events mailer scheduled for Dec. 5th

- **Coach Development**

11U Manual under final editing review. Coach registration live for all three modules. Promotional call out will run again with Coming Events mailer. Need to issue call out for, and confirm coach trainers attendance at 2019 Coaches Conference. Need to design and set up registration mechanics (certification record and tracking)

- **Administrative Support**

Development of Directors Annual Planner workbook 90% complete. Proofing, updating, and distribution to be complete by end of December, once roles are assigned.

Finished product will be an excel workbook reference guide for Divisional Directors and Executive Members featuring description of primary role and responsibilities, Annual timeline specific to that Director Relevant, key dates Quick reference contact list Committee role(s) and responsibilities

7.7 North – Carmen Martin

- Prince George just opened registration for their winter ball programs starting in January. New board was elected in late October, and will forward that information to Val after PG's next board meeting. Prince George has submitted an application to host the 2019 15U AA West Provincials.
- Quesnel has a new President - Tim Barker has stepped down and Chelsee and Kyle Scanlan are now running QMBA. They can still be reached at gmbball@gmail.com - and I will forward on any other contact info once they provide to me.

7.8 Interior – Terry Chudyk / Iain McIntyre

- Kamloops - winter and spring registrations are now open and Winter baseball starts in early January
- Vernon - held their AGM November 19th
- Salmon Arm - Spring registration will open in the early new year
- COMBA - winter ball registration is open and starts practicing in early January
- SOMBA – Winter ball is up and running, spring registrations to open in January, held AGM November 14th President was re-elected

- West Kelowna – Winter ball starts early January

7.9 Island – Mike Holyk / Dave Garton

7.10 Web Site – John Braaten / S. Drysdale

8. Committees: MOST COMMITTEES NOT YET FORMED

8.1 Boundary/Affiliation – Pat Weatherill

8.2 Challenger –

8.3 Coaching Caravan – Mike Kelly

- **No Report**

8.4 Coaching Development – Mike Kelly / Grant Rimer / James Raymond

- **No Report**

8.5 Discipline –

- **No Report**

8.6 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

- Four (4) releases have been received.....all pending as it is early
- One (1) move down request received, pee wee to mosquito.....will address this week

8.7 Girls – Val Greenwood

- **No Report**

8.8 Grassroots –

- **No report**

8.9 High Performance

- 15U AAA
- Meeting was held November 19 – room felt positive about new application process
- One (1) appeal had been received – Ray Carter. Stuart Drysdale and Raj Puri will handle appeal
- **College Prep coaches**
Travel - coaches still wish to travel to Diamond Nation tournaments – willing to pay themselves
Presidents not in favour of this travel
Is there value for the dollars to attend these tournaments
Players should have to give back to league (mentoring, umpiring, coaching etc.)

8.10 Certification Training –

- No Report

8.11 Risk Management –

8.12 Rules –

- No Report

8.13 Scholarship – Grant Rimer / Val Greenwood / Les Szabo

- No Report

8.14 Marketing – Les Szabo / John Braaten

- No Report

8.15 Umpire Liaison –

- No Report

8.16 Uniforms (BC) –

- No Report

8.17 Human Resources – Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood (Mike Sarai, 1st Vice President, Tony Casey)

- No Report

8.18 Awards – Mike Kelly / Val Greenwood / Grant Rimer

9. DIVISION REPORTS – NO DIRECTORS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED DIVISIONS AS OF TODAY;S DATE

9.2 13U –

- No Report

9.3 15U –

9.4 18U –

- No Report

9.5 Junior Men –

- No Report

10. New Business

- A4K

- Associations not getting any information from A4K – some funding being turned down
- James to contact Sandy at A\$K to follow up
- **Clothing**
 - No identity at convention – attendees could not tell who the volunteers were
 - New board members
 - Hat, jacket and golf shirt – Les and Anne will follow up
- Burnaby Boundaries – tabled to New Year
- John Main Tournament
- Richmond only association to apply
- Richmond and Vancouver Community looking at having a team from Taiwan – this would bring in three (3) more international teams
- Would need to increase tournament to a twenty (20) team tournament
- Diamond Baseball
 - Register as a Society
 - Seven (7) board members
 - Meeting with fifteen (15) associations
 - Mission, Coquitlam-Moody, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Ridge Meadows, Vancouver Minor, Surrey, North Langley, Newton, Port Coquitlam, Burnaby, Aldergrove, Abbotsford,
 - Issues with Article 20
 - Being not affiliated with the PSO, field allocations are being affected
 - Consensus is we (BCMBA) should re-affiliate with Baseball BC
 - Issues with how the election of officers is done
 - Better as one (1) strong unit
 - Associations want change now
 - Fiscal responsibilities – selects and general travel
 - Transparency and better communications
 - Membership driven model
 - Deadline is December 31 for affiliation with Baseball BC
- Baseball BC – how best to go about re-affiliating
 - Board should agree to affiliate with PSO
 - Put forward a motion for an email vote of membership – if there is a majority, we move forward
 - Need negotiations with Baseball BC

MOTION : M. Hall / R. Puri

- **The Board of Directors supports the movement of intent to re-affiliate with the Baseball BC Association for the 2019 season. The Board of Directors will engage with membership with regards to the re-affiliation with Baseball BC, subject to the majority approval of membership.**
- M/S/C – Abstentions : J. Braaten, P. Weatherill, D. Garton**
- S. Drysdale will draft letter – all presidents will be copied**

6. Article 20

- Moratorium on using
- Set up governance committee

MOTION : N. Van Dyk / C. Wade

- **Board of Directors may invoke Article 20 with a two-third (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors and if any invocation will require a review at a Special meeting or Annual General Meeting.**

M/S/C – unanimous vote

- Governance committee with membership will look at governance re: election of President, Vice-Presidents Secretary and Treasurer
- Committee will consist of N. Van Dyk, C. Wade and R. Puri plus three (3) member associations
- Report will be due in February

MOTION : N. Van Dyk / L. Szabo

- **Be it resolved that the Board establishes a committee of the Board to be known as the Governance Committee. The initial members of this committee shall be Nicholas Van Dyk (Chair), Cathy Wade, and Raj Puri. The Governance Committee shall have a mandate to review BC Minor Baseball's existing governance framework, review best practices for minor sport governance and solicit input from BCMB's members regarding governance concerns. Issues to be considered include, but are not limited to: the process for electing executives, the process for appointing committees of the Board, responsibilities of directors and executives, and any other issues which may arise and are relevant to the governance of the Society. Following this review, the Committee will propose revisions to BC Minor Baseball's rules, by-laws and constitution, where appropriate, in order to address any deficiencies identified from this process. Any proposed changes will be presented to the Board of BC Minor Baseball during its February 2019 Board meeting, to be held on February 5, with an approved package of revisions to be presented to membership for a vote at a special or general meeting of members, as required, in order to consider and, if appropriate, approve the changes. The target date for any general meeting of members would be by the end of February, 2019**

M/S/C

7. Excess funds

- Goal to affiliate with Baseball BC
- Incentives to associations across the board
- Need to have one (1) year's operating budget
- \$150,000 out of the \$300,000 would be need to re-affiliate with Baseball BC at \$7.00 per player

MOTION: R. Puri / L. Szabo

- **Be it resolved that the Board establishes a committee of the Board to be known as the Finance Committee. The initial members of this committee shall be Anne Hayes (Chair), Nicholas Van Dyk, and Dave Garton. The Finance Committee shall have a mandate to review BC Minor Baseball's financial situation including its reserves, expenses, financial policies and fees. The purpose of this review will be to consider all issues relevant to the Society's finances in order to reduce costs to members while also ensuring the financial health of the organization given the seasonal nature of**

expenditures.

The committee will present its findings, including any proposed revisions to the 2019 budget or other relevant items, to the Board of BC Minor Baseball during its February 2019 Board meeting, to be held on February 5. An update on the financial status of the Society will be presented to members no later than by the end of February 2019.

M/S/C

- James thanked the new members for their willingness to be involved on the committees and should be commended for doing so.

Motion to adjourn: – 9:05 D. Garton / G. Rimer

Next Board Meeting: January 08, 2019 – location TBA

Other Important Dates: