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March 1st, 2022 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting hosted via Google Meet

Roll Call: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, J. Raymond, M. Kelly, R. Hall, M. Van-der Loos, A. Forman, M. Hall, N. Dhaliwal, N. Van Dyk, H. Gurney, D. Cabalfin, D. Michuad

Absent: S. Coleman, R. Puri, Tina Baker Cornett

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06 pm

Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler

- To everyone, good job so far, things are only going to get better.
- **See Report**

Adoption of Minutes :

- Motion to accept February 2022 BoD Meeting Minutes
 - Motioned:R. Hall
 - Seconded:N. Dhaliwal
- M/S/C

Additions to the agenda

- Article XX - 15U declaration and withdrawal dates
- Anne - two (2) mergers 15U
- Grant - CRC - See President's report

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Grant Dovey - President, Ladysmith - inquiring about updates on Covid 19 protocols for 2022 - forwarded to John Braaten
- Jeff Babuin - President, Howe Sound - to John acknowledging acceptance to BCMBA February 02 - after board meeting)
- Karen Morgan - President, New West - to John acknowledging acceptance to BCMBA (February 02 - after board meeting)
- John Powell - President, TriCity Thunder - to John acknowledging our decision for the amalgamation (February 01 after board meeting)
- **Executive Rosters:** COMBA, Quesnel, Sorrento, West Kelowna

- **Boundaries:** Sorrento
- David Laing - Executive Director, Baseball BC - re: PHO - volunteers, coaches and support staff - no longer need to be vaccinated
- Jonathan Chan - Coordinator Burnaby Valkyries Girls Baseball - update - see Girls Baseball
- Ray Yoo - High Performance - particularly 13U - forwarded to Mike Kelly and John Braaten
- Abigail Wong-de Leon - Thank you for being selected for the Roll of Honour
- Kevin LeTexier - Thank you for being selected as Coach of the Year
- Miranda Carpenter - Ridge Meadows - thank you for being selected Team of the Year
- Lyndsey Hotell - Abbotsford - Thank you on behalf of Jason For being selected Coach of the Year
- Sorrento - new President - Danika Heighs
- Dong Lien - inquiring about baseball on the North Shore - forwarded to Nick
- Kristy Watson - Vancouver Regional Coordinator for Baseball BC Girls Baseball to Neal Dhaliwal - releases and girls playing on 2 teams in the Spring
- Cheryl Healy - still having issues re New West
- Lyndsey Hotell - President Abbotsford - Jeremy Hall - President Chilliwack - Article XX vote request - Rule 19.04 - Bats - 11U - see 11U Chair
- Craig Little - parent/volunteer - Comox - question 15U AA - Oceanside/Alberni
- Craig Little - second inquiry - 15U AA to Grant
- Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - Dates and locations for Nationals and Westerns - see division reports
- Pat Chaba -15U AAA - Girls -question to Anne can girls play down - referred to Neal
- Todd Thicke - president Summerland - Kidsport - forwarded to Anne
- Baseball BC - 2022 Coaching registration and requirements
- Mary McCann -President Vancouver Minor - request for Presidents info
- Vicky Seredick - President Alberni Valley / Rob McGorman - President Oceanside request Article XX Rule 7 Single Season 7.01 15U declaration dates
- Brian Durant - President Powell River - question on who builds parks = referred him to check with the municipality
- Darren Kautz - President COMBA - declaration of 13U AAA / AA and a few A teams
- Mary McCann - President Vancouver Minor - will not be having 13U AAA team for 2022
- Vancouver Community - team declarations - 15U AA - 2 teams
- Nanaimo - team declarations - 13U AAA - one team
- Michael Sanfillippo - President Vernon - registrations are open for another month, so don't have numbers to know what they will be playing - John Braaten handling
- Vinny Dumas - President Cloverdale - PBL teams playing in a tournament
- Vinny Dumas - President Cloverdale - needing further clarification on PBL in tournaments

Outgoing:

- John Braaten to John Powell informing him of the boards approval for the amalgamation (February 01 after board meeting)
- John Braaten to Karen Morgan -(February 01 after board meeting) - acknowledging New West's acceptance as a member of BCMBA
- John Braaten to Jeff Babuin- (February 01 after board meeting) - acknowledging Howe Sound's acceptance as a member of BCMBA
- James Raymond to Presidents - (February 03) - announcing registration is now open for the Coaches Conference

- John Braaten to Grant Dovey and various board members - no updates at the moment for Covid 19 protocols for 2022 (February 02)
- James Raymond - to Presidents - dates and times of the BCMBA 2022 Coaches Conference NCCP coach certifications -(February 4th)
- James Raymond - to Presidents - Bruce Brown speaking at conference
- John Braaten to James - please send out PHO notice not requiring vaccinations
- James Raymond to Presidents re: PHO no longer requiring vaccinations
- James Raymond to Lower Mainland Presidents - Lower Mainland Interlocks (February 22)
- James Raymond to Presidents - Provincial hosts (February 11)
- James Raymond to Presidents - Trent Mongero speaking at conference
- Neal Dhaliwal to Kristy Watson - releases and girls playing on 2 teams in the Spring (Girls committee was included on emails)
- James Raymond to Presidents - advisory notice re: Article XX - Rule 7.01 - BoD vote
- John Braaten to Cheryl Healy Re: concerns with New West
- Grant Butler to Craig Little re: 15U AA Oceanside/Alberni
- Grant Butler to Craig Little - 15U AA - turned over to Tina
- Neal Dhaliwal to Pat Chaba - Girls playing down
- Anne to Todd Thicke, Summerland re: KidSport
- James Raymond - to Presidents - 2022 Coaches requirements (February 22)
- James Raymond to Mary McCann - presidents info - no we don't
- Grant Butler to Mike Addy - Executive Director PBL - missed declaration date (February 22)
- James Raymond - to Presidents - notification of Article XX vote on Rule 7.01 regarding 15U AA declaration and withdrawal dates - 70% in favor (February 26)
- John Braaten to Presidents - reminder of the change of declaration date change to March 1st
- John Braaten to Presidents of Burnaby, South Burnaby, Richmond City and New West - players Grandfathering list (6) players
- James Raymond - Sent out a reminder of the Spring Workshop on March 08 - (March 01)
- Anne Hayes to Vinny Dumas - President Cloverdale - PBL practice team Rule 1.10 Independent teams are not to play in tournaments associated with BCMBA
- Grant Butler to Vinny Dumas - President Cloverdale - further information and answers to his questions

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Nick - Jeff from Howe Sound and myself have worked out our grandfathering list and readjusted the boundaries.
- Neal - will need copy of grandfathered players

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler

- considerable issues at 15U - Anne, Tina and myself looking after
- Directors to update CRCs - recommended go to National program
- followed up on rule change for bats
- Forwarded Baseball BC messaging for HP and Pathways

- Asked James to message for Provincial hosts
- Participated in Baseball BC business
- Anne is struggling with receiving field availability , and team information for doing the schedules, not sure there is a better way with new people coming in all the time
- **CRC** - it was recommended that we switch to the National program. Talked with Chris Balison, president Baseball BC, and he said it took them months and months to get their system working on the Solicitor General Criminal Record Check program. Nick said he would look into it and he fired it off. Lo and behold I got 23 pages of reading material.
- **Nick** - It's applicable to any volunteer organization and it's free and digital. Instead of our directors, coaches and whoever else having to go to the RCMP office with a signed letter, each organization has a ten digit code provided to anyone who needs a check. They go to the Justice website enter the required information and it's automatically into a system that Grant and I have access to. We don't have any data, we just have access in terms of setting it up. I don't need to continue having access once I've handed off management. It's very quick and easy to do.
- **Grant** - I'll start going through this and sort out everything we need to move it forward Thanks Nick
- **Dave Garton** - we had it in Gordon Head and it's so much easier, quicker and less burdensome.
- **See Report**
- **READ THE RULES.....KNOW THE RULES**

First VP - John Braaten

- **See Report**

Second VP - Dave Garton

- **No Report**

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials

Revenue is starting to come in

Motion to accept financial report as distributed.

- Motioned: V. Greenwood
- Seconded: J. Braaten
- M/S/C

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- BC Ferries - Any directors or teams that are traveling to the Island from Horseshoe Bay beware that they are trying to go to an ALL RESERVATION system for this summer
- Executive Rosters are still needed from the following associations:
Agassiz, Campbell River, Chase, Chilliwack, Howe Sound, Ladner, Lake Cowichan, Mission, North Delta, North Shuswap, Oceanside, Osoyoos, Powell River, Salmon Arm, Summerland, Surrey, Tri-port
Please send in ASAP

- Participated in Human Resources year end review for James Raymond
- Participated in Article XX discussion
- Participated in 15U AA pre-season meeting

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- Full deployment and integration of Google Workshop (G Suite) for BCMBA board of directors
- Tools and training resources
- HP Committee Player Recruitment Page
- **See report for full details**

Administrative Director's Supporting Roles

- Upcoming 2022 BCMBA Coaches Conference
- 2022 BCMBA Coaches Caravan
- Preparation for Spring Workshops
- Daily and monthly operations

See full report for details

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee - Daniel Michaud / Ryan Hall / Hugh Gurney

- We moved Dino off of Marketing and put him in Rules so that there was a director from each region and Dave was going to help out
- **No Report**

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Neal Dhaliwal / Steve Coleman / Dino Cabalfin

- Try out releases summary
- Player releases summary
- Player movement(up/down) report
- Overage report
- Need grandfathering list from Nick

3) Discipline Committee - Dave Garton / Raj Puri / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin

- Meeting to be held March 09
- Jr. Men - Anne does discipline - no automatic one game suspension
- **Grant** - had a call from David Laing - Baseball BC - they've done a lot of work on their Safe Sport programming which includes Discipline, I would like you guys to review, David did volunteer they were probably prepared to take on discipline cases if we want. We have our rule book

that we are going to go with. As how to Discipline will be treated our program vs Baseball BC, then we will have to let them know, but it's there to be used or to be referred to.

- Further discussion was had on various scenarios that could come up.
- **Nick** - We had considered in the past whether we could consider using Baseball BC as the appeal, so if we get an appeal in, rather than dealing with it ourselves which creates conflict between different Board members, appeals are escalated to Baseball BC
- **Grant** - That's fair, if our appeals field too much conflict, we can move up the ladder in that.

4) Girls Baseball Committee - **Val Greenwood / Marty Van-Der Loos / Al Forman**

- Jonathan Chan update on Valkyries programming in Burnaby
- Coaching changes have been announced for 2022
- No Report from the committee

5) Umpire Liaison Committee - **Grant Butler / Raj Puri / Nick Van Dyk**

- Rhonda says they have programming for 11U and 9U, but nothing is on website
- Grant asked Nick if he wants to be on the Umpire Liaison committee
- Rhonda Pauls current President of **BCBUA** been selected as the Executive Director for umpires for PEI
- **Nick** - **lead a discussion** around Junior and Youth programming. He then ran through the BCBUA website and how to navigate through to find the education portal, once it's complete it will be released to everyone
- If you want to start as an umpire, become a member of BCBUA, they will then have access to the on-demand resources, then sign up for a clinic with your local association. There will be in-person clinics this year.
- **Grant** - I will withdraw my name from the Umpire Liaison committee and leaving it in the hands of Nick and Raj

6) High-Performance Committee - **Mike Kelly / Daniel Michaud / Marty Hall / Al Forman / John Braaten Rep (18U) / Anne Hayes Rep (15U) / John Braaten Rep (13U)**

- **John** - **See Report**
- The only thing we are stuck on right now is the 13U selects, we are still waiting on feedback from the division about how we can make this work this year.
- **Mike** - **we've got the tournament set and all that stuff.** We'll have more to report next month
- **Anne** - looks like we will be under budget for the convention because we went live, will know once it's finalized
- **Mike** - We're getting good results from the convention. I want to thank Howe Sound, they have 8 attending so far, North Langley has 13, North Shore 11, Prince George 11 coaches. We've only got 4 registered from the Island, the Interior has 8, that's pretty disappointing considering it's virtual, no reason for the coaches to not sign up.
- **Grant** - We should note that the Island is doing their own thing, Dave can you describe that?
- **Dave** - I wasn't going to describe that...last year I pushed it and it led to 15-20 coaches attending, I haven't been able to do that this year with work and all.

- **Mike** - it's pretty disappointing for the Interior also, especially when we spend a week with the caravan...the idea was when we had the caravan was if you support our programs, then we're going to support you
Just wanted to add that the caravan is fully booked on the Island as is the Lower Mainland and Interior 23 cities in total.
- Grant** - that's amazing good job Mike
- Mike** - Mike and John, it's not just Mike
- Grant** - James please send out a link to the Directors a reminder to get a hold of your local association on the Island and in the Interior to see what's going on.
Thanks to John, Mike and Anne for doing the budget
- Howe Sound is sending 8 people to convention - all of the Island is sending only 4
- need directors throughout the Province to make the Presidents are aware of the conference
- 2022 Program outline

7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - **Steve Coleman**

- Not much more progress has been made on securing Boundaries declarations in the correct format from the Association Presidents
- There is a need for a full review of this process and a rule change should be considered by the Presidents at the next BCMBA annual general meeting to clean up this process

8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - **Mike Kelly / John Braaten** / Al Forman / Raj Puri / Nick Van Dyk

- **John** - NCCP course associated with the Coaches Convention has concluded and was well attended, 45 newly certified coaches
- Grant** - Mike how about the NCCP?
- Mike** - It was staggered over 5 or 6 days, I don't have it in front of me but gather it was well attended
- John** - all the single season league meetings, we did review the coach - certification requirements so leading up to Provincials they should know what they need
- Conference this weekend March 4 - 6
- Coach Certification Requirements for 2022 - all have been checked

Speakers schedule is finalized

Full report will be given at the April meeting

See Report for full details

- 2022 BCMBA Traveling Caravan -
 - Association submissions have been received
 - Travel locations have been reviewed
 - Mike Kelly has been managing instructors, logistics and budget
 - Host updates
 - Program updates
all areas are fully booked - Lower Mainland, Island and Interior
- Thanks to John, Mike and Anne

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

- Committee met on February 8, key points include

fee structure to be a donation of product that will be raffled off during Coaches Conference

will run banners and branding in presentations

extend opportunities to local businesses

committee will start to contact Presidents to increase awareness of Conference and NCCP discounts

- Coaches Caravan - March 28 - April 15
- HP Player Recruitment Program - will table until after the Coaches Conference
- Initiatives 2022 - looking for a leader
- Coaches Conference post-event report

See report for full details

- Coaches Caravan update - Mike Kelly
- Many associations have filled out the form.
- Contacted associations and in the process of finalizing the dates
- Caravan will start March 26 and end April 15th
- Will travel through the Lower Mainland, Island and the Okanagan
- HP Selects/Team BC update
- John Main update

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

- Baseball BC is looking for a chairman for GrassRoots
- I reached out to Dino. I need one more person from the Interior and the North and we'll have good representation for the Province
- BCMBA GrassRoots committee to recommend person
- Steve will defer to John
- **See Report**

11) Risk Management - **John Braaten** / Insurance Committee - **Anne Hayes**/James Raymond

- **See Report**

I hope everyone has read it, basically it's in regards to the 15U spamming misinformation, that was sent to BC Minor - Grant and I have gone over this report - this has happened before - I think in regards, this may be an ideal piece to go Baseball BC under their Safe Sport policies, to review the actions of the people regarding Baseball BC's social media policy, Have them review what took place.

- Grant - I think it's an excellent time to see how Baseball BC's policy will fall in place on this.

- **Insurance - Anne Hayes**
- Just waiting on the CGL, player insurance is in place

12) **Challenger** Baseball Liaison - **Steve Coleman**

- No Report

13) Website Committee - **James Raymond** / Anne Hayes / John Braaten / Nick Van Dyk

- To compliment James' report - tournament postings for 2022 are up to 29 submitted and posted
- See James' report for details

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

- Anne requested HR report be moved to end of meeting to go "in camera"

15) Awards Committee - **Val Greenwood** / Mike Kelly / Raj Puri / Marty Van-Der Loos

All recipients were notified on February 06.

- Plaques have been ordered
- The awards will be handed out in conjunction with the Coaches Caravan

16) Scholarship Committee - **Raj Puri** / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin

- Letter and cheques have been sent out

17) Baseball BC Committee - **Grant Butler** / John Braaten

- Pathways to Westerns and Nationals finalized program report - dates are all posted
- On behalf of Baseball BC's High Performance Committee, BCMBA was asked to help create a 16U and 17U high performance watch list as they are looking for player information from our College Prep teams. Appreciate the feedback for this request as it was the first time Baseball BC has reached out to BCMBA requesting information on GrassRoots.
- Baseball BC is looking for a chairperson for GrassRoots, they believe it should be someone from BC Minor. I asked who do you think it should be? Oddly, Steve Coleman's name came up. I haven't talked to Steve, I'm going to leave that up to you and the GrassRoots committee.

Divisional Reports:

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

- **No Report**
- Will hold meeting after all the single season schedules are done mid March

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

- Division recently hosted a virtual preseason meeting for 18U AAA which I attended. College Prep schedule has been forwarded to respective teams

- Provincial Hosts
 - CP
 - AAA
 - AA - Ladner
- **See Report**
- **Nationals - 18U AAA - August 18 - 21 - Fort McMurray, Alberta**
- **Westerns - 18U AAA Tier I - August 19 - 21 - Regina, Saskatchewan**
- **Westerns - 18U AAA Tier II - August 19 - 21 - Estevan, Saskatchewan**
- 18U College Prep and AAA will come along as teams are formed
- 18U College Prep Director - Mike Kelly

Schedules are out, thanks Anne for doing such a great job

- 18U AAA Director - Dave Garton

See Report

Playoffs same as The Valley of Champions Tournament

Valley of Champions looking at moving their dates

John, Todd Russell, Valley of Champions they reached out to me to see if our dates were true because of the Summer Games

Anne - talked to Todd today saying they are going to pivot the 15U because of the Summer Games

- 18U AA Director - Raj Puri
 - Still looking for host
 - **No Report**

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

- Steve and I ran the 15U AAA meeting, February 6th. All but one of the teams was represented, SOMBA dropped down to 15U AA after the meeting. It was decided that each team would play 4 games against each other. The schedule has been sent out to the teams for any corrections before it is posted to the website.
- Two (2) merges

Motion: A. Hayes / M. Kelly

To allow Alberni Valley and Oceanside to merge at the 15U AA for the 2022 season.

M/S/C Abstentions - H.Gurney - A.Hayes

Motion: A.Hayes / A. Forman

To allow COMBA and West Kelowna to merge at all 15U divisions for the 2022 season.

M/S/C

- It will be a very busy season this year with the BC Summer Games coming between the playoffs and the Final 4
- **Nationals - 15U AAA - August 25 - 28 - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**
- **Westerns -15U AAA - Tier I - August 19 - 21 - Edmonton, Alberta**
- **Westerns - !5U AA - Tier II - August 19 - 21 - Estevan, Saskatchewan**
- Provincial Hosts
 - AAA - Final Four
 - AA - Richmond
 - A - Mission
- 15U AAA Director - Anne Hayes / Steve Coleman
 - Held 15U AAA meeting on February 6, all but one of the teams was represented. SOMBA dropped down to 15U AA after the meeting. It was decided that each team would play 4 games against each other. The schedule has been sent out to the teams for any corrections before posting to the website.
- because AAA is a final 4 the host will be selected from one of them
- 15U AA Director - Hugh Gurney
 - Held meeting on February 27. Anne Hayes, John Braaten and Val Greenwood attended on behalf of BC Minor

27 teams in 15U AA this season (Including Prince George and Trail) who will play limited schedules

Discussed tiering - 2 divisions
Prince George and Trail excluded from tiers
A few concerns from a few associations on which tier they are in
AA - Richmond is host -full provincials

Article XX submitted by Oceanside/Alberni to extend 15U AA declaration date

See report for full details

- 15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal
 - Mission will host

- **No report**

d) 13U - Chair - **John Braaten**

- Have been supporting the divisional directors as questions are again being asked about 13U AAA single season. Also had Lower Mainland association representatives reach out about local interlocks for historical references and guidance
- Inaugural 13U AAA declaration deadline of March 01 end of day. From early declarations look to be on track with historical amount of teams participating
- **Nationals - 13U AAA - August 25 - 28 - Windsor, Ontario**
- **Westerns - 13U AAA - Tier I - August 18 - 21 - Swift Current, Saskatchewan**
- **Westerns - 13U AA - Tier II - August 19 - 21 - Estevan, Saskatchewan**
- Provincial Hosts
 - AAA - Nanaimo
 - AA - North Shore
 - A - Surrey
- 13U AAA Director - Marty Hall
 - deadline for declarations - has arisen - 12 teams so far
 - will send out teams when done
 - four (4) from the Island
 - 2022 Season final programming outline
- 13U AA Director - Al Forman -
 - North Shore is the only application I have
 - **No Report**
- 13U- A Director - Marty Van-Der Loos
 - Looking for another host for 13U A Provincials, Surrey Canadians have applied, once other applications are received, then hosts can be designated East or West
- 13U John Main Tournament Directors - John Braaten / Marty Hall
 - Online team registration is now open via BCMBA website. Open to all BCMBA 13U teams. Tournament is almost 66% full already. Tournament is still looking for a host location. Host team will receive free entry
 - **See Report**

e) 11U - Chair - **Dave Garton / Daniel Michaud** / Tina Baker Cornett / Nick Van Dyk

Article XX - vote request to change bat size at 11U - from Abbotsford and Chilliwack

Motion: Lyndsey Hottel - Abbotsford / Jeremy Hall -Chilliwack

Motion to change 10 U and 11U 32 inch, 2 ¾ inch max diameter, unlimited length/weight drop - must have USSSA BPF (bat performance factor) stamp OR USA stamp.

M/S/C

- motion will go out in the rules package for the AGM. This will change the rule, however will not help with the supply chain, bringing it in to align with Baseball Canada.
- Provincial Hosts
 - AAA T1- Victoria
 - AAA T2-
 - AA- Mission
 - A- Richmond

f) 9U - Chair - **John Braaten / Dino Cabalfin** No Report

g) Island 1 - Tina Baker Cornett

- 9U / 11U / 13U No report

h) Island 2 - Dave Garton

- 15U / 18U **No Report**

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal

- 18U / 15U **No Report**

j) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin

- 9U / 13U / 11U **No report**

k) North - Neal Dhaliwal, **No Report**

New Business:

- **Motion J. Braaten / R. Hall**
Motion to move meeting “in camera”
M/S/C

Human Resources Review

James was asked to leave the meeting

- **Motion: M. Van-Der Loos / N. Van Dyk**
Motion to move meeting “out of camera”
M/S/C

- **Motion: A.Hayes / M. Kelly**
- Anne: James' workload has increased and no raise in 3 years
Motion to increase James' salary from \$60,000 to \$65,000 yearly starting March 01, 2022.
M/S/C
- **Motion: N. Van Dyk / D. Garton**
Motion, with the increase in gas prices, to increase the mileage rate of 55 cents per KM to match the rate of Government Canada's rate. 61 cents per KM for the first 5000 KMs, 55 cents per KM after that.
M/S/C

Next Meeting:

- April 5th, 2022, 8pm via Google Meet

Meeting Adjournment at: 7:45 pm Motioned: M. Van Der Loos



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BCMBA Board Meeting March 1, 2022

Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

From the time after the last board meeting had many informational e-mails which is standard this time of year as BCMBA and the sport is looking to get back to traditional program dating back to 2019. Sent out an educational/historical e-mail to Lower Mainland presidents regarding local Interlock regions (which are three (3)). This is to aid in local communication and begin planning for local associations to begin scheduling of games for non-single season league where appropriate. Other regions within the province have local meetings which current BCMBA directors help in planning.

I was requested and did attend an LSO player evaluation session to be an independent evaluator.

Please see Committee Report 12 Risk Management for further comments that overlapped as 1st VP.

Committee Report 6

High Performance Co-Chair

The committee has been sharing information with pre-season single season divisional meetings (College Prep, 18U AAA, 15U AAA & 15U AA). BCMBA high performance camp for 16U Selects is once again planned with travel to Seattle for a tournament. 15U Selects will not move forward in 2022 due to tight timelines and BC Summer Games occurring in July. 13U is still being discussed within the division at this time. The Committee has also advised the single season team representatives (15U – 18U) of Baseball BC “pathways” for high performance for 14U through 18U. Also have provided information the Baseball BC Qualifiers including berths and hosting dates to Westerns and National Championships in August at each respective divisional meeting that had been previously communicated to associations to make sure they are also aware of all team/player opportunities.

Committee Report 8

Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair

As of this date the NCCP courses associated with the participation of the upcoming BC Coaches Conference have concluded. Virtual Coaches Conference will be underway this coming week...March 4-6. Looking forward to another successful event. Speakers schedule is finalized and Q&A sessions where available with speakers. Mike Kelly can add additional information. Coaches Conference post mortem report will be provided for the April board meeting.

Committee Report 9

Travelling Caravan

Inbound association submissions have been received through the BCMBA website. Most all of the travel locations have been internally reviewed. Mike Kelly has been managing instructors, logistics and fluid budget.

Committee Report 11

Grassroots Chair

Phase II of the BCMBA Grassroots survey "Parents" engagement to date is very good to date from around the province. Interviews have been in and around 30mins and very impressed with detail and openness of parent respondents. Most all interviews have each been completed and working through responses in order to provide board an update to combine with Phase I report in the next few months.

Committee Report 12

Risk Management

Speaking from the position of the BCMBA Risk Committee Chair I would like to make note of a recent social media/spam email disinformation campaign promoted by individuals associated with Baseball BC members and directed at some of our BCMBA volunteer Board of Directors. Said Baseball BC members, likely include PBL and BCMBA member Associations as well as the campaign began with parents, friends and associates of some of the players affected by how their particular LSO had not managed certain declaration dates at the 15U AA division. Eventually the disinformation made it out to other media outlets and even to our own PSO.

Grant Butler, BCMBA president asked the affected directors to not reply to the unsolicited emails and it was pointed out very clearly to the BCMBA member Associations involved that the BCMBA Board of Directors are bound by the members Rule Book and contents within and that BCMBA Board of Directors abide by the rules set out within. At one point Grant requested the support of the new PBL Executive Director to have the PBL group in question cease the spam campaign. His request was summarily excused leading BCMBA to believe there no longer a single point of contact for the PBL.

Personally, and as a longtime volunteer in baseball as a whole, I have had multiple personal attacks directed at me over the years, but this recent campaign of spamming and directed email attacks was different in that the group of people were misinformed and did not understand where the problem began with in the first place and had little or no regard to limitations and/or solutions contained within said Rule Book was taken.

What is truly disappointing is that the communications spread to other association representatives and the baseball community as well in an effort to put pressure on BCMBA to "do the right thing". The solution to the issue at hand was brought forward through due process as set out in the Rule Book by way of an Article-XX rule change, motioned, seconded, discussed, voted on and carried by the BCMBA Board of Directors. The LSO's involved were made aware via messaging to the entirety of the BCMBA membership.

Given the amount of misinformation and confusion perpetuated by the spam campaign it will be interesting to see how long it takes for the actions, time and efforts of the BCMBA volunteers to be recognized in a mature manner. At this time I know of one piece of communication recognizing the positive result of the BCMBA process. Unfortunately it did not take any responsibility for the spam campaign or the misinformation.

As our governing PSO, Baseball BC, has recently adopted Safe Sport policies, and due to parts of the actions noted above being in contravention of the Social Media Policy (see link below) I am recommending to the BCMBA Board of Directors that the issue as described above be forwarded to Baseball BC for review.

<https://www.baseball.bc.ca/uploads/files/Social%20media%20policy%20-%20BOARD%20APPROVED.pdf>

John Braaten, on behalf of the BCMBA Risk Committee

Return to Play update February 4th

Please note that Baseball BC confirmed with viaSport that the PHO order surrounding Volunteer Coaches and Vaccination had been updated. Outdoor sports and specifically Baseball, no longer require volunteers, coaches and support staff to be vaccinated as per their updated Return to Sport Restart 2.0 Chart.

You can view the chart at the following link

https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return_to_Sport_Restart_2.0_February-03-2022.pdf

Insurance

I will defer to Anne Hayes.

Committee Report 14

Website member

To compliment James' report. Tournament postings for 2022 are up to 29 submitted/posted.

Committee Report 18

Baseball BC

On behalf of Baseball BC's High Performance Committee BCMBA was asked to help create a 16U & 17U high-performance watch list as they are looking for player information from our College Prep teams. Appreciate the feedback for this request as it was the first time Baseball BC had reached out to BCMBA requesting information.

Divisional Report "B"

18U Chair

Division recently hosted a virtual preseason meeting for 18U AAA which I attended. College Prep schedule has been forwarded to respective teams.

Divisional Report "D"

13U Chair

Have been supporting the divisional directors as questions are again being asked about 13U AAA single season. Also had some Lower Mainland association representatives reach out about local Interlocks for historical references and guidance.

Inaugural 13U AAA declaration deadline of March 1st end of day. From early declarations look to be on track with historical amount of teams participating.

John Main Tournament

Online team registration now open via BCMBA website. Open to all BCMBA 13U teams. Tournament is almost 66% full already as of this date. Tournament is still looking for host location. Host team will receive free entry.

Divisional Report "F"

9U Chair

No update at this time.

John Braaten

1st Vice President



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Administrative Director's Report

3.1.22

James Raymond

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Projects

Full deployment and integration of Google Workspace (GSuite) for the BCMBA BoD

- Orientations sessions are available in 1hr slots between 10 AM - 12 PM and 6 PM - 9 PM
- Nine directors have done their orientations to date
- Things are about to heat up, I strongly recommend you do orientation
- Will return to group training sessions after the Coaches Conference. These sessions are for post orientation questions or to learn more about basic/advanced features of Google Workspace (copying docs, sharing docs, converting to/from MS Office files, booking/hosting video calls, etc.)

When referencing the tasks and responsibilities of your role, please refer to the procedures manual. If you find information that has changed, please advise me administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org this is a living document and will require updating as the roles evolve.

Tools and training resources - With the move to the virtual work environment, several resources have been developed:

- The "How-to" video library growing, please submit any tasks/training items you would like to see
- The support ticket system is still not being used. Moving forward you will be asked to submit a ticket when needing support
- Administrative Director will continue to block off bookable time slots to offer support or training. There are five 1hr slots every day. You are encouraged to book a time slot if you need assistance with any aspect of your work for BCMBA

HP Committee - Player Recruitment Page

- Reviewed PBR and will have further discussions with them after the Coaches Conference
- Met with Ron Miciuk to review PBR and discuss the framework of page and program

Administrative Director's Supporting Roles

Upcoming 2022 BCMBA Coaches Conference

- Virtual build underway
- Registrations are live, 125+ registered to date
- Currently sourcing promotional assets and chasing a few remaining loose ends
- Coordinate registration for attendees of Coaches Conference and NCCP Certification training 48 Coaches trained as of Feb. 26th

2022 BCMBA Coaches Caravan

- Registration has been enthusiastic, to date 21 associations have requested to host
- Accommodations still remain to be booked will need dates and locations no later than Mar. 4th

Preparation for Spring Workshops

- Regional directors should be in the process of organizing and communicating with their regional members
- Directors should be in the process of organizing relevant reports
- AD will send out invites to Member Association Presidents Monday, Feb. 28th

Daily and Monthly Operations

- Continued development and improvement of procedures and policies to help govern and guide BCMBA BoD day to day operations
- Explore means to improve open rates for emails and make recommendations to improve Member President engagement
- Day-to-day support of BoD Executive, Directors, and Chairs in their volunteer efforts
- Communications and updates between BoD and Member Associations.
- Meeting support (BoD/Executives/Committees/Members)
- Technical support for Google Workspace and Gmail.



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Boundaries & Affiliations Chair's Report

3.1.22

Steve Coleman

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Not much more progress has been made on securing Boundaries declarations in the correct format from the Association Presidents.

There is a need for a full review of this process and a rule change should be considered by the Presidents at the next BCMBA AGM to clean up this process.



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Marketing Committee Report

3.1.22

James Raymond - Chair

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The 2021/22 Marketing Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Raj Puri

Member - Dino Cabalfin

Member - Ryan Hall

Current and continued focus:

The Marketing committee met February 8th, 2022. Key points from the meeting minutes include:

- Coaches Conference March 4 - 6, 2022
 - Trade show
 - Mktg Committee will set fee structure to be a donation of product that will be raffled during the Coaches Conference Event
 - Will run banners and branding in presentations priority to the presentation speaker
 - Will run lobby banners linking to speaker and sponsor websites
 - Will recommend to all "vendors" that they prepare a "show special"
 - Build demo clip to run during the event to promote the sponsorship elements/trade show
 - Reach out to Ed to see if he has a ready clip
 - Extend opportunities to local businesses for next year, if time allows this year at "donation" fee
 - Promotion (underway with daily SM posts and direct mail campaign to Presidents)
 - Mktg Committee members will now start to contact Presidents directly to increase awareness of the Conference and NCCP training discounts
 - Live plugs are awesome!
- Coaches Caravan March 28 - April 13, 2022
 - Promotion - Set date launch
 - Registration built and live
 - Will duplicate direct contact marketing approach with Caravan as well
 - "How To Host" already built, needs updating and distribution
- HP Player Recruitment Program
 - Website
 - School list
 - Sponsorship
 - Content sourcing
 - SM element

Mktg Committee will table until after the Coaches Conference and then will engage with the HP committee to identify and plan the specific details and assign roles.

- Initiatives 2022
 - Still looking for a lead director for this role
 - If none found, will work as a committee in meeting to set up program dates and details

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 15th, 2022



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Website Committee Report

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James Raymond - Chair

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The 2022 Website Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Anne Hayes

Member - John Braaten

Member - Nick Van Dyk

Current and continued focus:

HP Player Recruitment Page

- design and preliminary build to begin mid March
- need HP liaison assigned so that work can be properly supported and coordinated

Programs pages

- need date confirmations, applications, and content for HP events,
- need dates and content for Girls Baseball page
- Risk Management page under construction

Long Term Needs:

Ongoing streamlining and auditing of current pages and resources - Maintenance document and procedures created that allow for regular review and updating of BCMBA website.

February 2022

15U AAA Report

Steve Coleman and I ran the 15U AAA meeting on Sunday, February 6th. All but one of the teams was represented at the meeting. SOMBA dropped down to 15U AA after the meeting date. It was decided that each team would play 4 games against each other. The schedule has now been sent out to the teams for any corrections before it is posted to the website on Saturday.

It will be a very busy season this year with the BC Summer Games coming between the playoff weekend and the Final 4 weekend.

Anne Hayes & Steve Coleman



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15UAA Report March 2022

Held Pre-Season virtual meeting on Sunday February 27th. Anne Hayes, John Braaten & Val Greenwood all attended on behalf of BC Minor.

27 teams in 15UAA this season (including Prince George & Trail) who will play limited schedules.

Discussed Tiering of division this season.

- Tier 1 – 14 teams – Abbotsford, Burnaby, Kamloops, Newton/Surrey, North Delta, Oceanside/Alberni, SOMBA, Tsawassen, Van Minor, Carnarvon/Gordon Head, Layritz, Triangle, West Kelowna, White Rock
- Tier 2 – 11 teams – Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Ladner, Nanaimo, North Island, North Shore, Richmond, Ridge Meadows, Township, Van Comm #1, Van Comm #2
- Prince George & Trail excluded from tiers.

Some concern from a few associations on the tier their team is placed in.

Article XX submitted from Oceanside/Alberni to extend the 15UAA declaration date to February 28th. Motion passed by board. New date to withdraw teams is March 7.

Still waiting on Head Coach/Team contact info from several associations. Also waiting on completed scheduler forms so season schedule can be completed.

Provincials will be held July 28 – 30 in Richmond. 10 team tournament. Qualifying teams as follows;

- Top 4 from Tier 1
- Top 2 from Tier 2
- Host team (Richmond)
- Bye team (Prince George)
- Remaining two teams will be decided from a Wild Card tournament (Top 2 from tournament)

Hugh Gurney

15UAA Director

BC Minor Baseball Association