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B.C.M.B.A. Annual General Meeting November 13, 2021 - MINUTES

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

1. Roll Call

Board: Grant Butler, Anne Hayes, John Braaten, Val Greenwood, Abigail Wong-de Leon, Neal Dahliwal, Tina Baker-Cornett, Raj Puri, Dave Garton, Carmen Marten, Steve Coleman, Marty Van-Der-Loos, Mike Kelly, Marty Hall, Ryan Carpenter

Associations: Mary McCann (Vancouver Minor), Nav Sekhon (Richmond City), Peter Lei (South Burnaby), Colin Mitzel (West Kelowna), Nick Van Dyk (North Shore), Amanda Daines (Duncan), Miranda Carpenter (Ridge Meadows), Dan Williams (Mission), Lyndsey Hotell (Abbotsford), Ryan Hall (Newton), Vinny Dumas (Cloverdale), Randy McKinnon (White Rock), Dino Cabalfin (COMBA), Daniel Michaud (Surrey), Vicky Seredick (Alberni Valley), Cheryl Healey (Burnaby Minor), Valerie McCulloch (Campbell River), Jim Jagers (Chemainus), Jeremy Hall (Chilliwack), John Powell (Coquitlam/Moody), Richard Vetter (Enderby), Jennifer Lopez (Kamloops), Todd Allan (Ladner), Grant Dovey (Ladysmith), Rachel Zalinko (Lake Cowichan), Mike Peters (Nanaimo), Chris Adams (North Delta), Ray Clark (North Langley), Chad Giesbrecht (Salmon Arm), Kevin Castelone (SOMBA), Niki Losse (Tsawwassen), Bill Robinson (Vancouver Community), Michael Sanfilippo (Vernon), Jason Leslie (Victoria),

Guests: Ed Quinlan (Moderator), James Raymond (BCMBA Administrative Director), Chris Balison (President, Baseball BC), David Laing (Executive Director, Baseball BC)

2. President's Welcome

- This meeting is being hosted by and live streamed by H.Q. Enterprise and that's with Ed online, and he will be helping us through the day
- I'd like to thank all the BC Minor directors, Member Associations officials, directors and volunteers this past year in supporting the RTP Guidelines as they changed throughout the year and managing the single season schedules and championships as they rolled out
- I trust you are excited to bring the normal baseball season back to BC this coming year. I look forward to working with you and thanks again
- I'd like to welcome Chris Balison, President of Baseball BC

Chris Balison - President - Baseball BC

- Thanks Grant I appreciate the welcome
 - Congratulations to all of BC Minor and their Executive, the directors and the local association presidents attending today
 - We have the second pandemic season behind us
 - John, James and Grant were steadfast in working with Baseball BC this year to ensure that all that all the associations had accurate, timely information, especially when it came to having to react to it almost daily or weekly, ambiguous changing orders from the PHO
 - I'd like to congratulate some award winners. On behalf of Baseball Canada, I congratulate BC Minor and the Coaches Convention Committee for receiving Baseball Canada's Event of the Year. Anne Hayes for Baseball Canada's Volunteer of the Year.
 - On behalf of Baseball BC and Sport BC, Tina Baker-Cornett received the Sport BC Presidents Award
 - So congratulations to all. I wish you all a successful upcoming year. Thank you.
- Grant - Thanks Chris, we've also invited David Laing, Executive Director, Baseball BC.
 - David - Thank you Grant, nothing to add, but I would like to congratulate all the award winners and everyone involved with baseball in British Columbia through BC Minor Baseball. It hasn't been an easy couple of years and to all of those that I interacted with and those that have had to hear from me, I thank you for your patience and your commitment to ensuring our youth and our families get back to normal baseball activity.
 - Grant - Roll Call to be done by the event registrar, I'm assuming everyone has received a number of packages including the 2020 AGM minutes. The package also includes director's reports, financials and proposed rule changes
3. Adopt the Minutes of the 2020 AGM, General or any Special Meeting held during the year
- MOTION:** South Burnaby (Peter Lei) / Raj Puri (Director)
- Motion to accept the 2020 AGM minutes.
- M/S/C**
4. **President's Report - Grant Butler: See Report.**
- I look forward to continuing the BoD and bringing back our house, summer and single season baseball programming, our February Convention, which will be in person and on-line as well as the Travelling Caravan, HP and Provincial Championships.
5. **1st Vice President's Report - John Braaten: See Report**

- Grant - Thanks to John for all his hard work for the return to play, it was a big effort with messaging and language.

6. Treasurer's Report - Anne Hayes: See Report

- Financials were sent out if the AGM package
- Any questions?
- Baseball BC did not invoice us this year - this will be passed back to our member associations

MOTION: Kevin Castelone (SOMBA President)/ Tina Baker Cornett (Duncan/Director)

Motion to accept the Financials for the year ending August 31, 2021

M/S/C

7. Secretary's Report - Abigail Wong-de Leon: See Report

- Starting to receive executive rosters who have held their AGM
- Any other associations that have held their AGMs I strongly recommend that you send in your executive roster ASAP
- There is an online link on our website with the proper form

8. Administrative Director's Report - James Raymond: See Report

- Grant - hope everyone had a chance to read James' reports. Needless to say, James's days are pretty full. With the way the electronic world has changed we couldn't do without James in having response times and messages getting out to everyone. Thanks James

9. Committee Reports

a. Rules Committee - Dave Garton - See Report

- proposed rule changes will be coming up
- Any questions for Dave?

b. Discipline Committee - Grant Butler - See Report.

c. Umpire Liaison Committee - Grant Butler - See Report

- Everyone suffered from lack of umpires this year - finding other things to do
- Talked to Ed in Ontario about their Rookie Ball training program - looks like a really good system and I think this will help everyone including the BCUBA, at trying to develop new umpires. This would be open to all players, their friends and siblings who aren't in baseball. We are going to try to pursue and would like your support.

Question in chat from Nick Van Dyk, President North Shore

- How are we differing from the existing Grassroots programming that BCBUA does? I don't know the exact particulars, what this is, it targets a younger age group, probably prior to where the level one umpiring is needed
- Grant -we hope to work with the BCBUA on putting this together.

d. Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Abigail Wong-de Leon- See Report

- More effort this year to get mapping up to date on the website
- We do have, on the website, there is a form that everyone needs to fill out
- Boundaries must be submitted every year at the AGM
- haven't received any boundaries to date except Vancouver Minor requesting the Vancouver Community's territory from 11U down - pending
- You need to be very detailed with street names, avenues, east-north-south west

e. Eligibility Committee - Neal Dahliwal: See Report

f. Coaching and Development/Training/ NCCP Committee - Mike Kelly / John Braaten

- **See Report**
- Grant Butler - Thanks guys, your work goes a long way

g. Marketing - James Raymond: See Report

- The pandemic has not helped the efforts we've had in marketing so far, hopefully we can get back on track

h. Grassroots - John Braaten: See Report

i. Risk Management / Insurance - John Braaten / Anne Hayes - See Report

- John Braaten: What I did for the report is a timeline based on all our Board meeting minutes throughout the year so you can see how it evolved through the processes right up to the AGM. Lots of stuff there, so thanks to everyone for communications and conversations, a tireless effort on the field when we had no spectators and limited games. We got through the year and look forward to, hopefully, traditional programming next year. I'd like to thank everybody, I really appreciate your help and support.
- COVID-19 Policy Update: Going back to a question from Lyndsey (Abbotsford), do we have an updated chart for the new NCCP requirements.
- John Braaten - that will be coming, just updating the rule book, Dave can speak to that
- Dave Garton - I'll address the NCCP. Things did change, the training now is by age group the chart will be very specific. 13U for example, we'll have one coach required to be certified and the other coaches have to be trained at the 13U level....15U the same. The Chart will be in the new rule book

j. Website Committee - James Raymond - See Report

- Grant Butler: James has done a great job of bringing everyone up to date, thank you.
- James Raymond: Exploring development & player membership registration through the webpage - I think it's a goal we can work towards

k. Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri. - See Report

- Congratulations to last year's recipients

l. Baseball BC - Grant Butler / John Braaten - See Report

- Grant Butler: The letter we returned to Baseball BC regarding the pathways - will be covered under New Business. Working with Chris Balisom and Dave Laing was a pleasure, working together on more of an inclusive/consensus driven board in BC, I see good things coming.
- Communications during this pandemic has increased tenfold, we all know where we stand, we're on the same page.
- If you have any questions for Baseball BC in regards to their programming you can easily get hold of David by email or phone

m. Awards - Val Greenwood - See Report

- Val - Salmon Arm was named as Association of the Year - Congratulations to them
- Val - We have added Jerry Tregaskis and Pat Weatheril to the Roll of Honour. We got this growing because it is for 2020 and 2021. Still waiting for other nominations for player coaches and team.
- Val - The deadline is December 15, the Nomination link is on the website.

10. Divisional Reports

Grant - Mostly only the single season teams were able to get a late season scheduling put together, thanks to Anne for putting all that together with the coaches

- **26U Jr. Men's Chair** - Anne Hayes - **See Report**
- **18U Chair**: CP, AAA and AA - **See Report** good turn out - didn't have to split the fields
- **15U Chair**: AAA, AA and A - **See Report**
 - Anne Hayes - AAA - late start but got a lot of games in - Penticton was a good looking team - Grant and I attended that Provincial and what a great turnout and what a great job done by those volunteers
 - Anne Hayes- There is something I need to add for 15U AAA. Not to the report, but to everyone at this meeting, the 15U AAA declaration needs to be done by December 1st, which is 2 weeks away. So they have to send an email to the 15U chair to declare that they're going to have a 15U AAA team this year if they want to play
- **13U Chair**; AAA, AA and A - **See report**
 - John Main Invitational Tournament, was a really good event, some rain, but got it done.
- **13U AA** - Al Forman and 13U A with Marty Van-Der Loos - no provincials
 - Nick Van Dyk - Grant, I assume since there is no rule change proposed, that the investigation of single season 13U AAA is not going ahead this year?
 - Grant - that will be discussed under New Business

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We still have 56 people online.

- **11U - No Report**
- **9U - No Report**

11. General Business

a. Rule Proposals - Rules Chair, Dave Garton

- Everybody should have received the rule package that was sent out. The process we go through is this; we'll introduce them one by one, we'll allow the mover of the motion to speak, followed by the seconder of the motion, then there will be an open discussion for any question/comments/concerns from the voting delegates.
- If there are amendments made, brought up to be considered, then we would have a vote on the amendment first. Once the amendment either passes or fails, then we would vote on the original motion or the amended motion.
- Constitution and By-Laws need three quarters vote of members present (Article XI).
- Playing Rules and Regulations:
 - Majority vote (50% + 1) of "Affiliated Associations" (Article II Section 2) and elected and appointed voting members of the Board of Directors (Article III Section 2)
 - The majority being from votes cast
 - Members being "Affiliated Associations per Article III Section 1

Dave: We have one Article change that was brought forward this year, it's around the government of the way we do it. I'm going to ask Nav of Richmond City Baseball to speak to this motion because he was the mover of the motion.

The motion was defeated

Dave - Rule change #1 - Age group by division - Moved Val Greenwood Seconded Marty Van- Der Loos
The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #2 - Overaged players - not permitted to pitch - Moved Neal Dhaliwal Seconded Tina Baker-Cornett
The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #3 - Permanent move up - once a player is approved for permanent move-up, then they'll be able to pitch and govern by the rules of they division they are approved for to play in - moved Neal Dhaliwal seconded Tina Baker-Cornett
The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #4 - playing outside an association (releases) - moved South Burnaby (Peter Lei) seconded Vancouver Minor (Mary McCann)

The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #5 - legibility of releases - Moved South Burnaby (Peter Lei) Seconded Vancouver Minor (Mary McCann)

The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #6 Roster size for Girls - moved Val Greenwood seconded Marty Van-Der Loos

The motion carried.

Dave - Rule Change # 7 - Discipline process and procedures - moved Anne Hayes seconded Carmen Martin

North Shore (Nick Van Dyk) - Motion: Amend to read "To the BC Minor division chair or Director for that division and the affiliated association President." Abbotsford (Lyndsey Hotell) seconded Nick's motion.

The amending motion carried.

The amended motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #8 - Number of Umpires - moved South Burnaby (Peter Lei) seconded by Abigail Wong-de Leon

BCMBA (Dave Garton) - Motion: Amend to read "it is recommended that two umpires be used in all games in the 11U and higher divisions during the season. In the event that an insufficient number of umpires are present or that staff umpires are present or that staff umpires are used, the game will proceed".

seconded, - South Burnaby (Peter Lei), thank you, any discussion?

The amendment passed

The motion as amended carried.

Dave - Rule change #9 pitching and catching on the same day - moved by **(Miranda Carpenter)** Ridge Meadows seconded by Ryan Carpenter (BC Minor)

The motion was defeated

Dave - Rule change 10 - moved by White Rock (Randy McKinnon) seconded Cloverdale - the rule in tadpole was one inning per pitcher.

The motion carried.

Dave - Rule change #11 - moved by **(Miranda Carpenter)** Ridge Meadows seconded Ryan Carpenter (BC Minor) -

The motion was defeated

Dave - Rule change #12 - clarification on what is obstruction, moved by **(Miranda Carpenter)** Ridge Meadows seconded Ryan Carpenter (BC Minor)

The motion carried.

Dave - That's the last of the rule changes, thanks everybody for working through that, I'll turn the meeting over to Grant

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12. Election of Directors (Article V Sec 1: Directors)

- 1 – Two (2) Year Term (Interior)
- 1 – Two (2) Year Term (Island)
- 1 – Two (2) Year Term (North)
- 2 – Two (2) Year Terms (Provincial – No Location Restriction)
- 5 – Two (2) Year Terms (Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley)

- 1 - One (1) Year Term (Interior)
- 1 - One (1) Year Term (Provincial)
- 2 - One (1) Year Terms (Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley)

Dave Garton

- Nominations were put in and sent out with the AGM package with listed everybody
- Odd numbered years: President and Treasurer (2021)
- Even Numbered Years: 1st and 2nd Vice President and Secretary (2022) (The election of Officers shall not exceed the term of their directorship.) Please note: These positions are 2 year terms, if though, a director with one year remaining on their current term is elected, the position will need to be filled by election next year.
- We'll go by region, we will start with the North

Two (2) year term for the North - Carmen Martin has been nominated and has accepted the nomination

Congratulations Carmen.

Two (2) year term from the Interior. Neal Dhaliwal has been nominated and accepted the nomination

Congratulations Neal.

Two (2) year term as Island Director,, Tina has been nominated and accepted the nomination

Congratulations to Tina.

Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley

- **Dave** -We have five (5) two-year terms and two (2) one year terms; nominations are; Abigail Wong-de Leon, John Braaten, Mike Kelly, Val Greenwood, Steve Coleman and Marty Van-Der Loos, that's six of the five.
- **Abigail** - I would like to withdraw my candidacy
- Congratulations to John, Mike, Val, Marty and Steve

One year term for the Interior - Dino Cabalfin, VP of COMBA is nominated by Neal Dhaliwal and has accepted the nomination

- Congratulations Dino, welcome to the board

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Two (2) One year terms for the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley

- Raj Puri nominates Daniel Michaud from Surrey and he has accepted the nomination
- Ryan Hall from Newton has been nominated and has accepted the nomination
- Congratulations to Ryan and Daniel

Two (2) Two year Provincial Directors - There are no restrictions as to residency.

- Grant Butler and Hugh Gurney have been nominated and will accept their nominations. Congratulations to Grant and Hugh

One (1) One Year Position -

- Nick Van Dyk nominated himself and will let his name stand.
- Congratulations to Nick

We have your Board of Directors - thanks everyone

13. Election of Officers (Article V Sec 1 Officers)

- **President.** Dave Garton nominated Grant Butler and he accepted.
- **Congratulations to Grant**
- **Treasurer** - Raj Purinominated Anne Hayes and she accepted.
- **Congratulations to Anne**
- **First VP** - John Braaten has been nominated and has accepted.
- **Congratulations to John**
- **Secretary** -Val Greenwood has been nominated and has accepted.
- **Congratulations to Val**

Grant - Thank you everybody, thank you for the floor and the new directors. We have Dino and Nick who's come back, Steve has come back, Ryan, and new member Daniel Michaud. I would like to thank Abigail for putting all her time and efforts in the last couple of years, also her role as Secretary for the last year. Thank you Abigail, job well done, We'll miss you.

14. New Business

Grant - Provincial Championships and Tournament pathway to Western and Nationals

- **James** - Grant can I interrupt real quickly - anybody who's new to the board, can you direct message me your email address so I can make sure I get you the invite for the first Board of Directors meeting after this one. Thank you.

- **Grant** - you'll see in the report package, the letter I sent back to Baseball BC. There is a calendar in there and the original staff proposal for Championships in 2022 from Baseball BC. I've included all this information so we're transparent and we're all talking about the same thing. There's no consensus among the members of Baseball BC so at this point in time the Championship/Pathway is still in flux. We're going to work with Baseball BC and the other members to sort it out. Not all of it was rejected. You will see that the original proposal went away from talking about Provincial Championships. We proposed going to champion versus champion in a quick three game series which gives Baseball BC the best team to represent BC in the Westerns and Nationals. With that being said, we can open this up and have a long discussion on it or we can follow this up with a SurveyMonkey, I'd like this to be driven by the floor.

Grant - Provincial hosts championship dates. We have a link on site to apply

- **James** - anybody who's hosted in the past would need to apply again...resubmit their application for next year
- **Grant** - When you resubmit as an association, in your submission please note that you had previously put your name up, been awarded or tabled or however that was and that you're still waiting to continue with that championship. If you can supply any information from previously that would be great.

2022 Provincial Championship tournament pathway to Nationals and Westerns

2022 Provincial Championship dates/hosts

- Host application link
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqpW7dB5TrHALfmaide8wa5tSyXkCn0EGotjCcJUDx2SwmMA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **Nav**, President- Richmond City - Can someone clarify when it comes to hosting Provincials, what divisions or ages the host gets into the berth of the Provincials and which ones they don't?
 - **Grant** - Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Single Season final fours where the host might not be in the final four
 - **James** - They are not guaranteed a spot as host, they have to play their way in,
 - **Grant** - Other than that, the 11U and all of the house programs. The host would end up being in the Provincials, Anne, can you help me out with anything else?
 - **Anne** - The only three provincials that a host does not get a spot is College Prep, 15U AAA and 26U. The rest are different sizes, the host would get a spot, because those are 8 and 10 team provincials normally

John Braaten- 13U AAA Single Season

I hope everyone has had a chance to read the proposal. Going back 2 1/2 - 3 years, we've had a number of associations contact us in regard to having a single season at this level of full year competitive league.

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- In the last year and such we've reached out to other PSOs across Canada just to get their feedback on their programming - just to see what works and what doesn't. We've had a good discussion with Alberta who does a Provincial Single Season schedule.
- We've gone back a couple of years in regards to our registration numbers, we're looking at the same numbers for 2022 - we didn't have provincials at the 13U level the last 2 years.
- When it comes to the actual registration for AAA baseball, the minimum number of registrants for that level of play would be 61 or more Spring Registrants to qualify.
- We sent out a survey and had about 30 responses, from that, we had an initial 11 or 12 associations that would be in for next year. There's some associations that would qualify under that number, who wanted more information or perhaps were not interested.
- We are looking at getting some feedback in regards to the association.
- Again we are a Grassroots organization, we do offer high performance programming
- We're looking at going to 13 U AAA in regards to offering that programming for those who are generally interested in a full season of competitive baseball.
- We aren't looking to affect AA or A
- We do have competition for the PBL.
- We know there's a number of kids each year at the 13U level or they go to Little League chasing the World Series dream

Grant - on the report you'll see what/why/when/where/how. We would like to send another survey out. We know this won't work for every association. But we want to try and find something to meet part-way or a little further over the line and bring some recommendations back for your support to get the 13U AAA single season policy in place for the coming year and enact that with an Article XX which will then force it to the floor with a set of rules at the AGM next year. That's the plan and I hope you will support it.

James - John you want that feedback sent to 13Uchair@bcminorbaseball.org?

John - yes, I've been contacted by a number of representative to be on the committee

Grant - Thank you everyone. We've got a lot of work to do, some new members on the Board, I would like to thank Abigail for her time on the Board and I wish everyone the best going forward this season

I hope your registration numbers will stay strong and maybe a little higher. We'll be in touch with some of you guys involved in these groups. Thank you very much.

Thank you Ed for your work with the AGM model here, it's excellent.

Close Meeting – Next AGM, November 12, 2022, method to be determined

We're at 1:34, I need a motion to close the meeting, Vancouver Minor (Mary McCann),

Meeting adjourned



Committees and Divisions Reports



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Executive Reports

5. President's Report
6. 1st Vice President's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Secretary's Report
9. Administrative Director's Report

10. Committee Reports

- a. Rules Committee
- b. Discipline Committee
- c. Umpire Liaison Committee
- d. Boundary and Affiliation Committee
- e. Eligibility Committee
- f. Coaching and Development/Training/ NCCP Committee
- g. Marketing Committee
- h. Grassroots Committee
- i. Risk Management / Insurance Committee
 - COVID-19 Policy Update
- j. Website Committee
- k. Scholarship Committee
- l. Baseball BC
 - 2022 Provincial Championship Tournament Pathway to Nationals and Westerns
- m. Awards Committee

11. Divisional Reports

- a. 26U Jr. Men's Chair
- b. 18U Chair
- c. 15U Chair
- d. 13U Chair

12. BCMBA Board of Directors Nominees

15. New Business

- c. 13U AAA Single Season discussion



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2021 Annual General Meeting Report

President

Grant Butler

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To be fair 2021 was a repeat of 2020 for the most part with the Return to Play Policies, new and old, dominating your BCMBA Board of Directors time so I'd like to recognize and thank John Braaten for being our single point of contact throughout the year and for all his time and efforts dealing with the messaging and direction of the RTP policies as they were rolled out by the PHO, PSO and others.

I'd also like to recognize and thank the volunteers serving you on the BCMBA Board of Directors as well as all of the volunteers, players and coaches within your own Associations, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated, baseball in the province of BC wouldn't be the same without you.

On behalf of the BCMBA and our member Associations I am proud to congratulate one of our own, longtime volunteer and Director, Ms. Anne Hayes, for receiving the Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year Award. This award was a great surprise to Anne and well earned.

BCMBA also received the 2020 Baseball Canada Event Recognition Award for our Coaches Convention. This award came as a complete surprise to BCMBA, but it would never have happened without the efforts of Mr. Mike Kelly as he has been the driving force behind Coaching Development and is the reason this event has been so successful, thank you Mike.

On behalf of everyone under the BCMBA umbrella to join me in recognizing and congratulating Mike on this, his 50th anniversary of giving back to the baseball community.

As I complete the second year of my term, I look back at the business of BCMBA and can honestly say that we, the BCMBA Board of Directors, are well prepared to provide direction and support for the upcoming year of 2022.

I look forward to continuing on your Board of Directors in bringing back our house, summer and single season baseball programming, the February Convention (in person and online), the Travelling Caravan, High Performance and Provincial Championships.

Grant Butler, BCLS
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1st Vice President

John Braaten

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As the 2021 year continued, I was pleased to have some really positive discussions with coaches, executives and associations about 2021 and beyond and the baseball landscape in the province. I truly appreciate the open communication among the member associations and also our Board of Directors as we all tried our best to navigate through our most challenging season under the guidance of our president Grant Butler.

Much of my time this past season was spent under Risk Management as working with Baseball BC and our members in regard to COVID-19 and all of the Return to Play (RTP) updates throughout the year.

I also during this time was also re-elected to the Baseball BC Board of Directors in 2021 and along with Grant Butler continue to represent BC Minor Baseball membership and our interests throughout the year. Lots of open dialogue during my time here and understanding the overall baseball landscape in the province.

John Braaten
1st Vice President
BC Minor Baseball



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Treasurer

Anne Hayes

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This year Baseball BC declined to charge any of its members, including BC Minor Baseball, their usual annual membership fee, so the BC Minor Board of Directors approved my recommendation to credit its member Associations fees in 2022 \$4.50 per 2021 player for all levels except for Blastball and Challenger. The credit will be applied to each Association affiliation fees for the 2022 season.

The Associations will be informed of the amount of their credit by email in early March. The total amount of this credit is \$76,091 which appears on the Financial Statements as affiliate rebate.



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Secretary

Abigail Wong-de Leon

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The Covid-19 year – the Secretary's job was not affected. The BOD continues to have its monthly meetings via Google Meet.

- Filed the 2020 Annual Society Report.
- Received and filed (internally) the Executive Roster of the member associations.
- Reviewed emails received from web submission and forwarded to the appropriate committee/division chair.
- Prepared the monthly agenda and forwarded it to the President for amendment and approval.
- Took the minutes of the monthly BOD meeting and forwarded it to the President for amendment and approval.
- Attended and took the minutes of the Spring Workshops.

Other roles:

- 2021 Provincial Tournament Director College Prep in Fairfield Park, Chilliwack
- 2021 Provincial Tournament Director 18UAAA in Albion Park, Maple Ridge
- 2021 Fall ball Classic Tournament Director 18U in Latrace Park, Richmond



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Administrative Director

James Raymond

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Projects

BCMBA 2020 Annual General Meeting - With the fall arriving bringing along with it the Provincial mandates surrounding COVID-19 and gatherings, we hosted our first ever Virtual AGM. It was a significant project that involved a number of intricate nuances that made the conversion to virtual quite challenging.

In general, the meeting was a success. All member Presidents who were available to attend were able to attend. The election of the Board went smoothly as did the subsequent election of the Executive. Articles and Rules were presented, amended, and voted on.

Post-event review highlighted the following key points:

- Cost savings of virtual format were significant for BCMBA and our member associations.
- Attendance numbers were up over historical in-person numbers with the belief that the convenience of not having to travel was the primary reason.
- While the duration of the event mirrored that of in-person events of previous years, it was longer than it should have been. This is the main area of concern for future events.

The BCMBA 2021 Annual General Meeting has returned in the virtual format. This year's event is hosted by Enterprise HQ with two primary objectives:

- Increase attendance over 2020.
- Streamline Articles/Rules and Election components for a shorter more effective event.

Full deployment and integration of Google Workspace (GSuite) for the BCMBA BoD - BCMBA has now migrated over to Google's Workspace for Non-Profits. Each position has a dedicated account that allows the archiving and standardizing of policies and procedures for future BoD members. This makes planning for succession and transitions significantly easier and smoother.

- BCMBA BoD members were assigned accounts for each position they held. Executive, Chairs, Division, and Regional directors received unique email accounts.
- Each committee and division was set up with group email and shared drives enabled. This allows full collaboration on all activities and projects.
- The Administrative Director built and maintained both video and document training archives for Google Workplace applications and features.
- Standardized document templates have been created and shared to reduce volunteer time requirements and increase efficiency

- Google Meet allows BoD and committee members to meet virtually and has become the standard format for BCMBA BoD meetings, Divisional meetings, Regional workshops, Single and Summer season meetings, and most committee meetings. This has resulted in significant savings.

All BCMBA BoD members have full access to:

- Google Drive Cloud Storage
- Google Docs
- Google Sheets
- Google Slides
- Google Meet
- Google Classroom
- Google Calendar

And full back-end account administration and support.

The value of the GSuite Essentials is \$10/mo. per account. BCMBA runs 60 individual accounts at the cost of \$600/mo. or \$7200 annually. Under the GSuite for Non-Profits, we pay \$0.

Distribution and employment of BCMBA Policies and Procedures Manual - This document was finalized and distributed in segments, and its entirety, to all members of the 2020/2021 BCMBA Board of Directors.

For the 2021/2022 season, this document will undergo updates to reflect changes in policies and procedures according to the specific divisions and committees.

In addition, the Provincial Hosts Handbook will be updated to provide versions for each division that BCMBA hosts an official Provincial Championship event.

These documents should be reviewed annually and updated to reflect the most current practices.

BCMBA COVID-19 Communications Framework and Program - The second season of COVID-19 RTP brought the retreat of viaSport from their role in regulating Provincial Baseball activities. Baseball BC was able to see the return to play in its regular format and rules. Periodic communications were required in the form of bulletins and announcements, but little was needed in the ways of guidelines and regulations.

Communications and documents related to the 2020 COVID-19 RTP have been removed from our website and updated with the 2021 Baseball BC announcement <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/6502790-bcm-ba-covid-19-resources>

Build and improve work tools and training resources - With the move to the virtual work environment, the Administrative Director was tasked with guiding the transition. Several resources were developed:

- Weekly drop-in virtual training.
- “How-to” document library.
- “How-to” video library.
- Support ticket system (BoD members needing work or assistance complete an online form that automatically generates a work order for the Administrative Director.”
- Live support for Google Workspace, 24/7.
- Standardized BCMBA templates for meeting agendas, letterhead, reports, applications, and forms.

Administrative Director’s Supporting Roles

2020 Summer Season Planning Committee Chair

- Create and distribute member programming survey
- Chair committee meetings to explore and build 2021 Summer Season models
- Present models to BCMBA BoD for review and input
- Present models to BCMBA Member Association Presidents for their review and input
- Assist in the deployment and scheduling of the 2021 Summer Seasons for 11U, 13U, 15U, 18U, and 26U Jr. Men's

2020 Annual General Meeting and Elections

- Pre-event logistics and planning.
- Member association communications and confirmations.
- Document preparation and distribution (Agendas, reports, candidate bios, ballots, etc.)
- Assemble and distribute AGM Agenda and Reports package.
- Live event support during AGM and Elections.
- Run of Show planning and rehearsals.
- Studio operation of YouTube live stream platform and support.
- Live virtual elections moderation and back-end implementation.
- Live virtual AGM platform back-end support.
- Registration and connectivity support.
- Post-event debrief and report documents preparation.

2021 BCMBA Coaches Conference

- Pre-event logistics and planning.
- Guest speaker liaison.
- Complete redesign and update of Event Program/Workbook.
- Pre-event member association communications and registration support.
- Chair and coordinate all related Marketing Committee efforts (see Marketing Committee Report).
- Pre-event setup and post-event tear down.
- Virtual event registration support.
- Virtual event concierge support.
- Live run of show support and troubleshooting.
- Speaker, Exhibitor, Coach event support.
- Chair and coordinate all related Website and Social Media efforts.
- Assist registrations for attendees of Coaches Conference and NCCP Certification training.
- Coordinate credentials and training event access with coaches and Baseball BC/NCCP.
- Provide post-event participation report for NCCP certification credits.

2021 BCMBA Coaches Caravan

- Manage host association applications.
- Communicate postponement of 2021 BCMBA Coaches Caravan.

2021 Team BC Selects Development Program

- 2021 Program postponed.
- Recruitment archive for players and families wanting to play post-secondary baseball under development.

2021 COVID-19 Revised Season

- Continued updates to BC Minor Baseball website COVID-19 Resources page.
- Primary role in all communications with BCMBA Member Associations.
- Chair social media efforts to provide daily updates on RTP.

- Liaise with Baseball BC regarding desired changes to RTP restrictions.
- Support member associations with resources and answers regarding RTP compliance.
- Support BoD division directors with messaging and next steps.
- Final communication June 30th, 2021.
- Update BCMBA website COVID-19 resources.

Daily and Monthly Operations

- 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.
- Prepare meeting minutes and reports.
- Google Workspace and virtual work environment training by request.

Committees

Marketing Committee - Chair

Website Committee - Chair

COVID-19 RTP Response Committee - Member

High-Performance Committee - Member

Coaches Conference Event Committee - Member

Coaches Caravan Event Committee - Member

Team BC Selects Committee - Member

AGM and Elections Committee - Member

Insurance - Succession trainee



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Rules Committee

Dave Garton

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While there was a delayed start to baseball in 2021, most of the BC Minor Baseball Associations played baseball through the Summer and Fall months. Like 2020, there was fewer rules' enquiries than previous years and most of those had to do with requirements around dates, rosters, releases and player eligibility.

Like 2020, for the 2021 year the BCMBA Article XX was only used to allow the BCMBA board some latitude with the rules around the adjusted single seasons and summer seasons, regarding things like timing, schedules, roster, fees, etc.

The Rules Package prepared for the AGM contains all article and rule change requests put forth.

The current and previous years' Rule Books can be found on our website

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/rulesbooks>

As always if you have questions about a rule or its interpretation, please reach out to the rules committee.

"Read the Rules, Know the Rules"



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2021 BCMBA Discipline Committee AGM Report

This year was much like 2020 in that only the single season divisions had league play as most house divisions played within their own Associations or were in cohorts until late in the season so the number of ejections and thus discipline notices were less from previous years but probably not down per game/event.

What is noticeable is the type of ejections and incident reports which showed a minimal understanding of the BCMBA Rules surrounding umpires and arguing calls and, of course, were mostly due to basic poor behaviour.

Rule 13 includes the following and was ignored and/or cast aside leading up to every single ejection and/or incident;

13.05 Behavior Expectations

Players, managers or coaches engaging or persisting in conduct or actions unfavorable to the spirit, principles and objectives of good sportsmanship shall receive one warning from the umpire. If the offense or offenses continue, offender or offenders will be removed from the game.

So while the culture of respecting the rules and participants in our game is well established it's a mystery to me as to why some of those in our sport think it's okay to dispute calls and berate our officials.

As I'm sure you'll agree, baseball needs umpires and game officials, we don't need selfish, arrogant and demonstorous persons coaching and implanting their ideals on our players, parents and volunteers.

Pretty simple really, good manners, orderly decisions and a memory are all that are needed.

See you on the field in 2022

Grant Butler, Acting Discipline Chair

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ps: If your player/participant was the umpire, what would you expect?



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Umpire Liaison Committee

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Our umpires suffered as much from the return to play guidelines as anyone but, guided by a RTP prepared by the BCBUA, our umpires were able to participate in game play. Unfortunately, due to the lack of registration numbers in the BCBUA they had to step back from supplying umpires for our single season championships leaving our tournament directors the task of going through the hosting Association UIC's.

BCMBA has not renewed its contract with the BCBUA to date, the latter being one of the reasons along with an opportunity to "restart" following the pandemic. This opportunity would not only be to help ourselves but the BCBUA as well. We MUST work together to create a culture of inclusion within our baseball environment. Easier said than done, but the admonishment of the umpires must be curbed if we want umpires at all.

Simply though, we need more umpires, and one idea would be to create an easier and less expensive program for the younger age groups which would create a larger pool of umpires and, if they choose to enter Level 1 training, lead to more registration in the BCBUA.

To that end I have investigated some of the umpire programming of our neighbouring Baseball PSOs and find that the Baseball Ontario "8U/9U Rookie Ball Umpire Training Program" may be what we are looking to build on.

Here is their link for your review; <https://www.baseballontario.com/program/Special.aspx?TopMenuID=100020>

BCMBA also recognizes that many of you, our member Associations, have their own umpire programs that work well and are ingrained in your Association. We are not asking for you to give those up but rather to use them to help build a new set of guidelines or programs not unlike the Ontario Rookie Ball example. To that end, we are planning to send out a survey monkey later this year asking for a review of your umpire programming and use them to build a set of guidelines for everyone.

This will take some buy-in, time and effort as well as funding of which Baseball BC has shown interest in helping with this since it involves member-to-member participation.



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Boundaries Committee

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XVIII Boundaries

Sec 1: Each member association must on affiliation with BCMBA, define its boundaries as stated in RULE 1.02(B) (ALSO SEE Rule 3), and may only register players from within said boundaries.

Rule 1.02(B) An association must submit a boundary description to the BCMBA as per Article XVIII (also see Rule 3)

Rule 3: Association Boundaries

Rule 3.01

(A) Each association will provide its boundaries at the BCMBA AGM and BCMBA will identify all boundaries by February 1st of each year.

(F) Maps must indicate specific boundaries such as streets, railroad tracks, rivers, etc., or school districts, postal zones, city limits, or similarly specified areas. A definition of boundaries such as "five-mile radius" is not acceptable.

The following associations were granted their boundary request for season 2020-2021.

1. Enderby – to include Armstrong
2. Kamloops – to include Sunpeaks and Westwold
3. North Shore – to include the District of West Vancouver and District of Squamish
4. Vancouver Minor – to ONLY include boundaries in the divisions that Vancouver Community does not offer programming (9U and below)
5. Salt Spring Island and Victoria

NOTE: New Westminster is an open boundary.



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Eligibility Report

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The Eligibility Committee was steady with many player movements & tryout applications. We would like to thank the associations that sent in the form that were completed completely and were easy to read, please keep up the great job. Having those forms sent in that way helps speed up the process in getting the players on the field.

2021 Spring player movements were at 158 completed movements

2021 Summer movements were 18

2021 Spring Tryouts 18 approved, 1 not approved

2021 summer tryouts 13 approved, 4 not approved

We also had to assess a fine under rule 6.03 G.



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Coach Development Committee

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2021 Annual General Meeting – Coaches Development Co-Chair

I had the opportunity to work alongside Mike Kelly in the capacity as co-chair for the committee. This again put the committee in a most unique situation of figuring out how to possibly host the annual BCMBA Coaches Conference given the COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines. We were able to reach out to Baseball Ontario and attend the ABCA virtual Coaches Conferences early in the year and able to quickly pivot and understand how to put on such an event.

With support from Baseball BC and lots of work behind the scenes starting with sourcing an online platform to videotaping and editing of guest speakers from BC, Canada and the United States. The committee was able to put together a full weekend of sessions including girls baseball, umpire mentoring and various on-and-off field topics. I can't say enough good things on how in such a short period of time to turn a concept into reality that hopefully BCMBA was able to put on an event in support of coaches in BC.

Part of the Coaches Conference BCMBA was able to host NCCP sessions in conjunction with this event at a discount for those attending. All sessions were virtual and most well attended by coaches.

Through the year given the transition to the new NCCP coaches grid (noted below) BCMBA did our best to message the update throughout the year to members. This is an important component of grassroots and high-performance programming.

The NCCP coach requirements did change January 1, 2021, which was after BCMBA's 2020 AGM so the committee continued to message the new "grid" and requirements throughout the year and will be in effect for 2022. Associations and coaches should be aware of this, and requirements will be enforced going forward.



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Marketing Committee

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The 2020/21 Marketing Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Marty Hall

Member - Ron Miciuk

Member - Hugh Gurney

Member - Tina Baker-Cornett

Current and continued focus:

Support and promotion of current BC Minor Baseball events - This season saw a significant effort put toward the promotion and coverage of:

- Coaches Conference
- John Main Tournament
- Single Season league play
- Single Season Provincial Championships
- Summer Season interlock play
- 2021 18U Fall Classic

The 2021 programming restrictions that launched the season meant that the Marketing committee had a reduced role as the Coaches Caravan and HP Selects Team BC programs did not run. However, significant efforts were made to support the first ever Virtual Coaches Conference including the production of video spots to promote BCMBA and it's programming.

The 2021 Coaches Conference saw a massive overhaul with a complete redesign and conversion of the event to the virtual stage. Months of efforts were invested to produce and prepare speaker content for broadcast. The Coaches Conference was very well attended and looks to return in dual format for 2022

Develop plans to support and promote member associations - The 2021 season saw an effort to promote member associations with the update of their logos on the BC Minor website. (www.bcminorbaseball.org) We also continued to post and promote user supplied content

We will continue to bring focus to those member associations that are currently offering fall and winter programming as well as promote upcoming associations Spring and Single Season programs.

We encourage our member associations to forward press or marketing items specific to their association so that BC Minor Baseball can assist promotion through our social media and direct mail channels. These submissions should be sent to marketing@bcminorbaseball.org

The Marketing committee will continue its program to promote sponsorship opportunities - This effort will present BCMBA events and programs to potential sponsorship revenue opportunities.

Our current sponsorship package presents the Coaches Conference, Coaches Caravan, John Main, Team BC Selects, Provincial Championships, 18U Fall Classic as sponsorship opportunities.

If successful, we hope to see those monies go to freezing or reducing the costs of attending and/or hosting these events with the specific distribution of funds to be determined by the BCMBA BoD.

The committee started distributing the package in fall of 2020 with discussions between potential sponsors put on hold due to the unpredictability of the economy. With a somewhat unknown future still present the Marketing committee will look to take up the effort once again for the 2022 events season.

Consultation with member associations - The Marketing committee will look to establish a task force including a couple of member association representatives to explore the areas that BCMBA can support the promotion of the sport and our member associations. If you or your association are interested in participating in this effort please contact the Marketing chair at marketing@bcminorbaseball.org

Long Term Needs:

Research and development of BC Minor strategic growth plan - The marketing committee will again look to create a SWOT analysis to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This will help guide us in the development of both short term and long term strategic growth plans. 2021 did not present the appropriate time and bandwidth for the Marketing committee to undertake this task.

The hope is to incorporate a scalable model that can be used at the community level, as well as at the provincial level.

Key event sponsor partnerships - We recognize the rising costs to families and member associations in delivering a high-quality youth baseball experience. To this end we endeavour to explore ways to address this challenge and support our member associations in accessing ever improving programming options.

Media communications plan and package - The development of a communications plan and templated documents and processes allows more consistent and wider audience messaging. This year saw templates developed based on the type of messaging and source of messaging. This made releases more identifiable and shortened the release times of current events and notices. Moving forward this will be expanded with the potential of being offered to member associations as a template program.



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Grassroots Committee

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In another unique year there was not much to report for grassroots in 2021 given the abbreviated season for most players. BCMBA looks forward again along with the Coaches Development committee to once again get back on the road in 2022 for the Travelling Caravan which unfortunately was cancelled this past year. Remember, baseball in all divisions is a form of grassroots and we are all responsible for providing the best personal and team skill development for our youth athletes.

BCMBA will resume our multi-year survey and reports by gathering information by talking to and interviewing three groups in BC Minor Baseball's membership: coaches, players and parents. Information from these three groups, supported by the work and thinking of others (researchers and sports organizers) will all combine to provide valuable information to BCMBA about baseball for our membership. Phase I was completed in 2020. Now beginning in spring of 2022 we will resume by involving the parents and players.



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Risk Management Committee

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I think most all of our members and all those in the baseball community provincially were affected by COVID-19 and the Return to Play (RTP) messaging throughout the year. I know messaging from the Ministry of Health onto ViaSport to Baseball BC then onto our members had many forms and not always clear. There were many bumps in the road and of course everyone's safety is/was of concern whether it made sense to members is another thing. BCMBA did our best to provide messaging as it came to us and worked and supported our members throughout the year.

Again, this was an important facet in regard to programming in 2021. I think it best to message how the year started and flowed throughout the season to best get an idea of what transpired. Here is a recap of what happened in regard to messaging:

In **January** we were advised by Baseball BC they will be streamlining documentation for 2021 for all organizations in the province. We will advise members accordingly to use for the upcoming 2021 season once finalized.

Have receive many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns.

Friendly reminder given nothing really changed over the winter that we were are all still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date. Associations please be prepared to "instruct/train" coaches/volunteers that were not part of any RTP in 2020. It was not at this time a return to traditional play or training. Any questions please do not hesitate BCMBA to ask as there are a number of member associations that did not have any programming in 2020 and have not done any preparation or posting of protocols on their respective website.

As BCMBA continued to receive questions in **February** from associations as registrations were in the process of opening for 2021 with risk management concerns.

Baseball was still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date.

As of this February BCMBA is awaiting word from the Provincial government hopefully later this week of any potential updates in regard to programming and RTP Phases.

We do not know what this year will look like yet, but in my many, many conversations so far please plan for another "not-so-traditional year" of programming. We will message and help all associations and keep lines of communication open. We have no idea at this time when/if game play may start in the province. It is practice only at this time and BCMBA will advise when next steps can be taken in returning to game play.

In **March** BCMBA continued to receive many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns. I am really concerned based on the amount of questions about ViaSport and Baseball BC Return to Play RTP guideline phases that are not being communicated effectively downward to coaches and members.

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- **No** travel.

Baseball BC did send out general reminder to all organizations and members **April 30th**. Essentially no changes at this time in Return to Play (RTP) with reminders of what is and is not allowed under Phase 2 Stage 1.

As baseball moved to **June** we (BCMBA) continued to receive many questions from associations as registrations are opening for 2021 with risk management concerns. BCMBA is still really concerned based on the amount of questions about ViaSport and Baseball BC Return to Play RTP guideline phases that are not being communicated effectively downward to coaches and members.

Another friendly reminder per the monthly board meeting minutes, that members are all still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 Step 1 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date. Last update from Baseball BC was March 1st. The latest update to RTP was now extending to players over the age of 22 in limited to small group team training/development (maximum size of 10 persons).

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Moving onto July’s report and since Baseball BC’s May 25th announcement movement to Phase 2 Stage 2 there was another update June 15th.

This movement further allows sport to ease restrictions and permit limited spectators and travel within the province for the purpose of sport. As such Baseball BC is advancing notice that the following activities are now permitted within the sport of Baseball;

- Regular game play amongst participating teams province wide
- A maximum of 50 spectators (per field).
- Tournament play

Baseball BC again had one last announcement June 30th noting that on July 1, 2021 the BC Government moved to Step 3 in the British Columbia Restart Plan. This movement allows sport to further ease restrictions and increase the number of spectators allowed. As such Baseball BC is advancing notice that the limit of spectators now permitted

within the sport of Baseball is 5000 per field (or 50% of listed capacity, whichever is greater) as per the BC Government announcement On June 29, 2021.

Member associations also must work with their respective local government too for any additional guidelines and protocols that may affect their field permits.

Lastly, in September there were no changes in Baseball BC RTP/COVID safety protocols or rollbacks given recent uptick in cases throughout the province. Programming is as traditional as associations move into Fall Ball. Regional Health Authorities protocols still effect.

We are currently in the “off-season” and winter training programs are underway baseball is still functioning though with recent upticks again provincial guidelines may dictate changes. Fingers crossed baseball can proceed safely and get back to a traditional programming year in 2022.



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To: All BCABA Member Organizations

From: David Laing – Executive Director

Date: November 3, 2021

Re: Updated PHO Order Related to Vaccinations

The Provincial Health Officer has confirmed the intention and interpretations related to the Events and Gatherings Order updated and released on October 25th. Please note link to this updated order here;

- [covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/diseases/communicable/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf)

ViaSport has also updated their RTP Chart to include and capture this information. You can see this chart at the following link;

- https://www.viasport.ca/sites/default/files/Return_to_Sport_Restart_2.0_October30.pdf

The executive summary for this update as it pertains to our sport is as follows;

- Any volunteer involved in supervising amateur sport is required to be fully vaccinated.
- This is defined as a person leading, supporting or assisting a sport activity, but who is not working as an employee.
- For the purpose of our sport, this would include, coaches, managers, trainers, facilitators, clinicians and officials.

I would ask that you share this update with your respective members so as to best distribute this information.

I would like to remind and or share with all stakeholders that this additional requirement has been implemented by the PHO and government across all of the amateur sport sector and that there was no consultation process in place with sport as a whole prior to be enacted.

Please direct any questions on this matter to myself through the Baseball BC Office or this email.

Regards

David Laing

Executive Director



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Website Committee

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The 2020/21 Website Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Anne Hayes

Current and continued focus:

Operate as the virtual home for all things BC Minor Baseball - This season saw the expansion of resources and references for BCMBA Member Associations and their families. We also integrated registration for the BCMBA Coaches conference and NCCP Coach Certification training. The 2021/22 season will see the testing of team/player registrations for Single Season and Summer Season.

Create and support a central home for COVID-19 RTP resources - Set up and built a unique page to provide a single all-inclusive resource for member associations to access all updates, guides, and forms to manage compliant participation under viaSport and Baseball BC RTP protocols. This was shut down in June of 2021 with a single document remaining as the current Baseball BC stance.

Establish consistent and uniform page assets for similar pages - Designed and implemented template page models for all interlock division pages. Created and built training supports for coaches and team managers to run their team pages on www.bcminorbaseball.org

Upload and support division and league schedule, results, and standings of participating members - 2021 saw the return of Single Season interlocking schedules and standings. Some teams took the opportunity to build complete team pages with player profiles. Others are encouraged to do the same. Summer season included regional interlock schedules for 11U A/AA/AAA, 13U A/AA/AAA, 15U A and 18U AA. Single Season hosted Provincial Championships

Continue to provide up-to-date and relevant news items - Provide messaging regarding daily news and current events including local member association announcements, Baseball BC and Baseball Canada player and coach training opportunities, and links to relevant pages and announcements.

Return to building and finishing Player Development and Recruitment page - The Website Committee will work with the HP Committee to build and launch a player resource focused on accessing contact information (Canadian and U.S. University and College programs) and best practices in the pursuit of post-secondary baseball opportunities. This page will also feature content addressing the growing use of Appearance and Performance enhancement substances.

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.

Explore and develop player and member registration through www.bcminorbaseball.org - BC Minor will launch a team registration beta for 2022 Single Season and will implement for Summer Season play if beta goes well.



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Scholarship Committee

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Scholarships Committee Report

Five applications for the 2020 BCMBA Scholarships were received by the December deadline. Due to financial challenges during the COVID year the BCMBA Board had decided to hold these applications until funding for scholarships can be made available. The scholarship committee reviewed the submissions for 2020 and agreed to award 4 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to the following recipients who fully met the outlined BCMBA Scholarship Criteria.

Congratulations to:

Mayan Manhas -Surrey

Jude Hall -Chilliwack

Tyler Stack -PoCo

Scott Helmhold -PoCo

The application package for 2021 is posted on the BCMBA website and applications are being received. The committee will make selections in January as the deadline is December 30th, 2021.

Scholarship Committee:

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Attention: Mr. Kyle Williams

Re: Baseball BC 2022 Pathways to Baseball Canada Nationals and Westerns

Reference is made to your letter regarding Championships 2022 - Relaunched, Staff Proposal received September 24, 2021 via email.

The Chairpersons of our 13U, 15U and 18U divisions met with myself and James Raymond, AD, to sort out BC Minor Baseball's traditional provincial championships, Baseball BC's dates and formats as set out in the above noted letter, Western Baseball Canada Championships and Baseball Canada's National Championship dates and find the

At this time, the BCMBA Board of Directors (BoD) will be recommending a return to our traditional provincial championships to its member Associations and that there will be no provision regarding the inclusion of Little League, Babe Ruth and/or PBL in these tournaments.

July 21 - 24	<u>BC Summer Games</u> in Prince George: 15U regional teams
July 22 - 24	BCMBA 18U CP (Final 4) and BCMBA 18U AAA (8 teams)
July 28 - Aug 1	BCMBA 11U (A, AA, T2 and T1) 13U AA, 13U AAA, 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AA
Aug 4 - 8	BCMBA 13U A East and West, 15U A <u>Baseball BC Qualifiers - Best of 3</u> (Provincial Champions: BCMBA/LL/Babe Ruth/PBL) 13U AA, 13U AAA, 15U AA, 18U AA 15U AAA, 18U CP (Tier 1), 18U AAA (Tier 2)
Aug 13 - 14	BCMBA 26U Junior Men's (Tier 1 and 2 Finals)
Aug 18 - 22	<u>Baseball Canada National Championship: 18U CP (Tier 1)</u>
Aug 19 - 22	<u>Western Baseball Canada Championships</u> 13U AA, 13U AAA, 15U AA, 18U AA, 18U AAA (Tier 2)
Aug 24 - 28	<u>Baseball Canada National Championships: 13U AAA, 15U AAA</u>



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Re: Baseball BC 2022 Pathways to Baseball Canada Nationals and Westerns - continued

As you can see, our vision for the Baseball BC Qualifiers would be for the Provincial Champions from each competing league (BCMBA/LL/Babe Ruth/PBL) to play 3 game series to qualify for Westerns or Nationals.

At this time, and up for discussion, hosting to be at the competing Association ball parks. Home field and teams to be determined by coin flip and consideration of the away ball park being used if a third game is necessary.

Umpires could be arranged by the home team/Association through their own UIC or through BCBUA. We have not discussed 2022 with the BCBUA to date but are hopeful their membership will return allowing BCBUA not to opt out of these and other events this coming year.

Also, there is language in said letter regarding PBL teams "interested in participating", if this is the case I question their inclusion at all. BCMBA is in, 100%.

Finally, while the position BCMBA is taking is quite a departure from the proposal set out in said letter, we look forward to further discussion, perhaps via a Google/Zoom meeting following our November 13, 2021 AGM.

Yours truly, on behalf of the BCMBA BoD's

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cc: BCMBA BoD's

Re: 2021-11-05 BCMBA Response to Baseball BC 2022 Pathways

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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13U AA/AAA				15U A		
15U AA*				Baseball BC Qualifiers (Westerns and Nationals)		
18U AA						
15U AAA Final Four*						
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15U A						
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Championships 2022 – Relunched

Staff Proposal

1) Fundamental Changes to Baseball BC Provincial Championships

The fundamental changes to the Baseball BC Championship structure are as follows:

- Baseball BC will no longer run provincial championships
- BC Minor will integrate Little League and Babe Ruth teams into their 13U AAA, 13U AA, 15U AA, and 18U AA Provincial Championships. See format A below.
- Baseball BC will host a qualification tournament at 15U AAA, 18U AAA T1, and 18U AAA T2. See format B below.

2) Dates

All BC Minor provincial championships and Baseball BC qualifiers detailed in format A and B, will be played August 4-7.

For the divisions outlined in format B, it is recommended that BC Minor and the PBL schedule their provincial championships for the August long weekend or earlier.

3) Format A

This format applies to the following divisions:

13U AA

13U AAA

15U AA

18U AA

BC Minor will host the provincial championship and will integrate Babe Ruth and Little League teams into their provincial per the berth schedule below:

13U AA 2 Little League teams & 1 Babe Ruth team

13U AAA 1 Little League team & 1 Babe Ruth team

15U AA 1 Little League team & 1 Babe Ruth team

18U AA 1 Little League team & 1 Babe Ruth team



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Based on historical interest, it is expected that Babe Ruth would only use their berth at 18U AA and that Little League would not use their berth at 18U AA.

Little League and Babe Ruth must confirm participation by June 1st.

Should more Little League or Babe Ruth teams enter the provincial championship, than have been allotted berths, Baseball BC will consult with members to determine an internal qualification process for the Little League and Babe Ruth teams.

Should no Little League or Babe Ruth teams enter a provincial championship, BC Minor shall have sole jurisdiction over that event.

When Little League or Babe Ruth teams participate in the BC Minor provincial championship the following process shall apply:

- BC Minor will submit a draft format and schedule to Baseball BC for approval by July 1. The schedule must show the pools, indicate teams by seed, and include game times. All formats and schedules must be approved by Baseball BC
- Baseball BC shall determine how Little League and Babe Ruth teams are seeded in the draw in consultation with members.
- During the Provincial Championship, BC Minor shall supply an on-site representative as they typically would for their events. Baseball BC shall supply its Championships Coordinator and/or Executive Director, as a remote representative who has jurisdiction over any decisions that directly impact the Little League or Babe Ruth teams. Such decisions include but are not limited to, protests, schedule changes, player eligibility, and discipline.

BC Minor will be responsible for all costs associated with the provincial championship.

BC Minor shall determine the host association for the event.

The provincial championship shall be played under BC Minor rules.

BC Minor shall determine the size of their provincial championships.

A performance bond, or a guarantee of such, held by Baseball BC, will be required for Little League and Babe Ruth teams. The entry fee will be paid to BC Minor and/or the host association.



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4) Format B

This format applies to the following divisions:

15U AAA

18U AAA Tier 1 (JR PBL and AAA)

18U AAA Tier 2 (SR PBL and College Prep)

At these levels, the PBL and BC Minor will host their own provincial championships. Baseball BC will host a qualification tournament to determine which teams represent Baseball BC at the Western Canada and National Championships.

These qualification tournaments will include a limited number of teams and will be a maximum of these days in length.

Baseball BC will determine the host of these qualifiers. It is intended that all three events detailed in format B would be held at a single site.

The host association will be offered a berth in the 15U AAA qualifier only.

15U AAA 8 teams:

Host

BC Minor League – 1st Place

BC Minor Provincial – 1st Place*

PBL League – 1st Place

PBL League – 2nd Place

PBL League – 3rd Place

PBL Provincial – 1st Place*

PBL Provincial – 2nd Place*

* BC Minor – If the provincial winner has already qualified through league, the berth will be assigned to the 2nd place team from the provincial.

* PBL – If the provincial winner or runner-up has already qualified through league, the berth will be assigned to the next placed team from league play, not already qualified from the provincial.

The format for this qualifier will be a single knockout to qualify the national championship berth, with teams competing for the western berth once they lose a game.



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18U AAA T1 4 teams

BC Minor College Prep League – 1st Place

BC Minor College Prep Provincial – 1st Place

PBL League – Highest placed team interested in participating

PBL League – Second highest placed team interested in participating

The format for this qualifier will be a traditional double knockout.

18U AAA T2 4 teams

BC Minor 18U AAA League – 1st Place

BC Minor 18U AAA Provincial – 1st Place

PBL League – Highest placed team interested in participating

PBL Provincial – 1st Place

PBL – If the PBL provincial winner is not interested in participating, the berth will be assigned to the provincial runner up and then to the highest placed team from the league.

The format for this qualifier will be a traditional double knockout.

5) Qualifier Event Details

It is intended that the three Baseball BC qualification tournaments would be hosted at a single site.

The minimum site requirements are an 80-foot diamond and a 90-foot diamond. The 90-foot diamond must be lit and be convertible to 80-feet for the first day.

If the site had two 80-foot diamonds and one 90-foot diamonds, all divisions would run Friday to Sunday.

If the site had one 80-foot diamond and one convertible 90-foot diamond, then the 15U AAA event would be held Thursday to Saturday and the 18U AAA T1/T2 events would be held Friday to Sunday.



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Awards – 2021

Association of the Year:

We received two (2) nominations for Association on the Year (2021) Salmon Arm and Penticton.

After the committee met it was decided that Salmon Arm would be the Association of the year. We will announce it at the AGM and present the award at the Coaches Convention banquet. Congratulations to Salmon Arm.

Roll of Honor:

We have received four nominations so far for the Roll of Honor

Ted Pawlick

Teddy Pawlick

Eric Toneff - post humorous

Pat Phalan – post humorous

We are still waiting for other nominations for player, coach and team of the year.

All awards for player, coach and team will be awarded at the Coaches Convention Luncheon.

Roll of Honor, Scholarships and Association of the Year will be awarded at the Coaches Convention Banquet.

Respectfully submitted by the Awards Committee

Val Greenwood – Chair

Mike Kelly

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Marty Van-der-Loos



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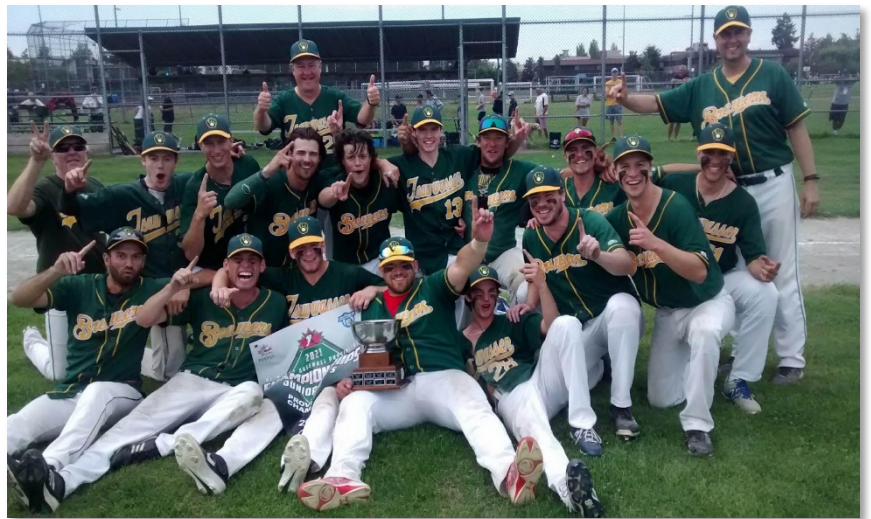
26U Jr. Men's

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This year's Junior Men's Division had 10 teams with games starting in mid-June once there was lifting of some of the covid-19 restrictions. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players and umpires that participated in this recreational division. At the end of the season the top 8 teams played off to arrive at the final 4 teams for the Championship weekend. Many thanks to the Tsawwassen Baseball volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Finals at Winskill Park.

The South Delta Brewers and White Rock Wranglers met on a perfect weather day for baseball in Tsawwassen, with the Junior Men's Tier 1 Provincial championship on the line. The Brewers catcher helped provide an early lead with a third inning home run. The Brewers would then add four runs in the sixth on route to a 6-0 victory. The score did not reflect how close the game was with the Wranglers having various scoring chances including a bases loaded situation in the bottom of the sixth inning.



In getting to the championship game, White Rock defeated the Ladner Cubs 7-6 in an entertaining back and forth semi-final #1. Ladner found their way into the semi-finals by defeating the #1 seed Aldergrove Dodgers earlier in the day. Semi-final #2 would see the Cloverdale Spurs taking on the South Delta Brewers. Both sides provided good pitching backed up by good defense in a spirited affair. South Delta would prevail 6-3 and a spot in the Provincial championship final.

The teams in the Provincial championships displayed a prominent level of baseball and continued the tradition of showcasing the talent in the Junior Men's division. 2022 calendar year should see the growth and level of play that this division continues to elevate.



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18U College Prep

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18U College Prep

With some of the Covid-19 restrictions lifted in late May, we were fortunate to start the 18U College Prep games in June with 11 teams and 24 games. At the end of the season, the top 8 teams advanced to the eight-team Provincials held in Chilliwack and Burnaby on August 6-9, 2021. The overall standings were used to create the 2 single pools.

VI Mariners and Chilliwack Cougars in Pool A and Cloverdale Nationals and the Trail Orioles in Pool B advanced to play the semi-finals. VI Mariners defeated Cloverdale Nationals 11-1 in the provincial championship game held at Chilliwack. The 8 teams continued to display noticeable baseball talent, continuous growth, and the level of play was phenomenal.



POOL A – Fairfield Park - Chilliwack	POOL B – Robert Burnaby Park - Burnaby
Chilliwack Cougars	North Fraser Nationals
VI Mariners	Trail Orioles
Ridge Meadows Royals	Kamloops Riverdogs
COMBA Sundevils	Cloverdale Nationals

Thank you to all the volunteers, coaches, players, parents, and umpires that participated in this division.

Thank you to both Burnaby and Chilliwack for hosting.

Special thanks to Anne Hayes for her endless hours doing the game schedule.

Special thanks to Abigail Wong-de Leon, who took the responsibility as the Tournament Director in Chilliwack. She continuously updated the game scores online, managed and tallied pitch counts at the end of each game, and maintained constant communication with the coaches and the host association for updates.

18U Fall Ball Classic Tournament

The 18U Fall Ball Classic tournament was held at both Latrace and Blundell Parks in Richmond on September 24–26, 2021. The tournament had 10 teams, 6 of which came from out of town. The purpose of this tournament was to allow many of the up and comers to the 18U and College Prep divisions to show their calibers. With the unpredictable Vancouver weather, the tournament was hit by rain causing some rain delays. It was a cold weekend, with the 2 COMBA teams playing the finals in their home field.

Thank you to all the volunteers, coaches, players, parents, and umpires that participated in this division.

Thank you to Richmond for hosting.

Thank you to Anne Hayes for doing the schedule.

Thank you to Abigail Wong-de Leon for stepping up as the Tournament Director at Latrace Park.

2022 18U College Prep

The application review for the 2022 18U College Prep was completed in October 2021. 11 teams applied and they were all accepted by the 18U College Prep selection committee.

1. Chilliwack
2. Cloverdale
3. COMBA
4. Kamloops
5. Nanaimo (VI Mariners)
6. Burnaby (North Fraser Nationals)
7. Ridge Meadows
8. SOMBA
9. South Fraser
10. Trail
11. Tri-Cities



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18UAAA Division

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The 2021 Season saw a total of 13 teams participate in league play. The season started on June 19th with teams playing in cohort groups of 3. The regular season consisted of an 18 game schedule.

Cohort 1 (POOL A) – North Island, Victoria, Cowichan

Cohort 2 (POOL B) – Ridge Meadows, Cloverdale, Township

Cohort 3 (POOL C) – Richmond, North Shore, South Fraser

Cohort 4 (POOL D) – COMBA, Chilliwack, West Kelowna

Cohort groups were expanded on July 10, and teams began playing others from different cohorts. Prince George played a total of 8 games over two weekends in Kelowna and West Kelowna to minimize travel. Prince George was also given a bye to the final 5 Championships.

A new format was adopted for playoffs this year, which saw all 12 teams qualify. Playoffs took place over 3 weekends, utilizing a "best of 3" series in each round to get to a Final 5 Championship which was to be held in Kelowna August 13th – 15th.

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing issues with Covid 19 numbers climbing in the Kelowna area, and the announcement to avoid any non-essential travel there, BC Minor was forced to change the venue of the Final 5 Championships to Ridge Meadows.

Quarter Final matchups July 31st & August 1st were; Victoria vs Township, Cloverdale vs Cowichan, Chilliwack vs South Fraser & North Shore vs West Kelowna. Teams that advanced were; Township, Cloverdale, North Shore & South Fraser

Semi Final matchups August 7th & 8th were; North Island vs North Shore, Ridge Meadows vs South Fraser, Richmond vs Township & COMBA vs Cloverdale. Teams advancing from this round to the Final 5 Championships along with Prince George were; North Island, Ridge Meadows, Richmond & Cloverdale.

At the Final 5 Championships, Richmond defeated North Island in semifinal #1, while Prince George defeated Cloverdale in semifinal #2. Prince George went on to win the Championship over Richmond in a very exciting final game.

Hopefully we are able to start the 2022 season earlier than we have over the last two years – enabling us to play more games. We are looking forward to seeing all the teams again from last season, and hopefully a few more!



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18U AA

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Teams followed Provincial Health guidelines and participated in exhibition play only leading up to a summer season of play. During the 2021 summer season we had 15 teams participate in the Lower Mainland region. No teams declared for the Interior/North or Island Regions. Thank you to Anne Hayes for coordinating the schedule for the 18UAA summer season that consisted of 12 games for each team. A few teams had difficulty fielding full rosters for some games and one team was forced to drop out mid-way through the season.

Pool A

Burnaby
North Shore
Ladner
Richmond
Vancouver-1
Vancouver-2
Tri Cities
Tsawwassen

Pool B

Aldergrove
Abbotsford
North Delta
Newton
North Langley
Surrey
White Rock

Thank you to Mike Bird (Tri-Cities) and Myro Damaso (Delta) and their respective team of volunteers for organizing and putting on the final tournaments for each pool. It was a great way to end the summer season.



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15U AAA

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This year's 15U AAA had 10 teams with games starting in mid-June once there was lifting of some of the covid-19 restrictions. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this competitive division. At the end of the season the top 4 teams qualified for the final 4 Championship weekend. Many thanks to the SOMBA volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Finals at McNicoll Park

The four teams to make this weekend were Vancouver Community Mounties, Cloverdale Spurs, Richmond Chuckers, and the Penticton Tigers. All the games were very competitive with the host, Penticton Tigers finishing 3-0 in the round robin play. The other team to make the finals was Richmond Chuckers with a hard-fought semifinal win against Cloverdale Spurs. That game had everything including a 15-minute rain delay.



In the final game every single player on Penticton played a role in the win. Jamie Yost made a diving catch in left field to stop a Richmond rally, Hunter Clements had 3 strong innings as starting pitcher. Tyler Messing started off the first inning by hitting the fence with a line drive and Linden Moore came up with a clutch hit. Nash Carrigan came in to pitch in relief and struck out Richmond's top hitter. Carson Burnett blocked a 3rd strike in the dirt and corralled the ball to make an athletic play to throw out at first base to end another rally.

The teams in the Provincial championships displayed a great level of baseball and shows the commitment of players and coaches at this level. For all the restrictions placed on these players in the last 2 years the level of baseball does not seem to have been affected adversely.



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15U AA

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For 2021 the 15U AA division had 26 teams around the province. Teams started playing games in mid-June once some of the Covid-19 restriction had been lifted. The division had game go through till July 25, 2021, and then the playoffs began. All team made it through to the playoffs which were played as a best of 3 each weekend until we were down to 5 teams for the final. Big thank you to all the players, coaches, volunteers and umpires that allowed these single season teams to enjoy this great game as we started to come out of restrictions on the game of baseball.

I'd like to give a special shout out to Ridge Meadows Baseball for stepping up last minute to host the final 5 and put on a great tournament. The final five was held at Pitt Meadows Athletic Park August 20 to 22, 2021. The Final Five teams were Cowichan Valley, North Delta, Prince George, Ridge Meadows and Triangle. After the round robin the 4-0 Cowichan Valley Mustangs played the 2-2 Ridge Meadows Royals in the Final. The Royals started the game with a 7-run first inning and were able to ride some great starting pitching to win the game 9-4 and claim the Championship on home turf!





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15U A

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With Covid restrictions in place for the 2021 season. Gameplay was regional with many associations partaking. Some regions also offered Summer Season programming. This was organized by the local member associations.

I would like to thank all that participated to get our players on the field.

We look forward to, and anticipate a regular season in 2022.



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In November last year the membership approved all 13U motion changes from the AGM this past November the next step of the Directors is to review programming at all levels. The division Directors held an initial online chat to discuss looking forward in 13U. We have reached out to other PSO's for information on how they run 13U provincially with historical references on how they got there and reasoning thereof (what works, what doesn't work & any potential changes they may be looking at, etc.).

The Directors within the division continued to receive information from various other provinces throughout the spring on their 13U programming models and continued to discuss and move to possible more direct conversations about the Tiers within.

BCMBA also received a few calls about Interlocks, division directors will have to work with all provincial Interlocks if/when BCMBA were able to play to ensure whatever guidelines ViaSport and Baseball BC present are adhered to and understood.

Prior the season possibly starting in April and RTP moving to the next stage in BCMBA received many calls about planning of exhibition games and Interlocks. BCMBA had to continually send reminders, that there was **no** game play and didn't know when that was to occur. BCMBA division directors stood by ready to work with all provincial Interlocks if/when we may be able to play to ensure whatever guidelines ViaSport and Baseball BC presented were/are adhered to and understood at that time.

Come summer it was a busy month getting the three regions: Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland & Interior/North all fielding teams as per the BCMBA Rule Book. All schedules were developed for respective tiers and for each region. The goal as per the majority of the recent summer surveys was maximizing the amount of games within each respective tier. Summer season essentially started June 26th and will run through August 1st.

Summer programming complete by the August long weekend. BCMBA did find multiple teams at various 13U levels did not complete BCMBA summer scheduled programming instead participating in tournaments that came up **after** BCMBA summer programming schedules were posted. This led to unbalance in schedules and regions.

John Main Tournament

2020 entries were held for 2021 which was full and waitlisted for the tournament that was just played September 2-5.

Thank you once again for participating in the annual 13U John Main Invitational tournament. It was truly a great weekend to end the summer season prior to Fall Ball starting up most everywhere next week. Sixteen teams from around the province provided some great on-field play and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Games kept

moving at a great pace and a shout out should go out to all of the teams in keeping pace of play moving along as requested prior to the start of the tournament.

I would like to send out a special thank you to the cohosts of Cloverdale and North Langley and their volunteers who put in countless hours over the four days and had to battle mother nature on Saturday (a couple of games moved to Sunday AM).

Another fantastic part of the tournament was the BCBUA senior leadership mentoring program of the local youth umpires. A special thanks should go to them as well.

For Sunday, BCMBA adapted remaining Pool play and semi-final games to 5 innings which allowed to get the last two Pool play games and semi-final games in. The final game was played to 7 innings in to complete the tournament. Tiebreakers in two of the four Pools were in effect going into the last games Sunday morning so lots of scoreboard watching and calculators used to determine teams who were to move on to the semi-finals.

The semi-final games were set up with North Shore defeating Cowichan Valley and Nanaimo getting past Ladner. Scores can be found on the BCMBA website: [Tournament/John Main](#)

The final was a back-and-forth battle for most of the game until North Shore was able to pull away in the final innings and beat Nanaimo 14-5.

Congratulations to the North Shore coaching staff of: Chris Vaillancourt & Dave Corrente.

Tournament Player MVP: Jake McAdam

Respective player game MVP shirts were awarded throughout all twenty-seven games. Fifty-four in total.

One hundred and twenty-eight tournament pre-sale shirts were sold to teams.

As a post-mortem we will get back to a little more structure pre-2020 tournament with more support from the tournament host. Given the quick announcement for tournament play being allowed, confirming teams and prepping BCMBA did their best to work on management with hosts. It worked in 2021 but will improve going forward.

Congratulations to all and look to sometime later in the year/beginning of 2022 for the registration to open up for the tournament to be run in May.



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13UAAA

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The 2021 Summer season was conducted differently this year. We did not have the usual league play but participation was played in three regions. Due to Covid restrictions and RTP regional plans, we did not host a Provincial Championship Tournament.

Summer ball regions:

- Interior: Kamloops, COMBA, Prince George
- Island: Nanaimo, Duncan, Victoria (Carnarvon), Victoria (Gordon Head), Victoria (Triangle)
- Lower Mainland: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, North Langley, North Shore, Richmond, Ridge Meadows, Vancouver Community, White Rock

The John Main Tournament was not held in the month of May as the province was under provincial restrictions and protocols due to COVID, so after much discussion, the JMT was held in September. It was a success with 16 teams competing. The winning team was North Shore.

There are renewed discussions for 13U programming. In November of last year, the membership approved all 13U motion changes from the AGM. To date the directors have been looking at potential opportunities in expanding the programming and until further discussions from our current association's nothing will change and only after the AGM will we move forward with this topic.



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13U AA

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I started the year working on organizing the BC Minor Coaching Conference along with Mike Kelly, John Braaten, James Raymond, and Brad Robinson. We decided to have the conference virtually on the weekend of March 26th to 28th, 2021. I emceed the conference as well as did the question-and-answer sessions with the presenters after their presentation. Also, I did two sessions myself. One session was with Marty van-der Loos about girls' baseball, and the other session was about putting the fun back in baseball for younger players during practices.

At the end of June, I was in charge of the summer baseball program in the 13U AA division. This division ran up until the August long weekend.

In the College Prep Provincial Championship, August 6th to 9th, I was the tournament director along with Mike Kelly in Burnaby. On the other site, in Chilliwack, where the tournament director was, Abigail Wong-de Leon, the games at both venues were played competitively and ran smoothly with no issues at all. The VI Mariners defeated Cloverdale in the final.

Also, I helped at the 18U AAA Provincial Championship the following weekend in Maple Ridge. Again, I worked with Abigail and Mike. Prince George defeated Richmond in the final.

At the John Main Tournament, which was hosted by Cloverdale and North Langley, from Thursday, September 2nd to Sunday, September 5th. I was the tournament director at North Langley. John Braaten was the tournament director in Cloverdale. In the final North Shore defeated Nanaimo to win the championship.

On the weekend of September 24th to 26th I helped out at the Fall Classic in Richmond. This tournament was for players who are going into College Prep next year.

I would like to thank James for all his help while I was emceeding the conference. It was greatly appreciated.



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13U A

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13U had games scheduled with no provincials due to Covid.

Teams were set up in larger co-horts based on provincial zones. Games were played and some good competitive ball was on display.

Looking forward to next year of baseball being back to normal, with teams playing a full schedule of spring and summer ball with a provincial tournament at the end of summer to wrap up the season.

Candidate: Grant Butler

Baseball background:

Coached 1998 - Present, 11U all div's, 13U all div's, 15U AA, 18U AA, 26U
Level 2 Certified Coach
2003 Western Champions 13U AAA
2008 Provincial Champions 18U AA,

Baseball programming and governance background:

BCMBA President, 2019 to Present
BCMBA 1VP, 26U Chair, 11U Chair, BCMBA Assistant Treasurer, Challenger Chair,
BCMBA Provincial Tournament Director 26U - 18U AAA - 15U AAA - 13U AAA - 11U AAA T1,
BCMBA Chef de Mission 18U CP to New Jersey, 13U AAA to Saskatoon
North Delta Baseball President 4 years
2019 - to present VP Baseball BC

Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Land Surveyor Business Owner/Operator for 30 years in Lower Mainland
Land Surveyor Business Owner/Operator for 4.5 years in Crofton

Additional comments:

Part of my role as President has been to restart the Board of Directors, giving the Directors a role and have them grow into those roles with the support of the other Directors, unfortunately, and like most you, BCMBA experienced a change in business with the 2019 pandemic which continues today. BCMBA is hoping to offer and support a regular season of baseball in 2022 and if I'm re-elected as President I will continue to pursue a transparent and inclusive culture not only on the Board of Directors but with you as our member Associations.



Candidate: John Braaten

Baseball background:

Potpourri of Baseball events/activities

Baseball programming and governance background:

BCMBA director 2013-present

RCBA Prez 2014-2019

CMBA 1st VP 2019-2021

BBBC Director 2020-present



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Nat'l Account Manager

Additional comments:



Candidate: Abigail Wong-de Leon

Baseball background:

Current Director with BC Minor Baseball

Baseball programming and governance background:

BC Minor Baseball Association - 2018 – present

• Board of Directors

◦ 15U A/AA Director (2018) ◦ Marketing (2018/2019) ◦ Scholarship Chair (2018/2019) ◦ 15U AA Director (2019) ◦ Discipline (2019) ◦ Secretary (2020) ◦ Boundaries & Affiliation (2020)

• *Assisted as a volunteer with 18U AAA and College Prep (2016/2017)* • *Assisted as a volunteer with College Prep Showcase and Fall Ball (2016/2017)* • *Provincial Tournament Director* ◦ 5UA/13UAA – (2018) ◦ 15UAA – (2019 and 2020) ◦ College Prep – (2020) ◦ 18UAAA (Albion) and College Prep (Chilliwack) – (2021)

Mission Minor Baseball Association - 2019 – 2021 • Director at large • 15U A Coordinator • Risk Management Coordinator

POCO Minor Baseball Association - 2015 – 2017 • PoCo Exec member at large • Tri-City College Prep Manager 3 years • 18UAAA Wild Card Tournament Director (2015) • Photo Coordinator

Burnaby Minor Baseball Association 2006 – 2019 • Director at large (2010-2013/2016-2018) • 13U AA/AAA Divisions Coordinator • 15U A/AA Divisions Coordinator • Provincial Championship Chair - 13U/15U AA • Western Provincial Chair 13U AAA • 15U A Lower Mainland Spring Interlock Coordinator - 5 years • Concession Chair • Photo Coordinator – more than 7 years • Fundraising Committee • Ad-hoc duties • accompanied seventeen (17) 13U AAA players to Woodstock, ON for the Baseball Canada 13U National Championship

Other relevant professional or volunteer background: A resident of Burnaby, BC, Abigail is an enthusiastic and innovative individual with extensive experience in management, administration, resourcing, and leadership. She has taken on various roles in numerous non-profit organizations. Passionate about contributing to society, she dedicates a significant amount of her personal time to community-based services, the arts and theatre industry, and athletics.

Additional comments: Abigail thrives on giving back to the community. She exhibits dedication, a strong work ethic, and a sense of pride in a job well done. With her extensive background in a variety of different roles, she would prove a major asset to the Board of BC Minor Baseball.



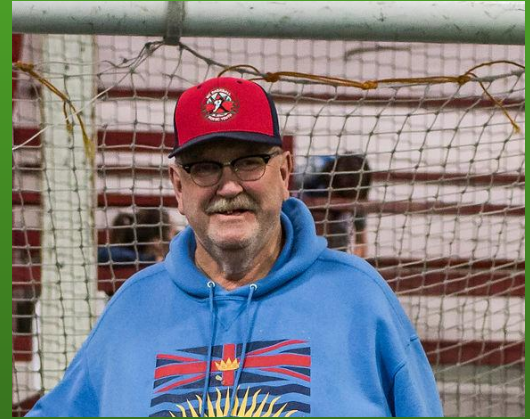
Candidate: Mike Kelly

Baseball background:

50 years in Baseball

Baseball programming and governance background:

BC Minor Baseball High Performance Chair
BC Minor Baseball Coach Development Co-chair
18U Chair
18U College Prep Director
BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference Co-Founder
BC Minor Baseball Coaches Caravan Co-Founder



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Coaching Development

Additional comments:



Candidate: Val Greenwood

Baseball background:

President South Burnaby 1990 - 1996
BCMBA Director 1996 - present

Baseball programming and governance background:

15U Director/Chair 1997 - 1998
Secretary 1998 - 2020
Chair Girls Program 2006 - 2019
Manager 16U Girls Provincial Team 2011 to present



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Sold 50/50 and assisted in parking Vancouver Canadians
Ran concession for South Burnaby Minor Baseball
scorekeeper for 16U girls league and Nationals
Chef for numerous National and Western Canada Championships

Additional comments:



Candidate: Neal Dhaliwal

Baseball background:

Been involved with baseball since 2008, played fast pitch for 20 plus years

Baseball programming and governance background:

Coached and was division directors with KMBA

Served two years on the BCMBA BoD as Interior Director, 15U A Director, and Eligibility Chair



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Volunteer with other nonprofit organizations

Additional comments:



Candidate: Tina Baker-Cornett

Baseball background:

12 years on the board at DJBA.
3 children have played baseball since Rally Cap
Assistant GM of a new WCL team

Baseball programming and governance background:

Association President
BCMBA Island Director



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Fundraiser coordinator for 3rd Duncan beavers and scouts
Organizer with the Cody Classic Childhood Cancer fundraiser Committee
Co Chair of 2 graduation classes, 2020 and 2022.

Additional comments:



Candidate: Steve Coleman

Baseball background:

Coaching since 2007
Various Board positions in Abbotsford including President for 3 years.

Baseball programming and governance background:

President of Abbotsford Baseball
1st VP
Head Coach & Commissioner at every Division
Tournament Director
Lower Mainland Director, BC Minor Baseball



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

AAHA Minor Hockey Tournament Director
Past-President of Sport Abbotsford

Additional comments:



Candidate: Marty van der Loos

Baseball background:

21 years coaching

Baseball programming and governance background:

Baseball BC Girls board



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Currently on SCBA Executive

Additional comments:

Looking to help Girls and Boys Baseball get better



Candidate: Hugh Gurney

Baseball background:

Board member previous 2 years
current head coach and manager of North Island Cubs 18UAAA team
GM for 15UAA program.

Baseball programming and governance background:

BC Minor board member
18U AAA Director
Committee member - Discipline, Umpire Liaison, Rules, High Performance, Marketing



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Current umpire in good standing
Hockey coach and manager
Community volunteer
Parks dept employee with the City of Campbell River

Additional comments:

Letting my name stand again for this years AGM



Candidate: Carmen Martin

Baseball background:

6 years as President of PGYBA
6 years as North Director of BCMBA

Baseball programming and governance background:

Hosts of the 2019 BCMBA 15U AA 12-Team Provincial Championship
Committee member - Discipline, Rules, Northern Director all age divisions



Other relevant professional or volunteer background:

Additional comments:





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BCMBA 13U AAA 2022 single season proposal

What? The BCMBA BoD's believe that it's time for the 13U AAA to become a single season league as this division is the first level offered within BCMBA programming and gives those players and coaches a taste of the high-performance model going forward into 15U AAA, 18U AAA and College Prep. This proposal is based on discussions with various member Associations on persons and returns from a survey monkey earlier this year and previous workshop discussions.

The following is some of the historical record in the 13U division and support documentation for the planned discussion at our upcoming November 13, 2021 BCMBA AGM.

Reference is made to the 13U Summer Play Rules that form part of the historical record;

2018 - 9.04 (B) 13U (PeeWee) Summer Play

In this Division teams for summer ball will be determined based on their Association's division registration for spring ball as follows:

- 142 or more registered 13U (PeeWee) players – such Associations must field 2 “AAA” teams.
- 65 or more registered 13U players – 1st team must be AAA
- 39 – 64 registered 13U players – 1st team must be AA

2019 and 2020 - 9.04(B) 13U (PeeWee) Summer Play

In this Division teams for summer ball will be determined based on their Association's division registration for spring ball as follows:

- 154 or more registered 13U (PeeWee) players – such Associations must field 2 “AAA” teams
- 77 or more registered 13U players – 1st team must be AAA
- 51-76 registered 13U players – 1st team must be AA
- 0-50 registered 13U players – 1st team must be A

2021 - 9.04(B) (B) 13U Summer Play

(i) In this division teams for summer ball will be determined based on their association's division spring registration as follows:

- 145 or more registered 13U players – such associations must field two (2) balanced “AAA” teams
- 61 or more registered 13U players – 1st team must be AAA
- 37-60 registered 13U players – 1st team must be AA
- 1-36 registered 13U players – 1st team must be A

(ii) Associations that are required to field two (2) spring 13U AA teams as per Rule 8.08 must split with first team being fielded 13U AAA and second team fielded 13U AA for summer play

(iii) Associations that field a minimum of three (3) spring 13U AA teams as per Rule 8.08 must split their Spring teams and draw their AAA and AA teams for summer play. The remaining teams at 13U AA for summer play must be balanced.

As you can see, the registration numbers have been changed a number of times, particularly the numbers in 2019-2020 which reduced the number of AAA teams and increased the number of AA teams. This was done mostly to allow some of the medium Associations to be more competitive in AA but also made some of the smaller Associations able to compete in AA. The 2021 changes brought the numbers more or less back to the 2018 numbers and more represented BCMBA traditional programming.

Changes to the split season programming of 13U A or 13U AA are not being considered as the current Spring registration and declaration rules allow for competitive play for all small and mid-sized associations.

Why? Business. BCMBA competes at the high performance levels with PBL and has always been of the opinion that players should be playing and not be on “practice teams” or on the bench “learning”. Nonetheless, PBL is a business and like all businesses, do what businesses do, grow their brand and influence. The creation of a 13U AAA single season then, is just business, business that not only provides early high performance opportunities but completes the vision of progress through the BCMBA high performance programming.

Where? Some of the background work done recently included reaching out to other PSO’s across the country regarding their 13U programming. In particular we learned that our neighbouring province Alberta has run 13U AAA single season for a few years that runs from May 1st through their provincial championship weekend (3rd week of July). This is a provincial schedule from as far north as Ft. McMurray and as far south as Lethbridge. The number of games played range from 30-35 and extreme destinations as noted above travel every second year to the other and visa-versa.

When? BCMBA is excited to pursue a 13U AAA single season in 2022 with your participation, this based on the positive returns from each of our regions, Interior/North, Island and Lower Mainland, a recent survey monkey, BCMBA 2020 regional spring workshops and other conversations with member Association representatives. From these it sounds like there are already 10-12 associations ready to commit along with some associations not in support and some wanting more information.

How? The plan is to use this proposal as a discussion paper at the upcoming AGM, ask that the member Associations take these back to their members and return comments in followup survey monkey expected later in November. Part of the survey monkey will ask for your participation from 2 to 3 members from the 3 different zones to make up a committee that will bring back recommendations to the BCMBA BoD’s meeting in December so associations can plan for the coming year. Based on these recommendations a 13U Division Policy will be adopted via an A-XX motion which will start the process for 2022 and bring rules to the floor of the AGM in 2022.

I and the BCMBA BoD’s look forward to your participation.

John Braaten
1st VP/13U Chair
BCMBA