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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

February 04, 2020

Sandman Signature Hotel - 8828 201 St, Langley Twp, BC V2Y 0C8

Board of Directors: G. Butler, J. Braaten, S. King, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, R. Miciuk, A. Wong-de Leon, S. McCann, D. Crone, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond

Conference Call: D. Garton, N. Dhaliwal, T. McGuire (due to technical difficulties conference call was limited)

Absent: P. Weatherill, T. Baker-Cornett, C. Martin, H. Gurney, M. Hall, R. Wearing,

Call Meeting to order: 6:00 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

- With respect to the BoD's, after last meeting Trevor was unable to send out an original message as someone in the room passed along information prior to Trevor being able to do so. Which undermines the integrity of the BoD's and allows for misinformation and sandbagging of our fellow volunteer directors.
- Looking forward to the upcoming BCMBA Coaches Conference
- Enjoyed meeting more of the baseball world at the Vancouver Canadian's Luncheon
- Very much appreciate all the work and time to date by all the Directors

Adoption of Minutes

- ❖ **MOTION: D. Crone / R. Puri**
Motion to accept January minutes as amended.
M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- None

Correspondence:

- Chris Balison, President Kamloops – Tryout releases Tate Spence / Avery Deisroth – Salmon Arm to Kamloops – 15U AAA
- Chris Balison, President Kamloops – Shane Kelly, parent, request player tryout form – Prince George to Kamloops
- Chris Balison, President Kamloops – permanent move up Jacob Petrie – 11U to 13U
- Jenn Appleby – question on if a release has been received – Marley Kamlade – Mission to Ridge Meadows – referred to Pat Weatherill

- Roweena Losin – player release – Newton to Aldergrove
- Maria Clark – question about registration – can they ask for proof of residence? Referred to Pat Weatherill
- Powell River – new President – Brian Durant – bsdurant@gmail.com

Business Arising:

- Umpires Contract – update: Letter to BCBUA sent to Ms. Rhonda Pauls, BCBUA President

BCBUA is currently doing the re-write of new contract

Concerns as to Fees and 18U AA and 15U AA being left out of BCBUA programming

Will sit down to review new contract when received

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

1) President – Grant Butler

- Pat Weatherill rescinded his resignation after some discussion
- Boundaries need to be sorted out and updated on the website

2) 1st Vice President – John Braaten

- This past month I have been part of the Baseball BC Ad Hoc Committee which has been working together on various topics such as Provincial Code of Conduct and a Communications Plan and Strategy for 2020.
- See report in addendum following minutes

3) 2nd Vice President – Sanda King - No Report

4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- ❖ **MOTION: J. Braaten / R. Puri**
Motion to accept Treasurer's report as distributed.
M/S/C

5) Secretary – Val Greenwood

- Baseball BC will be holding Girls Festival at the Coaches Conference – open to girls 6 - 12

6) Administrative Director – James Raymond

Directors encouraged to use tutorials on Gsuite, can be found on YouTube or through help feature

- See report in addendum following minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Rules – Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing – Sanda King

- Rule book has been submitted to Mike Kelly for printing
- Rules committee will meet once a month (via conference call)
- The committee will be using a sheet to keep track of happenings in the following areas:
 - Rules questions that arise
 - Article XX votes
 - Proposed rule changes (includes items brought forward as ideas last year and going forward)
- Rule book changes / improvements
- **See report in addendum following minutes**

2. Eligibility - Pat Weatherill (Chair) Tina Baker-Cornett – Neal Dhaliwal – Abigail Wong-de Leon

Tryout Releases – 19 to date

18U AAA – 1 intent to tryout notice

15U AAA – 10

15U AA – 5

13U AA – 4

Releases – 6 to date

18U AA – 2

15U AAA – 1

15U AA – 1

Tadpole – 1

T-Ball - 1

3. Discipline – Trevor McGuire (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- No actions to date

4. Female Baseball – Val Greenwood - No Report

5. Umpire Liaison – Grant Butler, Chair - Dave Garton – Neal Dhaliwal – Sanda King

- Reply to BCBUA, Rhonda Pauls President re concerns after review of correspondence to date.

6. High Performance – Mike Kelly (Chair) – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – Trevor McGuire – John Braaten – James Raymond

- Will talk on the weekend to settle Selects dates

7. Boundaries - Pat Weatherill (Chair) John Braaten

- Met with Vancouver Community and Vancouver Minor
- Map doesn't match descriptions sent in, all descriptions and maps need to be reviewed

8. Coaching Development/NCCP – Mike Kelly - John Braaten (Co-Chairs) – Ron Miciuk, Raj Puri, Doug Crone, Marty Hall

- 181 coaches registered to date
- Everything ready to go for the Coaches Conference this coming weekend

9. Marketing - James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Sanda King – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett

- Roll up banners are done
- New programs
- New volunteer clothing
- Please use consistent logos
- Set up on-line store?
- **See Full Marketing Report in Admin Report in the addendum following minutes**

10. Grass Roots – John Braaten (Chair) – Sanda King

- Baseball BC's January meeting was postponed – no new date set
- **See Committee Reports in addendum following minutes**

11. Risk Management / Insurance – John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes

- Insurance – agent's assistant on leave – changes taking a long time to process
- D & O due January 15, not yet up-dated

12. Challenger – Steve McCann (Chair)

- Tim Hall is the new chair for Challenger
- Should have two (2) roll up banners for Challenger for events
- Jamboree is in Mission this year – Dan Williams and Abigail Wong-de Leon running this year's event

❖ **MOTION: S. McCann /**

Motion for BC Minor to purchase a four-some ticket package for the Annual Challenger golf tournament

Motion withdrawn

❖ **MOTION: S. McCann / S. King**

Motion for BC Minor to contribute \$400.00 towards the annual Challenger Jamboree, which would be directed to Mission Minor Baseball.

M/S/C – A. Wong-de Leon – abstained

- **See report in addendum following minutes**

13. Web Site – James Raymond (Chair) – John Braaten – Anne Hayes

- John is continuing to receive tournament posting requests and of the date there are now forty six (46) posted for spring and summer
- James – daily campaign for Coaches Conference

- Full web site audit and update planned for February
- All registration is now digital with payment on-line or through direct billing to Member Associations
- **See Full Website Report in Admin Report in the addendum following minutes**

14. Human Resources – Anne Hayes (Chair) – Val Greenwood – Raj Puri – Tina Baker-Cornett

- Will be meeting soon

15. Awards – Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri – Sanda King

- Plaques have been ordered for this weekend's awards luncheon
- Nominations for BC Sports Hall of Fame for 2021

16. Scholarship – Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Sanda King – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk

- Received one (1) application to date but it is incomplete

17. Baseball BC - Grant Butler – John Braaten – Sanda King

- 2020 pathways have been published
- Notice of hosts to date
- Sport BC – Athlete of the Year Awards – NEED NOMINATIONS

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

1) 25U – Jr. Men's – Anne Hayes (Chair) - No Report (too early)

2) 18U Chair – Ray Wearing – No Report

3) 18U College Prep – Ray Wearing

- Anne Hayes - schedule with coaches for review – post after conference

4) 18U AAA – Hugh Gurney

- **See report in addendum following minutes**

5) 18U AA – Raj Puri – No Report

*** Conference call issues fixed Dave Garton and Neal Dhaliwal joined meeting – Trevor had been on call through a director's cell phone ***

6) 15U Chair – Trevor McGuire

- It has become apparent that the PBL practice of "B" teams are attempting to make up their season games by enrolling in the advertised BC Minor tournaments on the web site. This practice is directly taking away from BC Minor teams and needs to be addressed as soon as possible
- Give priority to BCMBA teams

- HP to deal with
- The PBL practice teams across the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island are now directly affecting 15U AA and 15U A along with the 13U division
- With the expansion of the PBL Prep teams on Vancouver Island a complete collapse of the 15U AAA program has taken place on the Island
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

7) 15U AAA – Ron Miciuk

- North Delta / Ladner / Tsawwassen merger approved for 2020 – merge has been rescinded at January's meeting
- No program in Victoria this year
- Pre-season meeting will be February 15 at the Cloverdale Fieldhouse – starting at 12 noon
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

8) 15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Tsawwassen declared 15U AA making 21 teams from the Fraser Valley
- Meeting will be February 15 – Cloverdale – 12 noon

❖ **MOTION: A. Wong-de Leon / D. Crone**

**Motion to remove Salt Spring Island and Lake Cowichan from the original merge for the Cowichan Valley Mustangs.
M/S/C**

- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

9) 15U A – Doug Crone – No Report

10) 13U - Chair – John Braaten

- Pre-season meeting February 16 hosted by Cloverdale
- **See full report in addendum following minutes**

11) 13U AAA – Marty Hall –No report

12) 13U AA Steve McCann – No Report

- **MOTION: S. McCann / J. Braaten**
Motion to allow Surrey Canadian Baseball and Newton Canadian Baseball to merge at the 13U AA level for 2020.
M/S/C

13) 13U A – Sanda King – No Report

14) 13U John Main Tournament – full – Aldergrove withdrew due to no team

15) 11U Chair – Mike Kelly

- No tiering is allowed in 11U
- North Shore and White Rock – still tiering
- Rule change defeated at the AGM
- North Shore and White Rock request an exclusion from rule

16) 9U Chair – John Braaten – no report

17) Island – 15U / 18U – Island meeting March 8 – location and time TBA

18) Island – 11U / 13U – No Report

19) Interior – 11U / 18U – Neal Dhaliwal – Interior meeting March 01 – 1:00 pm – Fairfield Inn, Vernon

20) Interior – 13U / 15 – Ron Miciuk – No Report

21) North – Carmen Martin – No Report

NEW BUSINESS: None

- **MOTION: M. Kelly / D. Garton**
MOTION TO ADJOURN
M/S/C– 8:33PM

Next meeting March 03 – Sandman Signature Hotel - 8828 201 St, Langley Twp, BC V2Y 0C8

ADDENDUM REPORTS



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John Braaten Report for February 4, 2020 Board meeting

Executive Report 2) 1st Vice President

This past month I have been part of the Baseball BC Ad Hoc Committee which has been working together on various topics such as: Provincial Code of Conduct and a Communications Plan and Strategy for 2020. Most all communication has been online since the last meeting. Pat and I met with a couple of local neighboring associations last month in an attempt to openly discuss association concerns and look to move forward with positive working relationship. I would like to thank Baseball BC for being invited along with other BCMBA Directors in attending the recent Vancouver Canadians luncheon.

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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Administrative Director's Report

February 2020

Website and Social Media

- Daily Campaign for Coaches Conference
- Will Proceed with 15U AA/18U AAA 2020 Season conversion. Targetted completion by Feb. 15th with adjustments made for teams who withdraw.
- Full website audit and update planned for late Feb. Will require the assistance of Division directors in determining work to be performed.
- We have a number of forms in a digital format. All registration is now digital with payment online or through direct billing to Member Associations.

BC Travel Teams

- HP Committee to meeting Weekend of Coaches Conference to discuss logistics

Administrative Support

- 2020 BCMBA Coaches Conference Communications and Logistical support
- Scheduling for 2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan
- Event registration/applications support and reporting
- Support communications for the BoD
- Complete Rebuild of Coaches Conference Event Program
- Player Tryout Release form build and set up for Eligibility Chair
- Follow up call out for BC Minor Baseball Annual Awards
- John Main registration support and reporting
- Updates and posts for events via website, social media, and email
- Gsuite set up and deployment (43 individual accounts)
- BoD support with new email implementation
- The need to sign in and take ownership of the accounts is urgent as all communications coming from bcminorbaseball.org are being directed to assigned Gsuite accounts.
- For those who have multiple accounts, you will need to do the same with each account. Accounts can be set up to forward to one "primary" account. However, you must be logged in to an account to be able to send from that account.
- Once set up, GSuite allows us to set up forms that will email results directly to the Chair or Director owning that account.
- BCMBA BoD Document sharing enabled/Groups enabled/Committee emails enabled (if you would like one for your committee please request one)
- High volume Member support for Coaches Conference, NCCP Clinics, and HP Camps registrations
- Continued work on Procedures segment draft
- Support provided for Rulebook covers and proofing

Marketing Committee Report

- Pop up banners received will be on display at the 2020 Coaches Conference. Experience with the vendor was positive and any issues were addressed quickly and efficiently.
- Jerseys for 2020 Coaches Conference have been ordered and are to be picked up this week. Some BoD members were delayed in responding with sizes and may have to wear a “bullpen” jersey
- Marketing Committee to meet to identify and discuss areas of need and upcoming priorities
- The impact of the Marketing Committee’s work will be significant over the next 12 months starting with the 2020 Coaches Conference. (New Jerseys/New Program/New Promo Materials/New Standup Banners)
- The Marketing team appreciates the cooperation and support in utilizing the products and tools created to identify and brand BC Minor, our programs, and our events
- Will explore setting up a marketing element page to provide access to “official” BC Minor logos for Member Associations, vendor partners, and BoD use
- Current stand up banner inventory; Coaches Conference (1), Coaches Caravan (1), Team BC Selects (1), Annual Awards (Team, Player, Coach, Umpire, Association), John Main Invitational (1), Fall Classic (1), Provincials (11U A, 11U AA, 11U AAA T1/T2, 13U A, 13U AA, 13U AAA, 15U A, 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AA, 18U AAA, 18U CP, Jr Men’s T1, Jr Men’s T2) Scheduled to order Team BC Selects (2), 13U A (1). Division Directors or Committee Chairs will need to advise if they require or wish to add additional banners.
- Up next, Caravan apparel and promotional plan, Provincial keeper banners, Team BC Selects uniforms and promotional plan, Provincial medals, John Main Invitational promotional plan.

Registrations/Applications Summary

Event/Program	Status	Number of Applicants	Notes	Chair/Director
Provincial Hosts Vacancies				
College Prep	Assigned		Chilliwack	Ray Wearing
15U AAA	Open			Ron Miciuk
15U AA	Open	1 (Richmond)	how many needed?	Abigail Wong-de Leon
15U AA Wildcard	Open			Abigail Wong-de Leon
11U AAA T2	Open			Mike Kelly
Team BC Dev Camp	Pending*	TBD		HP Committee
Team BC Coach	Pending*	TBD		HP Committee
Fall Classic	Pending	TBD		Ray Wearing
Coaches Conference	Open	162		Mike Kelly
Coaches Conference HP	Open	42		Mike Kelly
Coaches Conference NCCP	Closed	49		Mike Kelly
John Main Invitational	Closed	23		John Braaten

***We need to assign Provincial Hosts ASAP so that we can get accommodations in place. Directors please reach out to coaches and Presidents to help find hosts.*



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February 4, 2020 Board meeting

Rules Committee

Chair – Dave Garton, Members – Sanda King and Ray Wearing

The Rule Book has been submitted to Mike K for printing.

The rules committee will meet once a month (via conference call) as required in the week before the BC Minor BoD meetings – day of the week will be flexible as per committee members' availability.

Conference Call held Thursday January 30, 2020

Tracking Sheet

The committee will be using a sheet to keep track of happenings in the follow areas:

- Rules questions that arise
- Article XX votes
- Proposed rules changes (includes item brought forward as ideas last year and going forward)

This will make decisions about what rule changes need addressing easier and all in one place.

Rule Book changes / improvements

With previous discussions of “blowing up” the rule book the committee discussed options for going forward this year and possible idea for the 2021 Rule Book. We will start with a couple clarifications: 1) A description of how the rule book flows and 2) Work on an index per division that can be used with the Rule Book and added to the online version of the 2020 book and/or a supplement that can sent to associations.

As we move through the year the committee will be looking at the Bylaws and rules for updates / changes that will be tracked in the sheet mentioned above.

If any issues regarding rules arise please refer to me or the entire committee so we maintain a standard and consistent response – Stay in your lane.

In the words of our mighty leader - Read the rules, know the rules.

Dave Garton

Rules Chair

Rules Committee

BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA)

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Committee Report 8) Coaching Development Co-Chair I will defer to Mike Kelly's report.

Committee Report 10) Grassroots

Baseball BC's January 27th meeting was postponed. No reschedule date provided. As for BCMBA's Grassroots Committee. The Committee is now following up on the brief overview of the discussion from last meeting regarding an in-depth BCMBA survey going forward. Sanda and I have met and discussed about moving forward. We have discussed an implementation strategy that would hopefully begin Phase I with the upcoming Coaches Conference where we can start with a coach survey/questionnaire along with in-person interviews. This will be followed up by Phase II where the focus would be on the parents and players. Phase III would be accruing additional support and structures. This report will be fluid, multi-layered and ongoing. We will be submitting for an annual Grassroots Budget going forward in support of this committee.

Committee Report 13) Website

I have continued to receive tournament posting requests and as of this date there are now forty six (46) posted for spring and summer.

John Braaten
1st Vice President
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Challenger Report – Feb BCMBA BoD Meeting

I have finally identified Tim Hall (Abby) as the new chair for the Challenger Baseball Program within B.C.

We had a great conversation with regards to all things within the existing program and how it will be governed under his leadership. This was important to me as previously I was only familiar with how long time past Chair Ian MacLean ran the ship.

In summery his role focuses on the annual Jamboree and being a liaison with Rogers as far as the Golf tourney fundraiser goes. Participating associations and /or individuals for the most part are on their own with regards to participating in the Jay's Care Clinics, extra funding etc.etc.

It is my intention to research further into Jays Care involvement and pass along my findings to our BC Minor associations running programs. I feel this is necessary as history has shown me that each year individual boards change, along with that unfortunately comes a crack in what would be ideal education and communication within.

I also have 2 motions for which I would like to bring forth at the Feb. meeting.

- 1) Motion for B.C. Minor to purchase a four-some ticket package for the Annual Challenger golf tournament.
- 2) Motion for B.C. Minor to contribute \$400.00 towards the annual Challenger Jamboree which would be directed to Mission Minor Baseball.

NOTE – With regards to the golf tickets, there are a few options as to the distribution of these tickets for which I would prefer that as a board we all have input.

Steve McCann
13U AA Director
Challenger Div. Chair
BC Minor Baseball
(778) 875-2352



February 1, 2020

Hugh Gurney

18U AAA Director

18U AAA Report

Declaration deadline for associations was February 1st. A total of 13 associations have declared teams for this season.

Fraser Valley (6) – South Fraser, North Shore, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Richmond & Ridge Meadows

Interior (4) – Kamloops, Kelowna, SOMBA & Vernon

Island (2) – North Island & Victoria

North (1) – Prince George

League meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th, 2:30pm at the Cloverdale clubhouse. Email is being sent out to all participating teams with scheduler form, and is to be completed and handed back in at meeting.

Discussion needs to take place regarding Prince George team, and if they are going to be included in the season schedule. Travel distance is an obvious concern.

Season to likely start early April.

Nothing more at this time.

Hugh



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15U DIVISION REPORT

It has become apparent that the PBL practice or B teams are attempting to make up their season games by enrolling in the advertised BC Minor Baseball tournaments on the website. This practice is directly taking away from BC Baseball teams and needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

The PBL practice teams across the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island are now directly affecting 15U AA and 15U A along with the 13U division.

With the expansion of the PBL Prep teams on Vancouver Island a complete collapse of the 15U AAA program has taken place on the Island. This is the first time from recent history that Vancouver Island will not have a 15U AAA team participating in BC Minor Baseball.

To be noted as concern for the future will be the PBL program in the Interior of BC with expansion plans for practice teams in place there.

15U AA is a critical element of the 15U Division without interesting programming and new ideas brought forward this Division will start to see problems as the 15U AAA. With my recent conversation with Kyle Williams from Baseball BC in regards to the Provincial at this level. It has become apparent that the agreed upon outcome for the 15U AA Provincial by the Pathway Committee was not as per requested by myself.

In my opinion this will pathway will only remove teams from requested play for the single season and continue to create fewer and better players at this level. In the future it is recommended that the divisions that have a vested interest in negotiations be part of the committee involved.

Trevor McGuire
15U Division Chair



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January 1- January 31, 2020

BCMBA BoD Monthly Report – 15U AAA (Bantam AAA)

Delta / Ladner / Tsawwassen : Merge had been recinded last month meeting, Trevor McGuire notified the organizations. None of the organizations will be having a bantam AAA team this year.

Victoria will not be having a bantam AAA program this year.

The active teams to date for 15uAAA will be :

- Cloverdale
- Coquitlam / Ridge Meadows
- Chilliwack
- Penticton
- Kamloops
- Kelowna
- North Shore
- Vancouver Community
- North Langley
- Richmond / Burnaby

Pre Season Meeting will be February 15 / 2020 Cloverdale Fieldhouse 12:00 Noon Start:
Received this information 2020-02-03,

To Do List: Arrange Teleconference, Broadcast to Organizations and Create an agenda for meeting.

Ron Miciuk

15U Division

15U Chair – Trevor McGuire

15UA – Doug Crone, 15UAA – Abigail Wong-de Leon and 15UAAA – Ron Miciuk



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15UAA REPORT

Update: Tsawwassen declared a 15UAA, making a total of 21 teams from the Fraser Valley.

I have sent a reminder email on a single-season scheduler deadline – Feb 1, 2020.
Everyone complied by the deadline.

The 15UAA Meeting is on February 15, 2020.

The Wildcard will be held at Kensington Field in Burnaby.

Dates for the wildcard and the 15UAA Provincials HAVE NOT BEEN updated on the website.

- Wild Card date changed to August 1 and 2.
- 15UAA Provincials changed to August 6 – 9.

I have received three associations interested in hosting the 15UAA Provincials.

- Richmond (Curtis/Derek)
- Duncan (Tina)
- Oceanside (Shannon)

15U AA Division

Abigail Wong-de Leon, Director



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Divisional Report 10) 13U Chair

As member association registration is underway I have received many programming questions from around the province for 13U which have been answered accordingly. Some have to do with rules and coaching certification which can be confirmed once the 2020 BCMBA Rule Book is published. I continue to receive off-season communication and concerns from multiple associations about 2020 season. I also as noted previous requested input from previous division directors too. Based on this I have built an agenda for 2020 pre-season meetings. The Lower Mainland 13U division meeting date has been posted online and e-mailed out to association presidents. Meeting will be hosted by Cloverdale at their fieldhouse on Sunday, February 16th. Minutes will be forwarded thereafter.

I have also received numerous requests for information regarding the 13U Selects program. I have been advised that our High Performance Committee will be working on the 2020 program plan at the upcoming Coaches Conference.

The 2020 John Main tournament is currently full and seven (7) teams are waitlisted. Payment from a couple of teams is now overdue and payment reminder has been communicated.

John

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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