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BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2021

Meeting done by Google Meet

Board of Directors:

Meet Video: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, A. Wong-de Leon, V. Greenwood, R. Puri, M. Kelly, M. Hall, N. Dhaliwal, T. Baker-Cornett, A. Forman, B. Robinson, M. Van-der Loos, C. Martin, R. Carpenter

Absent: G Bodnarchuk, R. Miciuk, H. Gurney

Administration: J. Raymond

Call Meeting to Order: 7:07 pm

President's Opening Remarks:

- It has been a quiet month.
- Grant will continue to forward questions received from Associations to Division Directors to address them accordingly.
- Grant asked the BOD to review the rulebook and defer to Dave for rule clarification(s).
- Grant highly recommended BOD to attend the Google Training conducted by James.

Adoption of Minutes :

- January 5th Minutes of Board of Directors
Motion: R. Puri/C. Martin
Motion to accept January 5' 2021, BCMBA BOD meeting minutes
M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- Dave Garton - Article XX motion

Correspondence:

- Secretary:
 - Received Executive Roster for Surrey Canadian BoD.
 - Received Executive Roster for Kamloops Minor BoD.
 - Merger requests:
 - Salt Spring Island and Ladysmith for 15UAA
Motion: A. Hayes/M. Kelly
Motion to allow the merge for 2021 Season
M/S/C Abstain: T. Baker-Cornett
 - Duncan, Salt Spring Island, and Ladysmith for 13UAA
Motion: J. Braaten/M. Kelly
Motion to allow the merge for 2021 Season
M/S/C Abstain: T. Baker-Cornett



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- Surrey Canadian and Newton for 13UAA
Motion: J. Braaten/A. Wong-de Leon
Motion to allow the merge for 2021 Season
M/S/C Abstain: M. Van-der Loos/R. Puri
- Surrey Canadian and Newton for 15UAA
Motion: A. Hayes/V. Greenwood
Motion to allow the merge for 2021 Season
M/S/C Abstain: M. Van-der Loos/R. Puri
- Comox Valley, Alberni Valley, and Oceanside for 15UAA
Motion: A. Hayes/A. Wong-de Leon
Motion to allow the merge for 2021 Season
M/S/C
- Coquitlam-Moody and PoCo Minor for ALL divisions (5U – 18U)
Motion: J. Braaten/V. Greenwood
Motion to allow the merge for all divisions for 2021 Season
M/S/C
- Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute survey
- Bill Robinson (Vancouver Community) submitted declarations for 2-15UAA and 1-15UAAA teams.
Email forwarded to 15U Chair and 15UAA Director.
- Received an email from SBMB President Peter Lei - concerning Burnaby Minor registration
information posted on their website re: "agreement" on New West players

Business Arising from Minutes:

- None

Executive Reports :

1. Grant Butler - President
 - Welcome Ryan Carpenter to the BCMBA Board of Directors
 - Will continue to review Conflict of Interest and CRC documents.
 - James to contact two directors to complete and submit the documents.
 - Have received phone calls asking about "What is going to happen this year for baseball?" and am encouraging everyone (BoD's and Member Association Presidents) to promote baseball at all levels at the current PHO allowable guidelines.
2. John Braaten - 1st Vice President
 - John will arrange with Val to pick up the two conference phones.
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
3. Dave Garton - 2nd Vice President
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
4. Anne Hayes - Treasurer
 - January 2021 Financials
Motion: V. Greenwood/M. Kelly
Motion to approve the January 2021 Financials



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5. Abigail Wong-de Leon: Secretary

- Filed an amendment to the Notice of Change of Directors to include Ryan Carpenter.
- Attended and took minutes of the CP – pre-season meeting.
The minutes of the meeting were sent to CP Chair Mike Kelly.

Administrative Director - James Raymond See Report in the Addendum Reports

Committee Reports :

1. Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)

(Neal Dhaliwal-Hugh Gurney-Marty van-der Loos -Carmen Martin)

- Article XX motion
Motion: D. Garton/M. Kelly
A-XX Motion to allow changes to rules as needed due to Covid-19 for 2021.
M/S/C

2. Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair)

(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)

- See Report in the Addendum Reports

3. Discipline Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) - **NO REPORT**

(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin)

4. Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NO REPORT**

5. Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)

(Hugh Gurney - Al Forman - Raj Puri)

- Umpire's contract will have to be reviewed.

6. High-Performance Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) - **NO REPORT**

(Mike Kelly - Al Forman - Marty Hall- Brad Robinson - Anne Hayes - John Braaten - James Raymond)

7. Boundary and Affiliation Committee: Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair)

- Discussed SBMB President Peter Lei's email regarding Burnaby Minor's registration info on their 15UAA tryout website page.
 - John confirmed that New West has been an open boundary and has never been "split" since New Westminster left BCMBA.
 - A correspondence email will be addressed to Burnaby Minor.
- See Report in the Addendum Reports

8. Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) - John Braaten (Co-Chair)

(Al Forman - Raj Puri - Brad Robinson - Greg Bodnarchuk - Marty Hall)

- The coaching convention will be on March 26 – 28, 2021



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- BCMBA is looking forward to support from Baseball BC again this year.
 - James has the convention platform and will plan to go live on March 15, 2021.
 - The convention budget was emailed to BoD for review.
 - Tentatively - NCCP course level 1 will be on April 3 and 4, 2021.
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
9. Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin)
(Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- James will have the meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2021, via Google Meet
 - The primary focus is to develop messaging and support materials
 - Promote advertising opportunities at the coaching conference
 - Sell banner spaces
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
10. Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair)
(Greg Bodnarchuk - Al Forman)
- John has started conversations on behalf of BCMBA with Baseball BC and partnering Grassroots programming, marketing, and communications rollout plans.
 - Baseball BC is looking to collaborate with our provincial member partners to promote available grassroots programming that could be incorporated into an LSO's offering.
11. Risk Management / Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair)
(Anne Hayes - Dave Garton)
- Anne seeks for Request for Proposals to 2 insurance brokers. She is trying to get the CGL and DNO premiums at a lower rate.
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
12. Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) - **NONE**
13. Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair)
(Anne Hayes)
- See Report in the Addendum Reports
14. Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair)
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- Anne will reach out to the committee in a couple of weeks
15. Awards Committee: - Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NONE**
(Mike Kelly - Raj Puri - Marty van-der Loos)
16. Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri (Chair) - **NONE**
(Mike Kelly - Hugh Gurney - Al Forman)



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17. Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)
(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC, Ron Miciuk Strategic Plan Committee)
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports

Divisional Reports -

1. 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes
 - Division is on hold as the PHO guidelines and not allowing adults to play yet.
2. 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly - **NO REPORT**
 - 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly
 - CP meeting was held on January 24, 2021, via Google Meet
 - The Minutes of the Meeting were emailed out.
 - BCMBA develops league schedule
 - 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - GB: Hugh's report noted that two teams were granted a time extension to declare. This will be rescinded as it would have had to have been via an Article XX motion as the BoD's hadn't passed the 2021 A-XX allowance for changes due to Covid-19 as done last year yet.
 - Cranbrook considered entering a team but decided to stay with Senior Little League
 - 18U AA - Raj Puri - **NO REPORT**
3. 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes - **NO REPORT**
 - 15U AAA - Ron Miciuk
 - 15UAAA Coaches meeting is on February 21, 2021, via Google Meet
 - 15U AA - Dave Garton
 - 29 teams declared with a possibility to have seven cohorts
 - Will need to push back the dropout date to early March.
 - 15UAA Coaches meeting will need to be scheduled after the 15UAAA.
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal - **NO REPORT**
4. 13U - Chair - John Braaten
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports
 - 13U AAA Summer - Marty Hall - **NO REPORT**
 - 13U AA - Al Forman - **NO REPORT**
 - 13U- A - Marty van-der Loos - **NO REPORT**
 - 13U John Main Tournament - John Braaten
 - See Report in the Addendum Reports



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5. 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett - **NO REPORT**
 - [Greg Bodnarchuk](#)
6. 9U - Chair - John Braaten - **NO REPORT**
7. Island - 18U and 15U - Dave Garton – **NO REPORT**
8. Island - 13U and 11U - Tina Baker-Cornett – **NO REPORT**
9. Interior - 18U and 15U - Ron Miciuk – **NO REPORT**
10. Interior - 13U and 11U - Neal Dhaliwal - **NO REPORT**
11. North - Carmen Martin
 - Prince George asked division directors to consider including PG teams in cohorts. They do not want to see players leave their association and play elsewhere. They have expressed a willingness to travel to the interiors.
 - Current issues:
 - currently on Phase 2
 - unable to travel (travel is in the 2nd half of Phase 3)
 - no overnight stays

New Business - NONE

Next Meeting: Google Meet, 7 pm, March 2, 2021

Meeting Adjournment: 8:25 pm Motion to adjourn: M. Van-der Loos



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February 2021 Board meeting

Executive Report 2

1st Vice President

Assisted Baseball BC with report on behalf of BCMBA game play and time limits as compared to the rest of Canada. Had discussions with multiple association presidents regarding what 2021 may look like and programming questions. Received many questions regarding merger requests and Return to Play protocols and the possible effects thereof. Attended both the ABCA and Baseball Ontario's "Best Ever" virtual coach conferences.

Committee Report 2

Eligibility Member

Will defer to the Chair

Committee Report 6

High Performance Member

Will defer to the Chair.

Committee Report 8

Coaching Co-Chair

Mike and I have held several meetings in the past month along with members of the committee. All Speakers for the virtual Coaches Conference have been confirmed (Canada and USA). A online platform for hosting the Conference has been secured and building of it has already begun. Working with and receiving support from Baseball BC and our own committee members in planning and such. Conference date not quite finalized, but looking towards the end of March. Stay tuned!

Committee Report 10

Grassroots Chair

No update at this time.

Committee Report 11

Risk Management

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

Friendly reminder, we are all still under ViaSport/Baseball BC Return to Play (RTP) Phase 2 guidelines and safety protocols as of this date.

As of this date BCMBA is awaiting word from the Provincial government hopefully later this week of any potential updates in regards 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.

A holdover from last month's report:

Associations please be prepared to "instruct/train" coaches/volunteers that were not part of any RTP in 2020. It is 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.

Committee Report 17

Baseball BC

Attended the January 11th Board meeting. Baseball BC Board moving ahead with Strategic Planning Process report. New changes to NCCP rolling out and clinics are posted on Baseball BC website starting this month.

Divisional Report "D"

13U Chair

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

I have also received a few calls about Interlocks. Reminder, that at this time there is no game play and do not know when this may occur. BCMBA division directors will have to work with all provincial Interlocks if/when we may be able to play to ensure whatever guidelines ViaSport and Baseball BC present are adhered to and understood.

John Main

No update at this time.

A holdover from last month's report:

2020 entries are still held for 2021.

Given we are all under RTP Phase 2 many unknowns. Have already reached out to 2020 co-hosts and all are standing by for 2021. Tournament is full and waitlisted.

Divisional Report "F"

9U Chair

No report.

John Braaten

1st Vice President

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Rules Report for February 2, 2021 Board Meeting

Article XX motion – emailed to the Board January 10, 2021

“The BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA) Board of Directors may make adjustments/interpretations of the current BCMBA rules and implement temporary rules as needed to accommodate baseball for 2021. This motion and any rules created or adjusted under it expire after the BCMBA AGM in November 2021, and there is no requirement to bring these rules to the AGM in November 2021.”

Moved by Dave Garton and Seconded by Mike Kelly

2021 Rulebook has been posted to the BC Minor Baseball Website. Working with committee to schedule regularly occurring monthly meeting.

PBL conversation

I had a phone call and email exchange with Ted Hotzak, PBL President, regarding some PBL organizations having a second 15U group / team. I was enquiry about what group might have these second groups and would they be playing as a team because we have a rule in our book about players not being duo rostered. Ted stated those team will not be official PBL teams as each organization can have only one under the PBL umbrella, but there is not rule stopping the organization from having a second team and playing exhibition games. After a regular PBL meeting Ted was able to let me know that four organization have a second group (Victoria Mariners, North Delta, Whalley and Parksville). Victoria was a development program and will not be playing in Spring 2021 so those players would be expected at our BC Minor Associations. The other three organizations have developed an exhibition schedule that includes games against each other, and they would be looking for games against other teams as well.

Thank you,

Dave Garton
Rules Chair
BC Minor Baseball Association



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Article XX

EXISTING RULE #	None	Date submitted: February 2, 2021
RATIONALE FOR RULE CHANGE / ADDITION OR DELETION: (Describe problem with existing rule and why in your opinion it should be changed added or deleted)	Due to ongoing guidelines surrounding COVID-19 and possible upcoming changes to those guidelines, plus any differing direction from BC Public Health, Via Sport BC and Baseball BC, there needs to be flexibility for BCMBA outside of our normal rulebook to facilitate baseball for 2021.	
PROVIDE NEW WORDING FOR PROPOSED RULE: (Make your best effort to re-word the rule as you see it needs to be brought to the board for vote)	“The BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA) Board of Directors may make adjustments/interpretations of the current BCMBA rules and implement temporary rules as needed to accommodate baseball for 2021. This motion and any rules created or adjusted under it expire after the BCMBA AGM in November 2021, and there is no requirement to bring these rules to the AGM in November 2021.”	
Mover:	Motion Moved (Name/Title): Dave Garton, BCMBA Rules Chair Association: BC Minor Baseball Association Contact Email: rules@bcminorbaseball.org	
Second:	Motion Seconded (Name/Title): Mike Kelly Association: BC Minor Baseball Association Contact Email: coaches@bcminorbaseball.org	

**RULES MUST BE MOVED AND SECONDED BY PRESIDENTS OF ASSOCIATIONS OR
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Administrative Director's Report

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Website and Social Media

- BCMBA Director's page with new BoD members - still need headshots for Tina, Marty, and Greg.
- 18U College Prep league page updated and launched for 2021 Single Season
- 15U AAA league page updated and launched for 2021 Single Season
- 18U AAA league page built and staged for launch upon confirmation of teams
- 15U AA league page built and staged for launch upon confirmation of teams
- 2021 Provincials all listed on site calendar

Administrative Support

- COVID-19 Member information distribution
- Applications management for 2021 BCMBA Provincial Host Applications

Division	Applicants to Date
11U A	
11U AA	
11U AAA T1	<i>Nanaimo Minor Baseball</i>
11U AAA T2	
13U A East	
13U A West	<i>Mission Minor Baseball</i>
13U AA	
13U AAA	
15U A	
15U AA	<i>Cloverdale Minor Baseball</i>
15U AAA	<i>SOMBA (Penticton)</i>
18U AA	<i>Mission Minor Baseball</i>
18U AAA	
18U CP	
Jr. Men's	

**italics denote that the host has not been awarded yet*

***division chairs will find summary of applications for their divisions in the shared AD drive for your division*

- Support communications for the BoD
- Ongoing communications with BCMBA Member associations regarding RTP, affiliation, single season declarations, and follow up to 2020 AGM - ***Recommend that we re-issue fully updated RTP package as many new volunteers will be in place for the 2021 season.***
- Administrator support for GSuite
- Continued creation of “How to” guides for GSuite procedures and features as BoD members identify needs
- Prepare GSuite training sessions content
- Offer weekly live GSuite training sessions - ***This has gone fairly well with a number of BoD members taking their time to jump in and learn basic and advanced use of the GSuite tools (To date: shared drives, shared docs, GSuite office applications, forms, permissions, document search, Gmail, Contacts, Google Meet call features and functionality, website features, and more)***
- Host and support monthly BoD meetings via Google Meet
- Host and moderate 18U CP Spring Pre-Season meeting
- Communicate and create Coach contacts list for 18U CP
- Communicate and create Coach contacts list for 15U AAA
- Distribute Single Season declarations deadline reminders to all member associations
- Support communications for BoD and member associations
- Attend BC Minor Baseball Coaches Conference committee meeting to determine logistical and support needs for the 2021 event
- High-Performance Team BC Selects 2021 program planning support

Marketing Committee Report

- Will meet Thursday Feb. 4th to discuss key objectives for the 12 months focusing on messaging of RTP compliance and promote the safety and advantages of youth baseball in our member communities
- Primary focus of the marketing committee will be to develop support materials for our member associations to help drive membership recovery efforts
- Core messaging of optimism and resilience needs more presence. This needs to happen through consistent content via our SM platforms
- Chair currently studying content creation and media editing in order to up our quality and effectiveness of our digital marketing campaigns (online training)
- Looking to establish SM channels to promote our members and their communities as well as create SM marketing guides for member associations
- Resource planning to promote the naturally RTP compliant nature of baseball and the preparedness of our member associations to provide healthy and compliant outdoor recreation for BC youth
- Looking to collaborate with Baseball BC in building a province-wide media campaign focused on recovery of lost community registrations



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Eligibility Report – February 2021

There have been a few requests for Tryouts so far, quiet on the most part.

There are still a few associations not knowing the procedures of player tryouts & player movements. I would like to advise the associations that these forms must be filled out ahead of time to allow the process to be completed(not sent on the day of tryouts).

Both forms can be found on our website bcminorbaseball.org under resources>documents>player movements. Some associations weren't aware of the online form for Tryouts.

I would like for the home association to fill out the tryout applications form as it will streamline the process if it comes from them, not the parents/players. If not, I will need an approval confirmation from the home association to allow the tryout; this is to help determine if home association will not be providing that level of play.

Player movement forms are mostly going good. However, just a note that the presidents are signing the form saying that they are abiding by rule 6 to allow the movement. I would like the associations to stay informed on rule 6 release procedures

Neil Dhaliwal
Eligibility Chair



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BOUNDARIES REPORT

The following associations have submitted their boundaries after a reminder email was sent.

Ladysmith, Richmond City, Tsawwassen, and Chilliwack

Boundaries acceptance email sent to the following associations.

- Enderby – to include the City of Armstrong and the entire District of Spallumcheen.
- Kamloops – to include SunPeak and Westwold
- North Shore – to include District of West Vancouver, Bowen Island Municipality, and all areas accessible from Highway 99 and surrounding access roads beginning at the north edge of the District of West Vancouver through the Northern edge of the District of Squamish.
- Vancouver Minor – to include their boundaries through Van Comm boundaries ONLY for the Rally Cap, Tadpole, and Blastball divisions.

Salt Spring Island will maintain their Salt Spring Island boundaries. Pender will go to Victoria, and the rest of the Islands are in the open territory.

****Need to work on updating the boundaries website.**

Abigail Wong-de Leon, Boundaries Chair



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18U AAA Report – February 2021

Deadline to declare teams was February 1st. Reached out to several associations to see if they were fielding teams for the 2021 season, and got some replies. Still waiting on others.

Associations that have declared as of Feb 1st are:

- Victoria
- North Island
- Cloverdale
- North Shore
- Richmond
- Ridge Meadows
- COMBA
- Kamloops
- Prince George

South Fraser and Chilliwack are both still waiting on registration numbers, so they've been given until the 15th of February to declare. Both are optimistic they'll have teams.

Most associations are seeing greater interest and higher numbers of registrants at the 18U level.

Division meeting (zoom or conference call) will take place after February 15th to discuss league play and cohort groups.

Hugh Gurney
18U AAA Director



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15U AA Report for February 2, 2021 Board Meeting

As of January 31, 2021, there has been 29 teams declared for the 15U AA 2021 season.

A number of teams have expressed worry/concern over the ability to field a team this year due to low registrations with the uncertainty of a season at all, or what a modified season might look like with the Covid-19 restrictions as part of our Return to Play. Their other worry was dates: February 1 declaration and February 15 withdrawal. Between either myself or Anne Hayes, 15U Chair, we had informed those associations that are worried to declared by February 1st and then withdraw if they cannot field a team. We have also relayed to some that we will be discussing the February 15th withdrawal date at our February 2, 2021 meeting and possibly using our Article XX motion to adjust dates as required.

Thank you,

Dave Garton
15U AA Director
BC Minor Baseball Association