



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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### **May 3rd, 2022, 8:00 PM - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

Meeting hosted via Google Meet

**Meeting Called to Order: 8:03**

**Roll Call: G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Forman, S. Coleman, R. Puri, N. Dhaliwal, H. Gurney, D. Cabalfin, T. Baker-Cornett, R. Hall, M. Kelly, J. Raymond**

**Absent: M. Van-Der-Loos, D. Michaud, M. Hall, N. Van Dyk**

#### **Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler**

- Business as usual, 2022 is underway. Good job everybody
- Adoption of minutes/corrections: we've got to look at the March minutes and do a couple of corrections
- Correction needed under the 15U. Val's already made a note on this. We need to add an abstention for Dino and the 15U chair report and on the motion to allow COMBA and West Kelowna to merge
- **Val** - Apparently, there weren't any abstentions on this
- **James** - there were two (2) abstentions from the Island, Anne and Hugh
- Further discussion took place to clarify whether there were any abstentions
- After going through the transcripts, it was determined there were no abstentions from the Interior

#### **Adoption of Minutes :**

- I'll take a motion to accept the March 1, 2022 minutes?  
Anne - there is another correction.  
We will do that in the discussion.
- March 2022 BoD Meeting
  - Motioned: S. Coleman
  - Seconded: A. Forman  
Page 6 of John's report - the sentence was unclear - was it about the John Main?  
Dave - no, it had to do with the low attendance at the convention  
Further discussion took place to determine meaning; transcripts could not clarify, so it was struck from
  - M/S/C
- April 2022 BoD Meeting
  - Motioned: T. Baker-Cornett
  - Seconded: S. Coleman
  - M/S/C
  - James to send out with reports attached

## **Additions to the Agenda:**

- Grandfathering - John Braaten - New Business

## **Correspondence:**

Secretary - Val Greenwood

Grant - not as much as last time

Val - no, its slowed down quite a bit, just general questions

### **incoming:**

- **League Registrations:** Mission, West Kelowna, Oceanside
- **Executive Rosters** Vancouver Community
- Ryan Hall - Pitching University
- Ryan Hall -Partnership with Top 100 Sports USA
- Ashley Feririko - Question about 13U A -passed to Marty V and J. Braaten
- Merge request from Summerland and SOMBA 15U level - see secretary and 15U chair
- Clint Carthcart - a question as to why there is no longer 13U AAA- passed along to john Braaten
- Wendy Dubnov - parent - question re 13U try out camp - referred to John Braaten
- Zhao Halyan - question - insurance for a ball through back window - referred to Anne

### **Outgoing:**

- James Raymond to Presidents - flier and notice Umpire of Umpire Appreciation week - April 24 - 30  
I didn't know it was going to happen, but I thought it was a really good event.  
James, if that's you and the marketing guys doing that, I think it worked really well.

## **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- None

## **Executive Reports:**

President - Grant Butler- **No Report**

First VP - John Braaten

- Quesnel inquired about summer ball
- **See written**

Second VP - Dave Garton **No Report**

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Missing single-season fees from the following:

Prince George and Trail

- Missing affiliation fees from the following: Osoyoos, Powell River, Prince George, Quesnel, Trail and West Kelowna - all these associations ARE NOT IN GOOD STANDING
- Osoyoos is not responding to any correspondence
- Travel mileage has hurt the budget; the budget was drawn up before the change in mileage fee
- Fees from Baseball BC have not yet been announced
- Financials
  - Motioned: N. Dhaliwal
  - Seconded: A. Forman
  - M/S/C
- Coaches Conference actuals

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- **Motion: R.Puri / A. Hayes**

**Motion to allow Oceanside and Nanaimo to merge at the 18U AA level for the 2022 Season with Oceanside being the “home association.**

**M/S/C - included in the 18 U division report**

- **Motion: A. Hayes / N. Dhaliwal**

**Motion to allow SOMBA and Summerland to merge at the 15U A level for the 2022 season.**

**M/S/C - included in the 15U A division report**

**Administrative Director - James Raymond:**

- **See Written**

**Committee Reports:**

1. Rules Committee - Daniel Michaud / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin/ R. Hall

Who's going to be available for Provincials - it should be someone not coaching.

Table to June

Grant - I will call Daniel and find out his availability

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

- **See written**

3. Discipline Committee - Dave Garton / Raj Puri / Hugh Gurney/ Neal Dhaliwal

- Fewer ejections are coming in
- Lots of games have no umpires
- Chilliwack parent accosted umpire - suspended from going to any games until May 15 - Chilliwack extended suspension to May 22
- College Prep has the majority of ejections
- Surrey also has lots
- Most are just automatic one-gamers

John - I had a player ejected; the report was embellished by the umpire. Obviously, it was a 1+1, but what remedy do we have with an umpire's report?

Discussion occurred regarding how to handle umpire reports

Grant has the BCBUA Disciplinary Committee procedures - will send out to all - James can post it on the website

John - sitting behind him during the ejection was Steve Boutang - he will serve his time

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

**See written**

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

- BCBUA is pushing for a contract; at this point, I will call it an "agreement"
- They want it finalized by the middle of May  
Lower divisions could be on their own  
I don't think we need a contract this year  
Should let all our host associations know they may be on their own  
Division directors to inform - talk to the UIC  
Get a standard letter, so everyone is on the same page  
Raj, I think we need to talk through and get clarification on the service that they want to provide  
Anne, should we let our single-season teams and the hosts know that they might be on their own  
Grant - I will take this back to BCBUA and just settle one rate for our tournaments and travel costs etc., and we'll just leave it as it is, an open-ended agreement  
Further discussion was had
- Interim President Scott Eckhart (Victoria) didn't know about "appreciation" week - they should work together - maybe award some prizes
- **See written - Grant**
- **See written - Grant with recommendations**
- **See written - Nick**

6. High-Performance Committee - Mike Kelly / Dan Michaud / Marty Hall / Al Forman

- 16U camp is being finalized this week; that's all I can tell you
- **See written - John Braaten**

7. Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman

- **No Report**

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

- The caravan was a great success this year, 2022 visiting 25 different cities.
- There were plenty of coaches, parents and players.
- The caravan was well-received everywhere we went.
- I would like to thank the crew that was responsible for working everywhere we went. Michael Dagg, Allen Rimer, Grant Rimer, Peter Caliendo, Al Forman, James Raymond and Anne Hayes to make this venture a success.
- **John Braaten - see written.**

9. Traveling Caravan - John Braaten

- **See written**

10. Marketing Committee - James Raymond / Raj Puri / Ryan Hall

- Check for any banners, table cloths and tents - let James know
- Sanda has tents etc.
- Marketing will be circling back for more money to replace anything we are missing
- Looking at getting a small self-storage unit in the Lower Mainland
- Medals have been ordered
- Umpire Appreciation week was a success - over 100 submissions; we were putting out ten posts a day through three different channels
- Coming up from May 8th to May 14th will be Mom coaches, scorekeepers etc.
- June 19 - June 25 - Dad's week
- July 10 -16 - Volunteer Week - any volunteer for our associations
- August 14 - 20 - Coaches Week
- **See Written**

11. Grassroots Committee - John Braaten / Steve Coleman

- **See Written**

12. Risk Management / Insurance Committee - John Braaten / Anne Hayes

- Anne Hayes - All insurance has been booked for 2022

- No coverage on vehicle damage - park at your own risk - most parks state “not responsible for damage”
- John Braaten - **See written**

### 13 Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman

- **No Report**
- **Grant** - The Jamboree, in Mission, we should have a tent and table there
- Steve - I was planning on being there, just need a tent

### 14. Website Committee - James Raymond / Anne Hayes / John Braaten / Nick Van Dyk

- **James Raymond - See Written**
- **John Braaten - See Written**

### 15. Human Resources Committee - Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri

- **No Report**

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

- Thanks to Mike, who handed out the awards while on the caravan; they handed out the awards and took pictures

The awards haven't been given out in the past two (2) years. During the caravan, it was a great success when we handed them out in person in the winner's home association's city.

### 17. Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri / Al Forman / Hugh Gurney / Dino Cabalfin

- We will be updating the 2022 Scholarship application package and posting it on the website

### 18. Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler / John Braaten

- I will defer to Grant's report
- Business as usual
- James - who do we talk to about cross-marketing promotion?
- Probably go through David

## **Divisional Reports:**

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

- The season started May 1st with 13 teams. The schedule is uploaded onto the website

b) 18U - Chair - John Braaten

- All single-season leagues are underway, and standings are posted online.
- 18U College Prep Director - Mike Kelly

We have received all rosters for College Prep. I am checking all the NCCP credentials. I have been watching a few of the games and am very disappointed with the ejections

- 18U AAA Director - Dave Garton
  - Doing NCCP checks
  - One team has forfeited three (3) games - looking at issuing fines - the same team has forfeited to Campbell River
- 18U AA Director - Raj Puri
- As 18U AA teams prepare for the Spring Interlock Season, we received a number of inquiries regarding rules for over-age players, mergers and approved bats. In mid-May, we will invite declarations for the 18U AA Summer season and the meet to review the schedule and guidelines for play. Ladner will host the Provincials and has already started planning the tournament.

**Motion: R.Puri / Anne Hayes**

**Motion to allow Oceanside and Nanaimo to merge at the 18U AA level for the 2022 season, with Oceanside being the home association.**

**M/S/C**

c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes

- No Report
- 15U AAA Director - Anne Hayes / Steve Coleman
- Chilliwack has put their names forward for the 15U AAA provincials. We will confirm with them after the meeting.
- I have had to deal with an eligibility concern at the 15U AAA level, which should be fixed as of today
- 15U AA Director - Hugh Gurney
  - **As written**

- 15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal

Mostly quiet in this program. I received a merge request from Summerland and SOMBA, which I referred to the 15U Chair to generate the procedure. I was informed on April 28 that Mission had removed their association from hosting the 15U A provincial set for August 4 - 7. So we are looking for a new host. Please contact me at [15UA@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:15UA@bcminorbaseball.org) or James at [administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:administrativedirector@bcminorbaseball.org)

**Motion: A. Hayes / N. Dhaliwal**

**Motion to allow SOMBA and Summerland to merge at the 15U A level for the 2022 season.**

**M/S/C**

d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten

- **See written**
- 13U AAA Director -Marty Hall
  - **No Report**
- 13U AA Director - Al Forman

The Spring season is underway throughout the province. There are two (2) interlock schedules in the Lower Mainland and one (1) in the Interior. I have received most of the rosters from the spring teams. I was happy to see most of the head coaches of these teams had their NCCP requirements. Towards the end of May, I will have a meeting to set up the schedule for our summer league.

- 13U- A Director - Marty Van-der-Loos
  - **No Report**
- 13U John Main Tournament Director - John Braaten / Marty Hall
  - Host associations were confirmed by the division and approved by the High-Performance committee.  
Cowichan Valley/Chemainus. Tournament to be hosted on the Labour Day weekend, the same format as 2021. The tournament is  $\frac{2}{3}$  full. Registration can be done online through the BCMBA website.
  - Tina has parents looking into block booking rooms

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

- Need a host for AAA Tier II
- Assign directors to all levels ASAP



- John - do we have player affiliation numbers yet? That would help Dave
- Anne - missing about ten - Chilliwack is missing, and they are massive, and I can't tier them until I know all the associations
- Dave - I have past numbers as a guide

f) 9U - Chair - John Braaten / Dino Cabalfin

- **See written**

g) Island 1 - Dave Garton

- 18U and 15U

**No Report**

h) Island 2 - Tina Baker-Cornett

- 9U / 11U / 13U

- **No Report**

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal

- 18U and 15U
- The Interior associations have finalized their interlock schedules for spring 2022. I would like to thank those associations who stepped up to get the players on the field to play the game

j) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin

- 9U / 11U / 13U

**No Report**

k) North - Neal Dhaliwal

- No Report

#### **New Business:**

- Grandfathering - John Braaten  
North Shore and Howe Sound have submitted their list to Neal  
Instead of being effective immediately, it actually has some gray areas going over a few years. If a kid registered this year, maybe two years for some flexibility between them, keep them on the list because of COVID; just looking  
That can be between the two associations.  
A small discussion took place about players who may have gone elsewhere and need to come back  
Grant - I think we should just leave it as we've done historically
- June 25th is a mandatory in-person meeting - the room needs to be booked
- The meeting will be at the Sandman Signature in Langley (200th and Highway 1)
- Contact James to book your room

- All costs will be covered by our Treasurer

**Next Meeting:**

- June 7, 2022 - 8 pm - regular board meeting
- Grant - anything else that needs discussing?  
Dino - What provincial hosts are still needed?  
11U AAA Tier II  
13U A  
15U A - August 4 - 8  
College Prep (final 4)- July 22 - 28  
18U AAA (final 5)
- June 25 - mandatory - 10 am - Sandman Signature - Langley  
This meeting is to pick up all Provincial equipment - rents, banners etc.
- Book Hotel ASAP
- Mike Kelly joined the meeting at 9:20 - 16U camp - information be ready by the end of the week  
We are looking for coaches and players.

**Meeting Adjournment at: 9:22 pm**

- Motioned: M Kelly



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### **BCMBA Board Meeting May 3, 2022**

#### **Executive Report 2**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

We are now just entering the second month of spring programming with single season and local Interlock league play underway. Once game play started the pre-season "noise" has quietened down quite a bit. I will say that I and other directors do receive an alarming amount of questions about rules. As the 2022 Rule Book is posted online members should promote within that volunteer members read through and understand. Many people look for quick answers without understanding them. Link to the 2022 Rule Book: [https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/b352-2670849/2022\\_BCMBA\\_Rulebook\\_-\\_Official.pdf#\\_ga=2.151708985.1861924673.1651459732-774315746.1650683542](https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/b352-2670849/2022_BCMBA_Rulebook_-_Official.pdf#_ga=2.151708985.1861924673.1651459732-774315746.1650683542)

BCMBA did receive a request from an LSO baseball association inquiring to possibly affiliate with BCMBA at some point. Initial discussions as usual and await further correspondence on next steps with these types of requests.

I did chair an appeal in relation to an Eligibility Committee decision earlier this month.

FYI

*All in-season Article XX rule changes can be found on the website Resources/Rule Book*

#### **Committee Report 6**

##### **High Performance Co-Chair**

Not much to update at this time as James is currently building the HP page(s) on the website which is an ongoing project (as noted in his report). Marketing has also been working on various possible "partners" to work with in promoting our athletes. This is a multi-year project.

Working on potential events in future for 18U HP program to highlight our athletes outside of usual programs/camps offered. More to come as conversations and further explorations occur.

16U Player Camp is in the final planning stages and event should be finalized by week's end by Mike Kelly.

#### **Committee Report 8**

##### **Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair**

As already noted receiving an abundance of questions regarding NCCP clinics and such. We are working along with Baseball BC in reviewing certified coaches and maintenance for the single season leagues for compliance. As per the Rule Book fines may be issued with non-compliance which was stressed in each respective pre-season meeting.

Carryover from March minutes

*NCCP clinics are currently underway and can be found on the Baseball BC website/Coaches/NCCP info-Certification Path. Member associations please ensure coaches have the correct certification for the respective division as was updated January 2021. BCMBA will be working with Baseball BC in regards to maintenance points for certified coaches. Fines will be issues if coaches not compliant.*

## **Committee Report 9**

### **Travelling Caravan**

As noted in Mike Kelly's report the annual Travelling Caravan is complete and able to visit many member associations across the province. Thank you to the member associations who promoted that had excellent turnout and participation at each stop to once again help support and grow the game of baseball.

## **Committee Report 11**

### **Grassroots Chair**

Grassroots survey Phase II still being worked on with over 200 pages on transcripts being worked through.

## **Committee Report 12**

### **Risk Management**

As of April 7<sup>th</sup> midnight, all PHO restrictions for sport were lifted. viaSport updated their "Return to Sport" page to reflect those changes, replacing the RTS Chart and FAQ with messaging that matches the Province's [restrictions page](#):

- All sport activities are allowed.
- [Proof of vaccination](#) is no longer required by the Provincial Health Officer for sport activities and programs.
  - Individual businesses and event organizers can choose to continue requiring proof of vaccination for entry.
- Businesses, organizations and facilities no longer need a COVID-19 safety plan. They must follow communicable disease guidance from [WorkSafeBC](#).
- Wearing masks in public indoor settings is not required by public health. Wearing a mask is a personal choice.
  - Individual businesses, facilities and event organizers can choose to continue requiring masks on their premises. It's important that we respect these choices.

I was contacted by a member LSO regarding a "risk management" situation which along with Baseball BC discussed with them as they were looking for some direction in this unique case.

Carryover from March minutes

*Online BCMBA 2022 Rule book is now posted on the website /Resources/Rule Book. Please ensure all coaches within your respective association have the link and should review accordingly.*

## **Insurance**

I will defer to Anne Hayes.

## **Committee Report 14**

### **Website member**

To compliment James' report. Tournament postings for 2022 are up to 49 submitted/posted (48 for the March report).

## **Committee Report 18**

### **Baseball BC**

Will defer to Grant's report.

## **Divisional Report "B"**

### **18U Chair**

All single season leagues are underway. Schedules and standings posted online.

## **Divisional Report "D"**

### **13U Chair**

The division did receive a number of questions regarding fair play at the AA and AAA tiers in spring from coaches with their own "interpretation" of fair play...again not reading the Rule Book which details in length.

Had an inquiry of concern about AA players participating at A in a local Interlock game. After the investigation and conversations could not find any such violations.

## **John Main Tournament**

Host was association confirmed by the division and approved by the High Performance committee: Cowichan Valley/Chemanius. Tournament to be hosted Labour Day long weekend, same format as 2021. Tournament is 2/3 full. Registration can be done online through the BCMBA website.

## **Divisional Report "F"**

### **9U Chair**

Just a reminder that 9U ages and younger summer play is usually local Interlocks that BCMBA does not directly manage. Just a friendly reminder that 9U rules are in the BCMBA 2022 Rule Book and should be reviewed in advance.

**John Braaten**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

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### **Administrative Director's Report**

5.3.22

James Raymond

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### **Projects**

#### *BoD Orientation and training*

- *Lather. Rinse. Repeat.* If you haven't done yours, I strongly recommend you do. This season is going to be heavily dependent on the BCMBA BoD Directors and their ability to guide new and "forgetful" members.

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

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

- Policies and Procedures( [https://drive.google.com/file/d/15j\\_9PBOJf2DR6EgVjJYP-c8t4HsPTPg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15j_9PBOJf2DR6EgVjJYP-c8t4HsPTPg/view))
- The support ticket form  
(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFznYOpQdmq7HCTHMjWGRVDViArSFnFuOSi4V9J26xeFFG8w/viewform>)
- Administrative Director will continue to block off bookable time slots to offer support or training. There are five 1hr slots every day. You are encouraged to book a time slot if you need assistance with any aspect of your work for BCMBA. The calendar to book training is here:  
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/selfsched?sstoken=UUZPOHFJX0VkdjVofGRIZmF1bHR8MThhYjRiMDU2ZDgyZDlxZGJhMmE5MGMzMWVmZGVkMGJ>
- Google Workspace Learning Center (<https://support.google.com/a/users/?hl=en#topic=9247638>)

#### *HP Committee - Player Recruitment Page*

- Waiting for direction from HP committee
- Met with Prep Baseball Report to discuss cooperative opportunities
- Ryan Hall presented reports on two additional opportunities (Top 100 & Pitchinguniversity.ca)

### **Administrative Director's Supporting Roles**

#### *2022 BCMBA Coaches Caravan*

- Completed (23 stops/22 days)
- Accommodations and logistics support wrapped
- On-site for Kelowna and Summerland stops

#### *Daily and Monthly Operations*

- Significant engagement with coaches, managers, and directors in an effort to set up team page administration for 13UAAA/15UAA/15UAAA/18UAAA/18U CP single seasons.
- In season coordination of support and assists for member associations, specifically declarations and registrations for the 2022 season.
- Day-to-day support of BoD Executive, Directors, and Chairs in their volunteer efforts
- Technical support for Google Workspace and Gmail.



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### Eligibility Report

May 2022

Been a busy last few weeks with Eligibility;

- In talks with Grant on a decision to deny an eligibility request, which was then appealed. Appeal committee was formed to discuss. (will let appeal committee chair to answer, if any questions)
- Received a grandfathered list created by North Shore and Howe sound. Would like to discuss the options/regulation that the BOD wants to follow on any other grandfathered list.
- Received multiple association request for move up/downs
- Received 10 PMF's.

BCMBA Eligibility Chair  
Neal Dhaliwal



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### May 3 2022 - BCMBA BoD Meeting - Umpire Committee Report

April 28, 2022, I participated in a zoom call with Scott Eckhardt, BCBUA President (Acting), Les Maerov and Phil Bourgeois to discuss the path going forward between BCBUA and BCMBA including the Agreement, costs, CRC's, availability of carded umpires and such. (Nick and Raj were not available)

One of my main concerns are the costs that Host Associations incur under the current terms which seems not to be shared by BCBUA as they feel the mentoring, supervision and experience are value added benefits to BCMBA in the long run. So it seemed, during our discussion, that BCBUA expects BCMBA to just accept their position on this.

However, I believe that revisiting the Agreement, making thorough efforts to mitigate costs and defining and evaluating the value added benefits, should be expected of the Umpire Committee and needs to be part of the process moving forward.

One of those costs are the umpiring fees which I believe should be matched to those of the PBL to discourage umpire shopping between our Associations. I've discussed this with Ted Hotzak, PBL Past President, and he agrees in principle that this would be a good idea. As an FYI, when I discussed matching fees with BCBUA they noted that it would cost us more, as much as \$10 per umpire, which I believe is not out of the question due to inflation and rising costs over the past 2 years.

May 1, 2022, the Umpire Committee met via a zoom call and reviewed the updated BCMBA-BCBUA agreement (by myself) that was last supplied by BCBUA in 2020. We discussed many and more than the points noted above adding notes, questions, recommendations and comments into the body of the document that will be shared with BCBUA at some time.

One of the things that jumped off the pages that I didn't know was language in the agreement setting out the requirement to not only supply the Umpire Budget to host Association Tournament Director but the Agreement itself. I've done many tournaments, as have some of the BoD's, but I've never actually seen the Agreement let alone shared it until recently in 2020.

At this time the BCBUA recommends that the Agreement be in place by mid May otherwise they may not be able to guarantee umpires for our Provincials without it. FYI, their assignments are for not only BCMBA, but PBL and other mens leagues (that pay more than BCMBA or PBL) so I believe that, no matter what course is taken, the BCBUA will not be able to deliver what the agreement calls for as much has not changed regarding the numbers in the umpire pool. It may actually be worse in some smaller locations (think the Island and Interior).

So entering in an Agreement at this time may be moot as there is no part of the Agreement that enforces BCMBA and/or the BCBUA to actually be held accountable for non compliance. Please note, we did not have an Agreement for the past 2 years and the PBL presently does not have one as well as they "contract" and "vet" BCBUA carded umpires for their championships. (Yes, I confirmed this)

My recommendation is that BCMBA enter into a Short Term Agreement for 2022 Provincials, focusing on fees and costs as well as allowing alternative methods of booking umpires in addition to the BCBUA like we did last year with local UIC's



and use these to shore up the agreement after this year's baseball season is over.

The Umpire Committee at this time is made up of myself, Raj Puri and Nick Van Dyck who are both umpires which I originally believed would be advantageous as I had limited knowledge of the Umpire world and the BCBUA going into this. I recommend that going forward that a new " Umpire Agreement Committee" be formed due to the conflict of interest brought upon this committee by myself. I'll be looking to the BoD's to step up before moving ahead and would wish to remain on the committee if that is found acceptable.

Junior Umpiring Program, (BCBUA Programming Document attached.)

Nick was able to send me the document and while it says "In 2022, BCBUA in conjunction with BC Minor Baseball created a new membership level for umpires 11 years and younger" BCMBA, while part of the initial discussion, did not assist or vet the copy attached. My preference would have been for this to include 11U games and not just 9U games.

Nonetheless, the document is out there and I have inquired as to who has it been delivered to and where it lives on the BCBUA website as I can't find it given the access I have been provided with to access the UIC Resources page.

#### Results from Survey

I've also attached a highlighted version of part of the Umpire Survey we launched earlier this year. The Green is positive, the yellow is precautionary/somewhat helpful and the red is negative. You can plainly see where some conflict of interest lies but also some positive and constructive language as well. I propose that this be shared with the BCBUA as an FYI.

Also of note, the culture around the BCBUA and umpiring in general is mixed, from necessary evil to positive role in the sporting world. A culture change is needed across the board, here is an example from a recent inquiry to an Umpire Allocator (not UIC) which shows the state of affairs in a specific area and may not be the same across all LSO's.

*What needs to be done is BCBUA needs to start playing a more proactive role in recruiting umpires across the province as a whole. They want associations to use carded officials but they do absolutely nothing to help recruit and retain the officials. They leave the recruitment of officials to the various baseball organizations. They don't have the time, knowledge or information needed to recruit people (especially adults) in becoming a baseball umpire. Since 2019 I have lost close to 25 adult umpires through retirement, injury or two years without umpiring they found something else to do.*

I believe that BCBUA has done some recent social media posts encouraging recruitment and while that's a step forward, and as umpiring is an integral part of our sport, everyone from the top down needs to get on board and do more.

On behalf of the Umpire Committee;

Grant Butler  
BCMBA Umpire Committee Chair  
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### **Marketing Committee Report**

5.3.22

James Raymond - Chair

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#### **The 2021/22 Marketing Committee:**

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Raj Puri

Member - Dino Cabalfin

Member - Ryan Hall

#### **Current and continued focus:**

The Marketing committee will met in April to discuss the following points:

- Coaches Conference March 4 - 6, 2022
  - Post Show review
    - recommend survey be distributed ASAP to help determine format and content for 2023 event
- Coaches Caravan March 28 - April 13, 2022
  - Promotion - Daily SM updates when provided images from the event. 2021 Awards were distributed by Caravan coaches
  - Sponsorship - The Caravan faces many of the same challenges as the Coaches Conference. Proper lead time for event marketing elements is critical for success
  - The Caravan will be the primary focus on the Marketing committee in targeting sponsorship efforts. We believe that the Caravan presents a significantly important program and it would benefit most from strong sponsorship revenues
  - Marketing is working with AD to build a budget projection so as to support a proper Sponsorship proposal that can then be provided to potential Sponsorship candidates
- HP 2022 Program
  - Pending program details (Need dates, times, locations, and details)
  - 16U Tournament dates have been posted
- HP Player Recruitment Program
  - Significant discussions have occurred with three organizations exploring cross marketing and partnership opportunities
  - These still need to be reviewed by the Marketing committee but will be reviewed in May
  - The Marketing committee will look to present their findings and recommendations to the BCMBA BoD after discussion with the HP Committee chairs
- 2022 Provincials
  - Digital assets sheet has been ordered will be distributed to host associations when ready
- Initiatives 2022
  - The committee has launched a monthly program to recognize our members and their role in delivering the game to our families.
    - April 24 - 30 Umpires Week
    - May 8 - 14 Moms Week
    - June 19 - 25 Dads Week
    - July 10 - 16 Volunteer Week
    - August 14 - 20 Coaches Week

- Umpires week saw 100 submissions in recognition of our umpires. Huge activity on our SM platforms, record engagements and follows. Draw for Vancouver Candians tickets will be done this week.
- Budget
  - BCMBA will need to update our marketing assets such as branded pop-up tents, table covers, banners and backdrops. The marketing committee is currently in the process of collecting quotes and will present a request for a budget adjustment once those have been received
- Branding
  - The Marketing committee will be looking to develop a branding guideline. This will likely see the increased use of “BCMBA” acronym in place of the historical “BC Minor Baseball” on printed marketing materials. This allows for a more universal brand. “BC Minor Baseball Association” is still recommended for all letterhead and formal documents.
- Medals and Banners
  - Medals and Banners for the 2022 Provincials have been ordered and will be distributed at our June Provincials Prep **in-person** meeting

**Next Meeting - TBD.**



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### **Website Committee Report**

5.3.22

James Raymond - Chair

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### **The 2022 Website Committee:**

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Anne Hayes

Member - John Braaten

Member - Nick Van Dyk

### **Current and continued focus:**

#### *Single Season*

- Team page admins in place for 13U AAA, 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, 18U CP
- Schedules and team pages live for 13U AAA(no standings), 15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, 18U CP, 26 U
- Some page admins still trickling in, SE has changed their rostering process combined with a two-year break has made this year's set up fairly challenging. Member volunteers have been persistent in their learning efforts and have found success
- All Provincials dates and locations posted

#### *Tournaments Page*

- Significant number of tournaments available to our BCMBA members posted here
- John Braaten is the administrator and primary contact for this page should members wish to add their events
- Team BC 16U Selects tournament dates posted

#### *HP Player Recruitment Page*

- design and preliminary build delayed pending further discussion with HP Committee chair
- need HP liaison assigned so that work can be properly supported and coordinated
- Extensive discussion has taken place with Marketing in regard to how this page can be best supported and promoted

#### *Awards Recognition Page*

- Website committee will build an archive of those recognized for BCMBA awards
- Process of collecting information and images is underway

#### *Scholarship Recognition Page*

- <https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/page/show/7137144-bcmba-scholarship-recipients>
- Built but still under construction with the collection of names and images ongoing

#### *Programs pages*

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

### **Long Term Needs:**

Support content for the ongoing maintenance and relevance of the above mentioned projects



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May 3, 2022

## **18U AA (Midget) Report**

As 18UAA teams prepared for the Spring Interlock Season, we received a number of inquiries regarding rules for over-age players, mergers and approved bats. In mid-May, we will invite declarations for the 18UAA Summer season and the meet to review the schedule and guidelines for play. Ladner will host the 2022 BCMBA 18UAA provincials and has already started planning for the tournament.

## **Scholarships Committee Report**

We will be updating the 2022 Scholarship Application package and posting it on our website.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raj Puri  
18U AA Director/Scholarships Chair



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### **15UAA May Report**

Season is underway

It has been noted there is an umpire shortage in several associations which is making it difficult to have qualified officials at games.

Discussion about entry fee for Wild Card tournament and host. Proposed amount of \$300 per team – will need discussion as costs have risen considerably for items and umpires since last Wild card tournament was held pre pandemic.

Question asked from Richmond (Host association) about branding for T shirts for Provincial tournament. Referred to James and Marketing Dept.

Nothing else to report.

Hugh Gurney  
15UAA Director