



BC BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 26/2017
8:45 am

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| Meeting called by: | Mike Sarai, President |
| Type of meeting: | Board Meeting |
| Minute taker: | Val Greenwood |
| Attendees: | M. Sarai, V. Greenwood, R. Wearing, A. Hayes, M. Kelly, G. Butler, T. McGuire, G. Rimer, O. Germaine, E. Toneff, J. Braaten, F. Campbell, L. Szabo,, P. Weatherill, |
| Conference Call: | None |
| Absent: | T. Chudyk, T. Katelnikoff, C. Martin, S. McCann, S. King |
| Guest(s) | |

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM

2. President's Opening Remarks

2.1 John Powell – new President Coquitlam-Moody – 778-389-8945

2.2 Tri-Ports – Fraser, Anne and Grant Butler to work with them on possible affiliation.

3. Additions to Agenda.

3.1 International Tournaments

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1

MOTION: P. Weatherill / G. Butler

Motion to accept June 24 minutes as distributed.

M/S/C

5. Correspondence

5.1 Rob Law – PBL and 13U – see Interior report

6. Business Arising

6.1 Scholarship Update – several have been received will update further in October.

6.2 Staff Position – H.R. Committee – Grant Butler, Anne Hayes and Fraser Campbell – duties and responsibilities have been drawn up – will need tweaking as we move forward – person will be needed full time – 1 year to start – 40,000 – 60,000 salary – will go to membership prior to posting – position will be structured to lighten work load of some board members – looking at \$2 per player increase – will be an administrative position.

Articles 5 and 8 in rule book will need to be amended to include H.R. Committee – current committee will consist of Anne Hayes, Fraser Campbell and Val Greenwood.

6.3 Fall Ball – Interior & Island structuring on their own – division directors to be kept in the loop.

6.4 MOTION: F. Campbell / J. Braaten

Motion to move meeting “in camera”.

M/S/C

6.5 MOTION: O. Germaine / E. Toneff

Motion to move meeting “out of camera”.

M/S/C

6.6 BC Baseball Field strategy – to help associations meet the increasing demand for quality baseball fields – survey will be sent out to Presidents.

7. Director Reports:

7.1 President – Mike Sarai

- The summer season went well with an overall good experience for most teams. I attended Provincial Championships on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland. Provincial hosting associations did an outstanding job in providing positive environments for all to attend.
- As of the timing of this report, we will be reviewing and providing recommendations and rule proposals for our associations to consider at our upcoming September regional workshops. B.C. Baseball has a couple of significant initiatives dialed up, and will introduce those this fall.
- The initial feedback from the Provincial winning teams advancing to our tournaments abroad in the U.S. has been very good. Our B.C. teams faced stiff competition, and B.C. Baseball is very pleased that as a result of the high competitive balance those tournaments provide to our teams, this absolutely meets our L.T.A.D. directive.

7.2 1st Vice President – John Braaten

- The Summer All-Star season has just wound down as the last of the Team BC teams having returned
- From showcase tournaments in the US. From the teams, coaches and parent feedback on their

- experiences have made for lifetime experiences both on and off the field.
- There has been a sub-committee formed recently to review our BC Baseball website. Since the change to our current host a few years ago, BC Baseball has seen a dramatic increase of traffic using the website. We have recently met with our hosting company Teampages to review the current model and looking to advance the capabilities and streamline usage to make it more user friendly for our membership. Look for more information in the coming months.
- I was able to watch the 10U Provincial Championship in Richmond as the Tournament Director and must say how enjoyable it was watching the initial age group competing for the first time at a championship level. Having coached at the 11U level now for five years I have seen the skill level of players and teams increase year-over-year which is a great compliment to BC Baseball's grassroots programming and L.T.A.D. model. Congratulations to the Cloverdale Spurs who won the 2017 10U Provincial Championship.
- The next weekend I was also fortunate to attend the BC Baseball College Prep "Final 4" Provincials in Chilliwack. I had the opportunity to watch three days of amazing baseball throughout the August long weekend (and as a parent too). The competitiveness between all four teams was closely contended and game scores reflect that, including the final. Congratulations to the Chilliwack Cougars in repeating as Provincial Champions.
- Lastly, I am looking forward to the upcoming start of Fall Ball as now that the weather has improved over the early part of spring so that players can enjoy a little more field time that was perhaps lost in April and May. BC Baseball will also be gearing up for regional Fall Workshops. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with the membership as the spring and summer seasons have concluded. We hope to see you there!

7.3 2nd Vice President – Grant Butler

- I've been on the BCBA board for some time now and have been a part of the 11U division for most of that, chafed in the 13U AAA Westerns, chafed the 18U AAA in California after overseeing the provincial, assisted the 13U AAA wildcard, assisted in the organization of our Conference and Traveling Caravan and recently held the position of 2nd VP and also watched our current treasurer work for all of us, so needless to say I think I have a reasonable picture of what we are. I also have a picture of what we could be, better.
- Simply put, we need to be better and to keep moving forward to keep up with sport of baseball in BC. BCBA needs an Executive Director to keep us all on the rails, not only for us but for those who follow us, we owe them that.
- This should be our priority ahead of a new NCCP program and ahead of a new or an updated web site.

7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- Slow payments from travelling teams

MOTION: T. McGuire / V. Greenwood

Motion to accept treasurer's report as distributed.

M/S/C

7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood

- **No Report**

7.6 North – Carmen Martin

- The Summer All Star Season was a busy one for the PG Association, with 6 teams competing from 10U A to 18U AA. While I was unable to attend any of the provincials apart from 13U AAA, the feedback from our teams and coaches was mostly positive. I would like to commend Ladner on an amazing job hosting the 13U AAA provincials – what an excellent group of parents/volunteers within that organization.
- Over the course of our summer season our 11U teams played a few exhibition games against a team from Quesnel, which I believe is the start of building a relationship between these associations moving forward.
- As the President of PGYBA, I am looking ahead to next season and what we can do as an association to further develop our programs and continuing working on LTAD.
- As the Northern Director – I will be looking at ways that our associations can offer more workshops to our coaches/players closer to home.

7.7 Interior – Tom Katelnikoff

- The Interior had a solid Summer Season, with participation from most interior associations. Thanks to Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, COMBA & SOMBA for hosting the Zone Tournaments. I had an opportunity to get around to most, and they were very well organized with no issues. Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, COMBA, West Kelowna & SOMBA all advanced teams to various Provincial Tournaments and were, for the most part, competitive at all levels. 2 Associations won Provincial Championships. Salmon Arm at the 11U AA level, and COMBA at the 18U AAA level. Congratulations to both and special thanks to COMBA for the great job they did hosting the 18U AAA tournament.

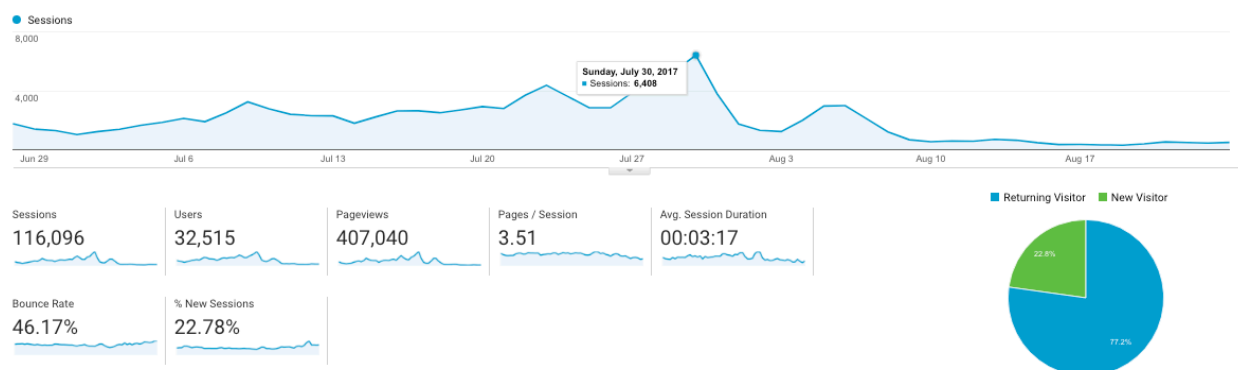
Many associations are preparing to host a Fall Ball program. Associations are setting and developing their own schedules both internally and between other associations.

- Email from Rob Law expressing concerns about letter being circulated by the PBL sent to 13U players.
- Letter states they will play fall ball and then continue on into the Spring and Summer – who will they play? BC Baseball will consider them a rogue team and any teams who play them will be subject to penalties.
- Meeting September 30th – Sandman Hotel – 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna – starting 11:00am

7.8 Island – Fraser Campbell / Eric Toneff

- Workshop to be held September 24th in Victoria starting at 11:00 am – Gordon Head

7.9 Web Site – Tom Katelnikoff



From June 28th (Last Report) to August 25th (Time of Report) the BC Baseball Website had 116,096 Sessions from

32,515 Unique visitors. The Average User viewed 3.51 Pages per session and stayed on the website an average 3:17. As you can see from the graph above, website activity trended upwards towards the end of July, peaking on Sunday July 30th with 6,408 sessions. This was the concluding day of most Provincial Tournaments, and easily the most viewed day of the year.

Social Media:

Twitter: 419 Followers (+32*)

Facebook: 185 Followers (+22*)

Instagram: 60 Followers (+5*)

**Increases as of August 25, 2017 from July 28, 2017*

8. Committees:

8.1 Boundary – Pat Weatherill/John Braaten

- Requests have been made to Osoyoos, Princeton and Revelstoke, as they were not on current map.

8.2 Challenger Liaison – Steve McCann

- **No report**

8.3 Coaching Conference / Caravan – Mike Kelly

- **No Report**

8.4 Coaching Development – Mike Kelly

- **No Report**

8.5 Discipline – Fraser Campbell

| 2015 Stats: | | 2016 Stats: | 2017 Stats: |
|-------------|----|-------------|-------------|
| 11U | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 13U A | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 13U AA | 0 | 10 | 7 |
| 13U AAA | 6 | 2 | 3 |
| 15U A | 13 | 24 | 17 |
| 15U AA | 13 | 9 | 9 |
| 15U AAA | 17 | 7 | 3 |
| 18U AA | 50 | 24 | 20 |
| 18U AAA | 14 | 13 | 22 |
| Junior | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ----- | | ----- | ----- |
| 122 | | 99 | 97 |

To Note:

- The numbers are nearly the same as last season but what doesn't show in the numbers is that April wet

conditions for many associations prevented play for most of the month. • Significant increase in major events in 2017 - 5 Major Discipline hearings.

8.6 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill

- 1 Try out request for 2018
- 1 Move play down request for 2018

8.7 Girls – Val Greenwood

- 14U – won gold at the Western Canada Championships in Kamloops
- 16U – finished 5th at Nationals
- 21U – playing this weekend at Nationals
- Senior Women – finished 4th

8.8 Grassroots – Grant Butler

- No report

8.9 High Performance – Mike Kelly/Orville Germaine / G. Rimer

- 13U Selects
- 16U Selects
- 16U Development Camp
- 18U College Prep Showcase Game

8.10 NCCP – Mike Kelly

- No Report – will be discussed at workshops

8.11 Risk Management – J. Braaten

- No report – see new business

8.12 Rules – Ray Wearing

- No report – will be discussed at workshops

8.13 Scholarship – Grant Rimer/Ray Wearing

- See Business Arising

8.14 Marketing – Les Szabo, Sanda King, Tom Katelnikoff, Trevor McGuire, Pat Weatherill, Steve McCann

- All members of the Marketing Committee were active participants in the various Provincial Finals that took place

- Some Committee members were chefs for the various outbound tournaments that took place
- Tom and John, diligently updating the web as possible with provincial and outbound tournament updates.
- Positive feedback on the marketing buildup of BC Baseball for the Provincial Finals
- Positive feedback on the outward visible appearance and presence of BC Baseball at the Provincial Finals
- Positive feedback on the outbound tournaments hosted by BC Baseball
- Kraft Heinz Project Play program brought forth for our associations – Details below
- **Nominate your community for a chance to win a \$250,000 recreational facility upgrade!**

2017 Kraft Heinz Project Play key dates

Now –nominations are now open at KraftHeinzProjectPlay.com

August 18 – Nominations close

September 4 – Top four Finalists announced on TSN and RDS

September 8 & 9 – Final voting period

September 16 – Winner announced on TSN and RDS

As baseball continues to grow in communities across British Columbia, facility upgrades are happening and infrastructure is being advanced. In order to build on the Grass Roots Development within the BC Baseball membership, Associations are looking or are in the process of building batting cages, year round training facilities, augmenting their existing home field facilities with tarps, dugout upgrades, and spectator bleachers and are taking the steps necessary to put the best assets in place to support the progression of our young athletes. It requires money to accomplish this and an infusion of support via the Kraft Heinz Project Play could help to launch or finish that infrastructure project!

Kraft Heinz Project Play is an initiative that helps Canadian communities invest in their play-based infrastructure, by giving one deserving project **\$250,000 towards upgrading a local recreational facility, plus three additional prizes of \$20,000 to three runner up projects.**

I want to encourage our Association members and your local community, to nominate a project you feel needs help. A quarter of a million dollars goes a long way – Nominations are now open at KraftHeinzProjectPlay.com.

You can watch a message from Kraft Heinz Project Play Ambassador James Duthie by clicking on the photo below.



Please follow the nomination website for details. Utilize the social media links below to further publish this endeavour:

Official Twitter and Facebook links/hashtags
are: [Twitter](#):

[@ProjectPlay](#) #PlaceToPlay

Facebook:

[Facebook.com/KraftHeinzProjectPlay](https://www.facebook.com/KraftHeinzProjectPlay) #PlacetoPlay

8.15 Umpire Liaison – Eric Toneff

- **No Report**

8.16 Uniforms (BC) – Ray Wearing as presented by Orville Germaine

- **No Report**

9. Division Reports

9.1 11U - Grant Butler

- **11U A - Richmond**

North – 1 teams, 1 provincial berth

Interior – 2 teams, 1 provincial berth

Island – 3 teams, 2 provincial berths

Lower Mainland - 10 teams, 6 provincial berths

- **11U AA – Surrey**

North – 0 teams

Interior – 3 team, 2 provincial berths

Island – 5 teams, 3 provincial berths

Lower Mainland - 9 teams, 5 provincial berths

- **11U AAA T2 – Campbell River**

North – 0 teams

Interior – 4 teams, 2 provincial berths

Island – 4 teams, 2 provincial berths

Lower Mainland - 11 teams, 6 provincial berths

- **11U AAA T1 – Cloverdale**

North – 1 teams, 1 provincial berth

Interior – 2 teams, 1 provincial berth

Island – 2 teams, 2 provincial berths

Lower Mainland - 9 teams, 6 provincial berths

- **Summer 2017 A AA T2 T1 Total**

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|---------------|----|---|----|---|----|
| North Zone | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Interior Zone | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 12 |
| Island Zone | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| L.M. Zone | 10 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 36 |

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|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----------------------|
| 2017 Totals | 16 | 17 | 19 | 12 | Grand Total: 64 teams |
| 2016 Totals | 15 | 11 | 20 | 12 | Grand Total: 58 teams |
| 2015 Totals | 11 | 14 | 15 | 12 | Grand Total: 52 teams |
| 2014 Totals | 14 | 10 | 14 | 12 | Grand Total: 50 teams |

- **Summary of 2016 11U Provincial Results**

| | | | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| 11U AAA T1 | Gold: White Rock | Silver: Abbotsford | Bronze: Chilliwack and Ladner |
| 11U AAA T2 | Gold: Campbell River | Silver: Ladysmith | Bronze: Aldergrove and SOMBA |
| 11U AA | Gold: Salmon Arm | Silver: Comox | Bronze: Cloverdale and Salt Spring Island |
| 11U A | Gold: Cloverdale | Silver: White Rock | Bronze: Ridge Meadows and Tri City. |

- **2017 11U Chair Report**

With the implementation of the new AA rule in 11U giving more opportunity for Associations to field AA teams we saw an immediate increase in AA teams, 6 more than last year, making the AA tournament considerably more competitive.

Adding to this was the Comox team, which was granted approval to move down from T2 to AA after being evaluated by myself. This was not an easy decision as the 11U division has not allowed Any movement down in recent years and after seeing and hearing much about the Comox teams results during summer league play and during the provincial tournament I doubt if I would allow this again. Without a different method of placing teams in appropriate 11U levels I'm not sure what could be done, but what I am sure of is that this move down created way too much attention and distraction to be worth all the time and stress.

I also found that through out what I will call "the question and answer period" (some of June and all of July) leading up to the provincial tournaments to be increasingly aggravating, not only due to the number of questions being asked about our rules for summer ball, but the seemingly total lack of interest in learning the rules.

I hope its not just me, but this I found that a portion of the coaches at this age group lack baseball integrity and at

times tend to worry and/or throw doubt into every situation to better their selfishly perceived position instead of just looking after their own team. The solution to this I believe is that more presidents need to focus

their efforts at this level to better the group, better the play and keep these players playing instead of worrying.

My favorite memories of this year's summer 11U tournaments:

being asked by a team manager (The head coach) what a rule was so he wouldn't have to waste his own time reading the rules. I did tell him the rule, with a big smile and added that the rule book would be upheld if I didn't get it right.

- having to suspend a coach due to allowing a travesty of the game to take place.
- having to ensure a coach that the baseballs BCBA were supplying were appropriate at this age group, his

concern was the harder core.... le: too many home runs is what he was implying, he may be right, the bats or weapons of choice may be over the top for this age group.

- having to invite the UIC on to the field to help the umpires uphold their original call which a coach had convinced them to change.
- having to take parents outrage for the travesty and numerous other issues, they have no boundaries anymore.
- having to support the other 3 11U provincial BCBA directors dealing with drinking, drugs and police issues.

- Besides reliving the exciting life and times of the BCBA directors (and the BCBA Discipline Committee) I'd like to congratulate all the teams who participated in the zones to make the provincial tournaments, and to those who didn't make it, good luck with your programming, we look forward to seeing you next year.

So, on behalf of all the BCBA volunteer directors, thanks again to all of the players, coaches, parents and Association volunteers for getting your teams on the field and making this year's summer ball a huge success

9.2 13U – Orville Germaine

- **13U A:** Total of 31 teams for summer:

North – 1 team, 1 provincial berth

Interior – 4 teams, 3 provincial berths

Island – 7 teams, 5 provincial berths

Lower Mainland – 16 teams, 9 provincial berths + 2 hosts

BC Baseball Provincial Champ West: Campbell River

BC Baseball Provincial Champ East: Abbotsford

BC Baseball Provincial Tournament West, July 27-30, host Burnaby

BC Baseball Provincial Tournament East, Aug 3-6, host Cloverdale

- **13U AA:** Total of 22 teams for summer with breakdown as follows:

North Zone – 0 teams

Interior Zone – 4 teams, 2 provincial berths

Island Zone - 4 teams, 2 provincial berth (including host)

Lower Mainland – 14 teams, 6 provincial berths

BC Baseball Provincial Champ: Tsawwassen

BC Baseball Provincial Tournament, July 27-30, host Campbell River did a great job, there was a lot of atmosphere at the Championship field with lots of fans as the hosts were in the semi-final and final. The host volunteers were outstanding. A time limit of 1 min 30 sec was instituted in between innings which helped to speed up the pace of play.

- **13UAA Provincial Championship winner's tournament in San Diego**, Aug 12-13: was attended by Tsawwassen A's with pickups from Campbell River and North Delta. A great experience with Trevor McGuire and Les Szabo as Chefs.

- **Provincial Tournament:** Thurs-Sun, July 27-30. Host: Ladner
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- **2017 13UAAA Peewee summer teams: (18 teams total)**

Northern Zone- 1 team: Prince George - not be participating in Playdowns - gets automatic Provincial Berth

Interior Zone- 2 teams: C.O,M.B.A. and Kamloops

Island Zone – 4 teams: Victoria Red, Victoria Black, Nanaimo and Cowichan

Mainland Zone - 11 teams: North Shore, Van. Minor, Van. Community, Ladner, Richmond, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Cloverdale, North Langley, Ridge Meadows and Tri-City

- **PLAYDOWN DIVISIONS** - These are the divisions for which Playdowns were run (EAST and WEST)

WEST DIVISION

- **Island Zone Teams** - Victoria Red, Victoria Black, Nanaimo and Cowichan
- **Mainland Zone Teams** - North Shore, Van. Minor, Van. Community, Ladner and Richmond

EAST DIVISION

- **Interior Zone Teams**- C.O,M.B.A. and Kamloops
- **Mainland Zone**- Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Cloverdale, North Langley, Ridge Meadows and Tri-City
- **SCHEDULES** - Each team played the following number of games starting on June 24 and ending July 22.

- **West Division** - Island Teams played 2 games against the other Island teams and 1 game against Mainland teams within their Division for a total of 11 games.

Mainland teams played 2 games against the other Mainland teams in their Division and 1 game against each of the Island teams for a total of 12 Games.

- **East Division** - Interior Teams played 4 games against the other Interior teams and 1 game against Mainland teams within their Division for a total of 10 games.

Mainland teams played 2 games against the other Mainland teams in their

Division and 1 game against each of the Interior teams for a total of 12 Games.

- **PROVINCIAL BERTHS** - Were awarded as follows

Host - 1 Berth awarded to Ladner as Host

North - 1 Berth awarded to Prince George

Island - 1 Berth

Interior- 1 Berth

Mainland - 4 Berths (2 for West Division and 2 for East Division)

- **Wildcard #1**
- **Wildcard #2**
- Berths were earned as follows:

West Division - The highest placing Island team and 2 highest placing Mainland teams as determined by playdown standings.

- **East Division** - The highest placing Interior team and the 2 highest placing Mainland teams as determined by playdown standings.

Wild Card #1- 3rd Highest placing East Division Mainland team vs. the 3rd highest placing West

Division Mainland team in a 1 game wildcard playoff. Home team determined by coin toss and was held at Nanaimo Park in Vancouver (neutral site).

Wild Card #2 - 2nd highest placing Island team vs. the 2nd highest placing Interior team in a 1

game wildcard playoff. Game was held at Nanaimo Park in Vancouver (neutral site), with home team decided by pregame coin toss.

NOTE- Wild Card games scheduled for July 22nd

13UAAA Provincial Championship winner's tournament in San Diego, Aug 12-13: was attended by Vancouver Community with pickups from Abbotsford. Trevor McGuire and Les Szabo were Chef's and said players enjoyed the trip. The strong competition at the tournament reinforced the need to pick up pitching for this tournament.

| <u>Summer 2014:</u> | A | AA | AAA | <u>Summer 2015:</u> | A | AA | AAA | <u>Summer 2016:</u> | A | AA | AAA | <u>Summer 2017:</u> | A | AA | AAA |
|---------------------|----|----|-----|---------------------|----|----|-----|---------------------|----|----|-----|---------------------|----|----|-----|
| North Zone | 0 | 1 | 0 | North Zone | 1 | 1 | 0 | North Zone | 1 | 1 | 0 | North Zone | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Interior Zone | 4 | 4 | 2 | Interior Zone | 5 | 2 | 1 | Interior Zone | 5 | 4 | 2 | Interior Zone | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Island Zone | 5 | 5 | 3 | Island Zone | 4 | 6 | 3 | Island Zone | 7 | 5 | 4 | Island Zone | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| L.M. Zone | 15 | 12 | 9 | L.M. Zone | 18 | 11 | 7 | L.M. Zone | 19 | 13 | 9 | L.M. Zone | 16 | 14 | 11 |
| Total | 24 | 22 | 14 | Provincial (girls) | 0 | | | Provincial (girls) | ? | | | Provincial (girls) | ? | | |
| | | | | Total | 28 | 20 | 11 | Total | 32 | 23 | 15 | Total | 28 | 22 | 18 |

- **BC Baseball 13U Peewee 2017 Year in Review and Recommended Rule Changes**
- **2017 Spring 13U:**
 - 13UA – no particular issues
 - 13UAA- GVBA and remainder of Van Island tiered for the first time with by far mostly favourable Reviews. For 2017 GVBA needs to field minimum 5 13U AA teams if overall 13U registration numbers stay comparable.
 - lower mainland-interlock split. One of the interlock groups scheduled 28 league games, far too many to allow for practice and development. In my opinion, the attempt by one interlock group to get all the “better “players and teams in one group didn’t work out. There is no way to know from year to year who will have the best players and teams. In fact in spring 2017 the “not as good” group worked out to have as many or more strong or stronger teams than the other group. Splitting geographically to allow easier travel and scheduling would make sense.
- Overall:
 - Confrontational interactions with umpires has increased.
 - Pace of play has become dreadfully slow.
- **2017 Summer 13U:**
 - The number of teams in AAA increased significantly. In looking at the province as a whole, the 13UAAA summer schedule was divided into pools and berths provided to zones to allow teams outside the lower mainland whose numbers warrant playing 13UAAA a realistic opportunity to play in a Provincial Tournament.
 - A time limit of 1 min 30 sec was used at 13UAAA and AA Provincial Tournaments to speed up the pace of the games.
 - Procedures and fees for Provincial Championship winners that travel (AA and AAA)should be discussed at the summer ball meetings in June.
- **2017 13U Overall:**
 - Overall I would say the 13U Division is very strong but player development, which happens more in practice than games, must continue to be a priority.
 - Non-confrontation rule regarding umpires must be reinstated in its entirety for 13U and younger divisions.
- **Recommended Rule Changes:**
 1. Associations must be required to submit a “team contact person” and their contact information, for each summer team at the time of declaration and on the same form.
 2. Change declaration date for 13U AA and A summer teams changed to June 10 or earlier.
 3. Change roster and summer payment for all submission date for 13UAAA, AA and A changed to June 20.
 4. Non-confrontation of umpire rule must be reinstated in its entirety at 13U and younger age levels.
 5. Player’s granted a permanent move up not be eligible to pitch in the league they move up to until the following year when they would be at the proper age for the division. The reason is that pitch counts by division are based on physical maturity, not skill, so players would need to be subject to lower division pitch counts which would be virtually impossible to track.
- **Recommended website change:**
 - Summer team declarations, including a contact name and contact info for each team being declared, should be done directly onto the BC Baseball website, with Directors having access. Far too much time is spent trying to chase down who to send info to regarding summer teams.

- **AAA**

- **AA – Trevor McGuire**

- The single season concluded with a scramble for provincial berths and Wild Card berths. All teams were very strong this year with player development happening for pitching and all field positions. There has been a very good ratio of 1st year bantam players along with 2nd year on most teams. This will make for very strong teams coming forward from associations for the 2018 season.

- **Wild Card (Mission)**

- The wild Card tournament held in Mission was a great success with 10 teams playing for 2 Provincial Berths in Victoria. A carry through for 2018 season on the Wild Card will be another motion forward for the 15U AA division.

- **Provincials (2017 Victoria)**

- The 12 team Provincial held in Victoria was a well-attended tournament with very strong teams from across BC represented. Several Vancouver Island teams were very competitive in the tournament play and only succumbed to 2 Fraser Valley teams, in the semifinals. Great baseball was witnessed over the 4 day tournament, with several games being very top notch baseball. Burnaby Braves became the Provincial winner and accepted the invitation to the all wood bat tournament in San Diego.

- **Proposed changed to the 2018 Provincials**

- The 12 team format should remain the same with, a 5 game guarantee this will allow all teams to play each other in both pools. This will extend the duration of the tournament to 5 days plus 1 for possible rain out or tie breakers.

- **San Diego Summer Sizzler**

- The tournament was attended by 1- 13U AA team, 1- 13U AAA team and 1- 15U AA team, travel arrangements posed minor glitches and was easily solved on site by Les Szabo and myself. The 13U teams struggled at first with the high completion level and slightly larger playing fields. With a little more preparation from attending teams most of these problems could be resolved in the future. The 15U AA team did very well at the completion level on the full size fields only coming up short in the final silver medal round. Once again if the team had prepared in advance for the conditions to be expected outcome could have possibly been even higher. All coach's from opposing team's and tournament organizers were very impressed with the 3 teams and made numerous comments to myself. All teams were well organized by coaches and parent support for the plane ride, accommodation and games at the field. Future consideration would be to send out possible requirements for pickups and organization requirements to all teams participating in the Provincials. The location was fine for the team's sightseeing, and beach activities there was plenty for all to do from this location.

- **Rules change proposals to date for 2018:**

- Bat change to all wood
Provincial fees to Host raised to \$500 per team from \$400

- **2018 Wildcard 15U AA**

Tournament dates: July 19 to July 22, 2018 Location TBA

- **2018 Provincials 15U AA**

Tournament dates: July 26 to July 31, 2018 Location TBA

- **U15 AA Single Season proposal 2018**

34 game season Starting April 07 completing July 12, 2018, Fraser Valley teams will be interlocked for the season with the Interior for the 2018 season.

- **15U A – Trevor McGuire**

- Summer season concluded with 10 teams from across BC gaining the Provincial berths in Surrey, a very strong season from all teams was noticed with anticipated numbers for summer teams slightly higher for the 2018 season. Proposed changes to the 2018 season would be to hold 2 Provincials (East and West) both being 10 team tournaments. Winner of the 2017 15U A Provincial is the Vancouver Community Mounties placing a very strong team for summer play.

- **Rules**

To be discussed fall workshops.

- **2018 Provincials U15 A**

Both East and West Provincial running same dates Aug 3, 2018 to Aug 07, 2018. (Possibility of West plays East winner at neutral site Aug 11, 2018)

- **15U A 2018**

East and West zoning with east and west provincial and final championship game. Interior interlocked for the summer season with the Fraser Valley teams.

9.4 18U – Grant Rimer / Ray Wearing

- **College Prep –**
- **18U AAA – Ray Wearing**
- **AA**

9.5 Junior Men – Grant Butler

- **Tri City wins Jr. Men's Tier 1 Championship for the second straight year.**

Tri City repeats their Jr Men's Tier 1 Championship with a convincing win in the second final Sunday afternoon

as Cloverdale forced the undefeated Tri City with a morning win. Cloverdale came through the B side to

make the final and played some great games to get there.

- **Surrey Canadian Win Junior Men's Tier 2 Championship**
- After a bounce back season, the Surrey Expos went 3-0 in playoffs on route to the Tier 2 championship against the Richmond Chuckers at Larry Walker Field.
- On behalf of all the BCBA volunteer directors, thanks again to all the players, coaches, parents and Association volunteers for getting your teams on the field and making this year's summer ball a huge success.

Congratulations to Ridge Meadows for hosting the finals weekend, the Hunger Management food truck on Saturday was a hit!

10. New Business

10.1 18U AA Provincial – Rule 21.03 – July 31st division was advised team would not travel – fine has been issued – in future if there is conflict between BC Baseball and Baseball BC provincials teams must declare which they are going to enter – Interior Zones will rotate

10.2 Workshops:

- Lower Mainland – September 17th – 7 PM – North Delta, Mackie Club House
- Island – September 24th – Victoria – 11:00 AM – Gordon Head
- Interior – September 30th – Kelowna – 11:00am – Sandman Hotel – 2130 Harvey Avenue

Dates will be posted on web site once Interior is confirmed

10.3 AGM:

- November 18th – Langley Events Centre
- Contact Val Greenwood with number of people attending and their names
- Slide show during lunch

10.4 Election Committee – Grant Butler, Grant Rimer and Pat Weatherill

10.5 Awards – notice to be sent out regarding nominations

10.6 Provincial Dates – Provincials to be awarded at 2017 AGM

- 11U – August 2nd - 5th
- 13U AAA/ AA – August 3rd - 6th
- 15U AAA – July 26th – 30th
- 15U AA – August 3rd – 6th
- 18U AAA – August 9th – 13th
- 18U AA – July 26th – 30th
- College Prep – August 3rd – 6th

At team meeting all teams must have a fully completed roster with passport numbers

10.7 Risk Management – How to deal with DUI's and suspensions – neither show up on CRC – discuss at workshops

10.8 Bats – 2018 – may have new parameters on bat construction for 2018

10.9 International Tournaments – would need two (2) years to organize – availability of other countries – what division – instead of sending team to US tournament maybe we would host.

10.10 Kidsplay – Kidsplay will not fund fall ball

Motion to adjourn: R. Wearing / G. Butler – 10:40 am

Next Board Meeting: October 3rd, 2017 location TBA

Other Important Dates: AGM – November 18th