



Lower Mainland Workshop Meeting September 10, 2018  
Sandman Signature Inn Langley, 7:00 PM

## AGENDA

### Call to Order 7:00PM

#### 1. Introductions

#### 2018 Lower Mainland Fall Workshop Attendees:

Abigail Wong-deLeon	Burnaby	
Zoya Jones	Burnaby	
Doug Crone	North Langley	President
John Powell	CMMBA	President
Scott Philips	CMMBA	Vice President
David Bird	Port Coquitlam	Vice President
Randy McKinnon	White Rock	Vice President
Jeff Scott	Ridge Meadows	Vice President
Angie Gregson	Ridge Meadows	Senior Commissioner
Bruce Evans	Ridge Meadows	President
Theo Sperling	Burnaby	President
Mary McCann	Van Minor	President
Darcy Jago	Port Coquitlam	President
Dan Williams	Mission	President
Grant Laidlaw	Ladner	President
Brent Dingsdale	North Delta	President

Brent Crowther	North Delta	Coaching Director
Cam Gair	Cloverdale	Vice President
Mike Dance	Cloverdale	President
John Braaten	Richmond City	President

## **2. REPORTS**

B.C. Baseball:

- Scholarship call out to all associations to remind players who will be looking at Post Secondary pathway to get their applications in place
- Election to BCBA board - Proposal to increase board positions. From current number of 19, adding two more for a total of 21. Estimated cost increase will be between \$500 - \$1000 annually
- Appointment of area supervisors - This year saw the assistance of Fraser Campbell. Supervisors may, or may not, be appointed when warranted
- Staff position update - Review of past six months. Please with performance over the past six months. Upon further review it has been recognized that the position workload requires a full time focus. Based on that, and the success of the last 6 months an increase in salary was approved and the hourly requirement changed from ¾ time to full time
- Baseball Field Growth Strategy Survey - Reminder that we have it on file, encouragement of the associations to utilize it, especially as municipal elections ramp up. Request from the floor that BC Baseball provide a template/form letter declaring our support the local association. Recommendation from the floor for member associations to seek and co-ordinate with municipal sports council should that municipality have one. Members also encourage the approach to be with Multi Sport as the primary discussion as it plays to the best value proposition
- Website update - Audit of BC Baseball's current website provider (ActiveNetworks/Team Pages). Through the process of the audit it was determined that our current provider does not meet the product and support required moving forward
- 2019 Coaching conference - Date Set. Feb 8 - 10th. Langley Event Centre. Speakers line up set. Call out to our members for presentation topics. Will need recommendations by Oct. 31st
- 2019 Coaching Caravan - Tentative dates set (North Apr 7th, Interior 9th - 13th, Island 14th - 16th, Lower Mainland 18th - 25th). Now taking applications to host. Please email [james.l.raymond@gmail.com](mailto:james.l.raymond@gmail.com) Coach Training and Certification clinics to be offered in conjunction with Caravan
- BC Coach Training Program presentation - Included. Opened floor to comments and discussion. Call for coach trainers. Please email Mike Holyk with interested candidates [michael.holyk@bnc.ca](mailto:michael.holyk@bnc.ca)
  - Coach trainers will be trained and certified at Coaches Conference. BC Baseball intends to honour existing NCCP certs.
  - Recommendation from the floor that we include a section in coach training program that addresses rule 13.11 and appropriate coach/player/parent behaviour. Taken under advisement.
  - Recommendation from the floor that we set timetable for training to allow associations to set plan to get coaches trained. Special consideration to be given to the ramp up to Provincials.

- Question asked, how will certification be registered and confirmed? To be determined
- 2019 Provincial host application final submission date. 2019 Provincial dates - First and second weekends of August. Dates to be finalized.
- Discussion on post Provincial pathways for 13U and 15U AA. Concerns around the purpose of the champions trip(Vacation/Competition). Do we revisit route to Westerns and Nationals? BC Baseball upholds the mandate to deliver a competitive event experience. Unable to reach a consensus with those present. Suggestion to build survey and canvas the member associations, taken under advisement
- A.G.M. Saturday November 3rd ... Sandman Signature Inn, Langley 10:30 AM. Attending members please confirm attendance

### **3. COMMITTEES**

- Marketing - Review of Provincials logo. Introduction of Travel Teams agreement. Three vendor partners were considered. Traveling Teams being the one chosen based on deliverables, and trial experience. One year pilot clause included in contract
- Player Eligibility - Reminder from Chair Pat W. that all players are required to have tryout approval prior to trying out, and then if selected to apply for season approval
  - increase on player call ups alarmingly high up almost 3x in comparison to past years. Discussion referencing LTAD and the impact of call up. Often the call up relies too heavily on short term vision vs the patience and practice of LTAD. Question as to the topic being addressed by Jeff Krushell at the Coaches Conference
  - Question from the floor, should call ups be restricted to playing AA/AAA only in order to avoid “stacking” A teams? Pat W. spoke against the practice as it would mean potential displacement of local player from AA/AAA opportunity
  - Reminder to the floor, process for player eligibility is email to Pat W. and wait for response  
\*DO NOT ASSIGN PLAYER TO A TEAM PRIOR TO APPROVAL\*
- Coaching Development - Addressed in previous introduction segment
- 2019 Certification compliance - Date has been pushed back to 2020 to allow for a season of training clinics. In addition to that, the plan is to deliver 11U training through the 2019 season.
- Discipline - Full report to be presented at AGM.
  - Reminder from Mike S. as he addressed abuse and malicious character attacks on Board and Committee members as they are all volunteers tasked with the governance and administration of the rules drafted by the Member Associations
  - increase in ejections at lower levels in reference to rule 13.11 BC Baseball will continue to support the BCBUA in the administration and enforcement of discipline
  - Consideration to be given to having BCBUA speak to it at Coaches Conference
- Umpiring - update to come from BCBUA. Associations encouraged to continue recruitment of new umpires and exploring best ways to retain.
  - Cost of umpires at some Provincial tournaments. Per game fees were in line, however the cost in regard to Travel/Per diem/Accoms were high
  - General consensus is that the contract in place was not followed. Specifically in regard to the timeline declaration and billing protocols.
  - Suggestion from the floor that BC Baseball meets with BCBUA on a quarterly basis

- Rules - All rule proposals to be submitted by October 19th, 6:00 PM. Must be submitted to Rules Chair Stuart Drysdale.
  - Question from the floor in regard to 2019 Season bat rules. Addressed by Trevor M. stating that 15U Bat rule to be announced
  - Question from the floor in regard to the value of wood bat usage at 15U AAA - currently under review
- High Performance ...2019 Programming set. Published on BC Baseball website. Email sent out to all Presidents first week of September

#### **4. DIVISION PROGRAM REVIEW**

- 11U - Primary discussion around the current buzz on tiering at such a young age. Is it something that our member associations want to explore? At this time so few associations see value in it. Dan W. spoke to the statistical data demonstrating no value related to player development prior to 13U. In addition, it sets an imbalance in the distribution of quality coaching. Consideration to be given to the forming of a committee to further review.
- 13U - Introduction of pre-season call for AAA. The balanced AA schedule provided for a smooth experience. The East/West Provincial Championship divisions provided for a large number of teams playing.
- 15U - Good Summer Season in all divisions. 15U A Summer Season saw teams play 14 games. Two teams waived participation in Provincial tournament. 27 teams in AA Interlock schedule. Projecting mid 30s in 2019 Single Season. Will continue the two provincial (East/West) format. AAA will see changes with a reduction to 10-12 teams. Application process, with a review by the HP committee.
- 18U - AA had 12 teams play a 10 game schedule. AAA was a very good season with a competitive 8 team championship. College Prep saw the Provincial Champions Cloverdale Nationals get to the final in the Diamond Nation Tournament in Flemington, NJ.
- Junior Men - Great baseball. Belief is that it is under promoted.
- Girls Baseball - BC Baseball will continue to support the efforts to improve the delivery of Girls Baseball in BC. BC Baseball members are a large contingent of the Girls Baseball program in BC.
- Challenger Baseball - With the transition to Jays Care there were some challenges with communications. Looking to an improved experience in 2019

Meeting adjourned 09:37