



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

*BC's Largest Youth Baseball Organization Since 1963*

Rally Cap - 9U - 11U - 13U - 15U - 18U - 26U

Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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### **October 3rd, 7:00 PM - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes - DRAFT

**Roll Call:** G. Butler, R. Puri, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, T. Baker-Cornett, A. Wong -de Leon, A. Forman, S. Coleman, R. Hall, M. Kelly, C. Lund, N. Dhaliwal, A. McKearney, D. Michaud, M. Van-der-Loos and V. Vankoughnett.

**Absent:** , H. Gurney, L. Hotell, D. Cabalfin, J. Braaten

**Administrative Director** - James Raymond

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:03 pm

**Presidents Opening Remarks:** Grant Butler

- review of proposed rule changes
- Congratulations to John Braaten and Anne Hayes on becoming Life Members of BCMBA

**Adoption of Minutes: July 15 - tabled to October**

- Moved: D. Michaud, Second: R. Puri, M/S/C

**Adoption of Minutes: September 09**

- Moved: A. Forman, Second: A. McKearney, M/S/C

**Adoption of Workshop minutes: September 19**

- Moved: T. Baker-Cornett, Second: N. Dhaliwal, M/S/C

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Correspondence:**

Secretary - Val Greenwood

Cherry Xie - Sales Manager - Shenzhen New Mongo International - Custom rings, trophies etc. - forwarded to marketing

**Outgoing:**

**Business Arising from Minutes:** None

**Executive Reports:**

**President** - Grant Butler, None

**First VP** - Raj Puri

- attended Fall Workshops to hear from association presidents on the past season and what needs/recommendations are being identified for next year.
- We continue to prepare for the BCMBA AGM as numerous rule changes are being forwarded to the Rules Chair
- Discipline issues continue to require attention to a recommended process for complaint resolution will be added to the rule book for association to use if they do not have a define process

**Second VP** - John Braaten, **See written report**

**Treasurer** - Anne Hayes, No report

**Secretary** - Val Greenwood

Very slow couple of months as one can tell by the correspondence  
Attended the Fall Workshop September 19

**Administrative Director** - James Raymond, **See written report**

#### **Committee Reports**

- 1) **Rule Committee** - Daniel Michaud, Abigail Wong-de Leon, Ryan Hall
  - Ryan - No Report
  - Daniel - one rules question regarding the eligibility of a 2005 born player for the Richmond Fall Ball Classic, advised that the rule stating it should technically be a 2006 or younger, however the inquiry was passed on to the tournament organizers
  - Daniel - rule change discussions tabled to new business
- 2) **Player Eligibility Committee** - Neal Dhaliwal, Steve Coleman, Marty Van-Der-Loos
  - Neal - No Report
- 3) **Discipline Committee** - Ryan Hall, Raj Puri, Lyndsey Hotell, Neal Dhaliwal
  - Ryan - No Report
  - Neal - No Report
- 4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Marty van-der Loos, Val Greenwood, No Reports
- 5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** - Alan McKearney, Steve Coleman, Raj Puri,
  - Alan - No Report

## **6) High-Performance Committee - Chris Lund, Mike Kelly, Hugh Gurney, Raj Puri**

**John** - Did participate multiple meetings as a non-voting member of the committee re: 2024 College Prep association applications

**Chris** - Fall Classic took place over the September 22 - 24th weekend. We had 14 teams entering with North Fraser edging out North Shore 7 - 4, It turned out to be a great weekend of ball despite the weather. Thanks to Al Forman and Alan McKearney for helping all weekend.

HP Committee met up via team call to discuss applications. We also invited Garnett Pawliw to be part of the first phone call discussing applications and programming. We decided that with the precedent set last season we would be looking for all teams to have all of the High Performance programming to be able to sustain their CP program going forward and not just season to season. Richmond nor Penticton ran a 15U AAA program last season and were voted against entrance into the CP program for the 2024 season

**Mike - No Report**

## **7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee - Steve Coleman, No Report**

**8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee** - Mike Kelly, Grant Butler, Chris Lund, Marty Van-Der-Loos, Dino Cabalfin, Anne Hayes(NCCP)

- Mike - No Report

## **9) Marketing Committee** - James Raymond, Dino Cabalfin, Raj Puri, Ryan Hall

- See written report, includes Talkshop Media, possible 8 sponsors
- dates for caravan
- DSV - dino looking into opportunities

## **10) Grassroots Committee** - John Braaten, Steve Coleman, See written report

## **11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee** - John Braaten, Alan McKearney, J. Raymond (Insurance)

- Alan - No Report
- John - Nothing to note for member concerns  
Worked on and provided the Executive a template for "Conflict Resolution Process" for review which was forwarded to Rules Chair. BCMBA is finding many LSO's do not have any form of this which has led to some instances of confusion within. Will leave this Rules Committee to review and hopefully add as an appendix in the Rule Book going forward

**Insurance: Anne**

- \$12,000 cost to add abuse to policy for 2023- part of policy going back to March 01
- Baseball BC - abuse has been included in their policy as it will be tied to Safesport.

- Met with David to review insurance policies and see if BCMBA and BCABA can go forward under the same policy
- Standard policy coverages - BCMBA and associations- physical abuse

**Motion: A. Hayes / A. Forman**

**Motion to add abuse liability endorsement to our current CGL policy to the cost of \$12,414.00.**

**M/S/C**

**12) Challenger Baseball Liaison - Steve Coleman**

- BC Challenger Baseball AGM to be held on November 18th

**13) Website Committee - James Raymond, Alan McKearney, Anne Hayes, John Braaten(Tournaments)**

- See written Report
- John - tournament page is cleaned up and prepared for 2024

**14) Human Resources Committee -Anne Hayes, Raj Puri, Val Greenwood, No Reports**

**15) Awards Committee - Val Greenwood, Dino Cabalfin, Marty van-der Loos, Mike Kelly**

- Due to health issues, I have not had a chance to meet with the awards committee
- We have only had three (3) submissions for Association of the Year, Cloverdale, COMBA and Chilliwack
- We are now looking for nominations for individual awards, Umpire of the Year, Player of the Year (Male/Female), Coach of the Year (one each at 13U/15U/18U/College Prep), all levels A/AA/AAA, Team of the Year (one each from 13U/15U/18U/ College Prep) all levels A/AA/AAA
- The deadline for submission is January 15
- Nominations can come from Active BCMBA Directors and Association Presidents
- Congratulations to John Braaten and Anne Hayes for becoming Life Members

**16) Scholarship Committee - Abigail Wong-de Leon, Al Forman, John Braaten, Lyndsey Hotell**

- No Report

**17) Baseball BC Committee - Grant Butler, Raj Puri (John Braaten is on the HP Committee)**

- Butler - Alan McKearney has been appointed to the board by David Laing as an Independent.
- John - Next Baseball BC meeting to be October 16th which will include a review of the 2023 female program and anticipated changes to the female program in 2024 and a review of the 2023 male program and anticipated changes to the male program in 2024

18) **Tournaments** - Abigail Wong - de Leon - No Report

**Divisional Reports:**

a) **26U** - Anne Hayes. **No report**

b) **18U** - Chair - John Braaten

- Nothing to add outside of 18U College, 18U AAA, 18U AA reports as generally discussions internally
- As noted in High Performance non-voting member I did participate multiple meetings of the of the committee re: 2024 College Prep association applications

- **18U College Prep** Director - John Braaten, Chris Lund

Nine (9) teams have been chosen by the High Performance committee for the 2024 season: Chilliwack, Cloverdale, COMBA, Kamloops, North /Fraser, North Shore, Ridge Meadows, Trail and Vancouver Island Mariners

- **18U AAA** Director - Chris Lund - No Report
- **18U AA** Director - Raj Puri
  - Fall Ball options being offered by numerous associations
  - No inquiries from the conclusion of the Summer Season

c) **15U** - Chair - Anne Hayes, **No Report**

- **15U AAA** Director - Hugh Gurney
- **15U AA** Director - Abigail Wong-de Leon , **No Report**
- **15U A** Director - Neal Dhaliwal , **No Report**

d) **13U** - Chair - Marty van-der-Loos, **No Report**

- **13U AAA** Director - Anne Hayes (Interim), **No Report**
- **13U AA** Director - Al Forman, **No Report**
- **13U A** Director - Marty van-der Loos, **No Report**

e) **11U** - Chair - Anne Hayes

**Alan - proposal for name change 11U in Rule Change Package**

- 11U A to 10U
- 11U AA to 11U A
- 11U AAA Tier II to 11U AA
- 11U AAA Tier I to 11U AAA

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

- Dino - No Report
- John - concerns re: this division can be found in "Grassroots report"

g) **Island 1** - Tina -

- 18U and 15U

h) **Island 2** - vacant -

- 9U, 13U and 11U

i) **Interior 1** - Neal Dhaliwal

18U and 15U - No Report

j) **Interior 2** - Dino Cabalfin - No Report

9U, 13U and 11U

k) **North** - Veronica Vankoughnett

- No Report

#### **New Business:**

#### **Rules: Daniel**

1. See rule change forms attached - 9.08, 2.01, 26.08, 22.02(B), 22.09 forfeit Rule 13 - Article XX Rule 8.09
2. Grant - I believe we need to add a reference/adoption/follow Baseball BC's SafeSport Policies - add to Article II, Rules (need motion from a President and another to second it)

#### **Section 4**

BCMBA had adopted the British Columbia Amateur Association's (Baseball BC) SafeSport Policies which may be implemented/referred to and/or used when BCMBA's rules and regulations do not cover said policies and/or parts thereof and their revisions as set out by Baseball BC from time to time

#### **1.01 Definition of an Association as it Applies to Membership**

1. An executive committee, officers or sponsoring organization who have been elected or appointed to foster, improve and govern the game of baseball in their respective communities subject to the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations as defined by the BCMBA and Baseball BC's SafeSport policy

#### **1.07 Internal Association Dispute Process**

1. add another paragraph
2. See Appendix C for a sample of Internal Resolution process
3. need two (2) presidents from board - Tina - Alan no longer President

**2.3** John Braaten - should look at changing 11U division summer to the following;  
Rule 4.03, 9.04 (A)

10U ( will clean up much confusion for summer)  
11U A  
11U AA  
11U AAA

and I think there was also discussion for 18U as well to add back in "A" to something as follows

18U A  
18U AA or AAA  
18U College Prep

Tina against go with the 11U but drop the 18U  
Raj - CP don't take out CP  
Chris - not rule change, just housekeeping - rebranding

**2.4** John Braaten - something about a Conflict Resolution Template for rule 1.07 (haven't seen the template as yet)

**2.5** Daniel - Rule 8.08 why two (2) AAA teams if 145+? Shouldn't it be a pyramid? Also 9.04 (B)

**2.6** Daniel - Rule 31 - attach a rule number to tournament rule (31.04) for clarity

**2.7** Chris Lund - create a CP specific set of rules as per 26U (rule 35)

lots to change

Rule 8.09 15U Article XX - Moved Anne Hayes - Abigail Wong de-Leon

must be put in as a rule change as it was used this year

Rule 9.08 Submission of Summer Rosters - Moved Anne Hayes, Treasurer -  
Seconded Raj Puri (1st VP)

NEW RULE: to add Rule 22.09 Forfeit Game Score Moved Al Forman - Seconded Abigail Wong-de Leon

22.02 (B) to adopt international rule in the 2st extra inning - Moved Al Forman Seconded Abigail Wong-de Leon

International rule / Baseball Canada - 2023 - first inning not 10th

26.08 - to include 13U AA in the summer run limits - Moved Al Forman Seconded Abigail Wong - de Leon

go to 13U A and 15U A - three (3) outs or 6 runs per inning

2.01 - Per Player Fees - to cover rising insurance costs- Moved /Anne Hayes, Treasure Seconded Raj Puri, 1st VP

5.02 Age by Division - to keep inline with Baseball Canada Rules with regards to allowing girls to play in any age division as an over age player by 1 year - need two (2) president to move

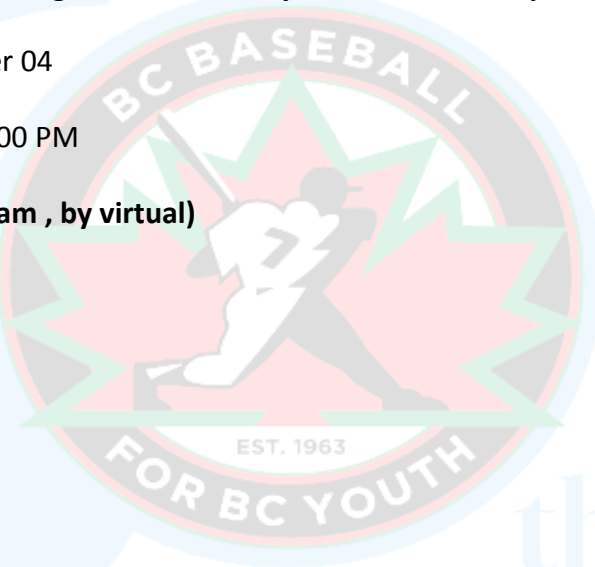
**On and off Field Code of Conduct for Managers,Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectators - Rule 13.1**

Rules package must be out by November 04

**Next Meeting:** November 7th, 2023 7:00 PM

**AGM - November 19, 2023 (Sunday, 10am , by virtual)**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 - Chris Lund**



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