



BC MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Board Meeting Minutes
April 02, 2019
5:50 pm

Meeting called by:	Grant Butler – Interim President
Type of meeting:	Board Meeting
Minute taker:	Val Greenwood
Attendees:	G. Butler, A. Hayes, J. Braaten, R. Puri, P. Weatherill, A Wong de Leon, R. Wearing, S. King
Conference Call:	I. MacIntyre, N. Van Dyk, L. Szabo, M. Hall, V. Greenwood, D. Garton, M. Holyk, T. Katelnikoff, J. Raymond
Absent:	C. Wade, M. Kelly (on caravan), T. McGuire (away), C. Martin(away)
Guest(s)	Baseball BC - John Berry, President and Chris Balison, VP (conference call)

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm

2. President's Opening Remarks

- Stuart Drysdale – letter of resignation
- Introduce Baseball BC Executive attending the start of today's meeting;
 - John Berry, President and Chris Balison, VP (conference call)
- Executive had a conference call Friday, March 29
 - Need agenda – Val now to do monthly
 - CRC – retrieve from Stuart Drysdale and Mike Sarai – Grant and Val to look after
 - Anne and Grant will be away from May 8th to May 22
 - ALL motions are to be written out prior to being presented to the board

➤ MOTION: A. Hayes / J. Braaten

Motion to accept Stuart Drysdale's resignation as President and Board of Director member effective March 29, 2019.

M/S/C

3. Additions to Agenda.

3.1 AGM need to set date, (see 10.1)

3.2 Vancouver Canadians tickets,(see 10.2)

- #### ➤ MOTION: S. King / P. Weatherill
- Motion to accept agenda as amended.

M/S/C

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 MOTION: P. Weatherill / S. King

- Motion to approve March Board of Director's minutes as distributed. M/S/C

5. Correspondence

- Executive Rosters: Kamloops, Salt Spring Island, COMBA, Greater Victoria, Agassiz, Lake Cowichan, Princeton
- Affiliation: Kamloops, Vancouver Minor, White Rock, Newton, North Langley
- League Registrations: Kamloops, Vancouver Minor (partial), Port Coquitlam
- Single Season Affiliation: Vancouver Minor
- Single Season Rosters: Kamloops (15U AAA, 15U AA, 18U College Prep), White Rock (15U AA, Junior Men's)
- Pat Weatherill to North Island (player Emily Dyble try out approval 15U AA)
- Randy Jaramillo – President Burnaby – rescinding request to have 4 imports on their 15U AA team
- Roweena Losin – requesting release from Newton for Ashley Losin
- Cam Frick - Tsawwassen – host application for 15U AAA Provincials
- Jennifer Clements – President Princeton – underage/overage player movement
- Sean Wandler – Executive Director Kamloops – team declarations – 13U (2AA – 5 A) 15U (1 AAA -1 AA – 4 A), 18U (1 College Prep – 2 AA)
- Player Release – Ashley Losin – Newton to Aldergrove
- Player Release – Quinn Balfour – Vancouver Minor to Burnaby Baseball
- Abigail Wong-de Leon – Burnaby – host application for 15U AA Wild Card
- Shannon Gaboury – Comox – host application for 13U AA Provincials
- Richmond City – host application for 13U AA Provincials
- Canada Post – invitation to unveiling of the 2019 commemorative stamp honouring the Vancouver Asahi baseball team formed in 1914
- Vernon – Internal Discipline Review of 2018 incident
- Duncan and Newton have requested relief from assessment levied under Rule 7.01 for dropping out of 15U AAA after February 15 (will be heard under the Finance Committee Report)
- BCBUA and Powell River (will be heard under Umpire Liaison Report)
- Vancouver Minor and South Burnaby merger at the 18U AA – approved for 2019 on March 25 – see Secretary Report
- Oceanside and Nanaimo merger at 15U A – see Secretary's Report
- Duncan and Lake Cowichan merger at 15U A and 18U AA – see Secretary's Report
- Chemainus and Salt Spring Island merger at 15U and 18U – see Secretary's report
- Surrey and White Rock merger at 18U AA – see Secretary's Report

6. Business Arising

6.1 Motion regarding tiering at the 11U level – to be discussed in the 11U report

6.2 Three (3) appointees to Baseball BC Board of Directors – Grant Butler and Ray Wearing currently on board. Grant to follow up with John Berry.

6.3 Motion to nominate Raj Puri to the position of Interim 2nd Vice President until the AGM.

- MOTION: L. Szabo / A. Wong de-Leon
 - M/S/D- Raj Puri declined nomination.

6.4 Motion to nominate John Braaten to the position of Interim 2nd Vice President until the AGM.

- MOTION: T. Katelnikoff / V. Greenwood
M/S/Discussion
 - Question: What are the duties of the 2nd Vice President?
 - “Article VIII – The 2nd Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, and 1st Vice President, perform the duties of the President.”
 - Mainly used as support for the President and 1st VP

Call for Vote/Carried

7. Executive Reports:

7.1 President – Grant Butler – Interim President

- Stuart Drysdale resignation as President and Director such that I have taken on the position of Acting President and Iain the position of 1st VP. These positions will remain until the November AGM.
- Once again thanks to Stuart and his efforts getting BCMBA to this point.
- Stuart has been contacted regarding transition process but has not yet responded as of the meeting date.
- James has completed the changes to the web site, thank you
- Val has blast emailed the presidents my Notification of the changes to the Board
- Announcement: Yesterday I reviewed the documentation of recent interactions with Stuart in regards to joining Baseball BC that John Berry was able to supply and was able to complete and forward BCMBA's application to Baseball BC for a National Level membership. John and the Baseball BC board were able to approve the application promptly and with that, I'm glad to announce BC Minor Baseball is now a National Level member of the PSO, Baseball BC.
- So with that and prior to any BCMBA business, I'll invite John Berry to talk and then Chris Balison and then ask them to exit the meeting so we can carry on business.
- To continue with my report, thank you to everyone that sent in their reports, I'll ask everyone to please read each report thoroughly and ask any questions you have to the specific Director or the group today if time permits or to follow up on your own.
- Going forward I will do my best to be open and transparent on all issues as they arise and ask that you do the same. We will be prompt and will present a single face to our member Associations. In my email, with the letter to the Presidents, I noted how communication would be preferred, through the Presidents, so I ask that you too direct all concerns that fall outside basic rule interpretations to go through the Presidents.
- Some policy reviewed in regards to the Rules and Eligibility, I have been doing my best to listen and read different ideas and opinions from the membership from time to time and found that it was extremely efficient to ask that the questions or concerns be taken directly to the Rule or Eligibility Chairperson, I encourage you to do the same.
- March 11, 2019 BCMBA Notice of Motion - Article XX - 8.07 (11U Tiering) was to be addressed during a conference call March 26, 2019 at 7 pm. This was canceled 26 March 2019 by Stuart Drysdale, President BCMBA due to too many directors not being available.

- Duties changed to Acting President while Stuart Drysdale was away on holidays over Spring Break which included the following actions:
- March 23, 2019 BCMBA Notice of Motion – VMBA (Vancouver) Merger with SBBC (South Burnaby) at the 18U AA level approved for 2019 the season.
- March 25, 2019 BCMBA Notices of Motion for mergers;
- Oceanside & Nanaimo Merger at 15U A - approved for 2019 the season.
- Duncan & Lake Cowichan Merger at 15U A and 18U AA - approved for 2019 the season.
- Chemainus & Salt Spring Merger at 15U and 18U - approved for 2019 the season.
- March 26, 2019 Established Appeal Committee according to Rule 16.01 in regard to a player not being allowed to play up from 13U to 15U AA. Ian McIntyre as Chair from the Executive along with Sanda King and Anne Hayes.
- Despite Rule 16.01 setting out how communication will be done through the President of a complainant's member Association and the BCMBA President, I have received several calls and emails from the complainant in regard to the outcome of the appeal. I feel there needs to be more support for our process from the member Association.

Invitation for Baseball BC Representatives to speak:

- John Berry, President of Baseball BC officially welcomed BC Minor Baseball back as a National member of Baseball BC and thanked Stuart for all his hard work over the last six (6) months working on the transition. Noted desire to have on-going dialogue to make the transition smooth for all budget planning.
- Chris Balison – Vice President Baseball BC thanked Grant for inviting to the meeting, and for Grant's quick uptake on getting up to speed after Stuart's resignation. Noted that Tom Katelnikoff has been appointed to the Grass Roots committee and Marty Hall to the High Performance

Questions and Answers to John and Chris:

- Provincials at 15U AA
 - No spot for our Provincial winned unless they apply for Baseball BC's Provincial tournament – but may still not be one of the sixteen (16) for chance to Westerns
 - Must make application by June 01 = this applies to ALL levels
 - BC Minor will guarantee performance bonds
- John and Chris were thanked for attending the meeting and left to allow the BCMBA meeting to continue

Board Discussion related to Baseball BC "Q and A"

- AA division will talk to Kyle Williams on entry
 - Les Szabo to start discussions with Baseball BC in Trevor's absence
- Concerns on teams not wanting to go to Prince George for Provincials – preferring to go to the Baseball BC Provincials instead
 - Should these teams participate in the Summer season and not go to Provincials in Prince George, they will be levied fines of \$500 per event missed (opening ceremonies, games, closing etc.)

7.2 1st Vice President – Iain MacIntyre - Interim

- Appeal – regarding Vernon – see Interior Report

7.3 2nd Vice President – John Braaten - Interim

- No Report

7.4 Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- **MOTION: A. Wong de-Leon / S. King**
Motion to accept March Financial report as distributed.
M/S/C
Associations who have not paid their affiliation fees are uninsured
League registrations must be submitted
Affiliation and league fees **MUST** be paid by May 01 or there will be no rebates paid out

7.5 Secretary – Val Greenwood

- John Niemi – long-time coach with Coquitlam-Moody passed away last week – memorial service will be held on April 13th starting at 1:00 pm at the Open Door Church – 11391 Dartford Street in Maple Ridge
- Please remember to submit your entire league registrations to myself and Anne Hayes. The registrations **MUST** include first name, last name, complete address with postal code, phone number, birth date, division playing in and gender according to Rule 1.02 (D)
- Please re-submit boundary information

- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / G. Butler**

Motion to approve Surrey Canadian Baseball and White Rock South Surrey Baseball Association to merge at the 18U AA level for the 2019 season.

Reasoning: Surrey has 10 players and White Rock has 22 and thus a merger would permit them to maximize our coaches on two (2) teams of sixteen (16),

M/S/C: This vote was conducted by Email.

- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / Anne Hayes**

Motion to approve Oceanside Minor Baseball and Nanaimo Minor Baseball to merge at the 15U A level for the Spring and Summer of 2019.

Reasoning: Oceanside has only seven (7) A level players and cannot field a team on their own.

M/S/C: This vote was conducted by Email.

- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / A. Hayes**

Motion to approve Duncan Junior Baseball and Lake Cowichan Minor Baseball to merge at the 15U A and 18U AA level for the Spring and Summer of 2019.

Reasoning: Lake Cowichan has four (4) 15U players and four (4) 18U players and cannot field a team on their own.

M/S/C: This vote was conducted by Email

- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / A. Hayes**

Motion to approve Chemainus Minor Baseball and Salt Spring Minor Baseball to merge at the 15U and 18U levels for Spring and Summer of 2019.

Reasoning: Neither association has enough players to field teams of their own.

M/S/C: This vote was conducted by Email

- **MOTION: P. Weatherill / A. Hayes**

Motion to approve Vancouver Minor Baseball and South Burnaby (Metro Club) Minor Baseball to merge at the 18U AA level for Spring and Summer of 2019.

Reasoning: South Burnaby has only six (6) players and Vancouver Minor has twenty-seven (27). Both awkward numbers and the reason for the merge.

M/S/C: This vote was conducted by Email

7.6 Administrative Director Report – James Raymond

- **Website and Social Media**
 - Single Season Schedules uploaded for 15U AA/AAA, 18U AAA/College Prep
 - Caravan Features running daily Website, Facebook, and Twitter
 - HP ID Camps and Details posted for 13U and 15U
 - Continued Population of Albums and Content
 - All BoD members have access to the Directors Area (Not visible to Public)
 - Division Chairs and Directors all have access to their divisions
 - Increased allotment of time to finalize and polish remaining elements for BC Minor Website
 - Daily focus on Social media presence and following to help build the BC Minor brand
- **BC Travel Teams**
 - Tournaments Booked for Team BC Selects
 - 13U Triple Crown Sports Father's Day Slugfest Tri-Cities, Washington
 - 15U USA Premier Baseball 2019 Firecracker Classic So-Cal
 - 16U GSL Tournaments 4th of July Bash, Lacey, Washington
 - Next Steps: Book Accommodations and Transportation
- **High Performance**
 - ID Camps locations and registrations currently live with 114 registrants (See Attached)
 - Promotional Materials distributed and ongoing
 - Call with Reggie Smith regarding 15U Development Camp Guest Coach Monday, April 1
 - Call to Ernie Young for 16U Development Camp
 - Team BC Coach Applications Close April 1 - Will then be reviewed by HP Committee for Coach Selection. Coaches will be notified by Marty Young as HP Chair
- **2019 BC Minor Baseball Coaching Conference**
 - Survey to presenters distributed and awaiting responses
 - Survey to attendees distributed and awaiting responses
- **2019 BC Minor Baseball Traveling Caravan**
 - Currently underway
 - Accommodations Booked
 - Continued promotion and updates via BC Minor Media Channels
- **Coach Development: See Report from Mike Kelly**
- **Administrative Support**
 - Current focus on Cloud-based document platform has a limited number of BoD members using at this time
 - FAQ sheets created and distributed for HP programs and Coaches Caravan
 - Provincial Champions Keeper Banners proofs requested

- Provincial and John Main medals to be ordered this week. Medal count form attached. Division directors will need to review and confirm numbers.
- Medals and Banners to reflect the change back to BC Minor Baseball
- Need to secure hosts for 11U AA/13U A West/15U A East and West/18U AA/Junior Men's Tier1 and Tier2
- Spring Upcoming Events Flyer to be created and distributed for first week of April

- **Marketing**

- Promotional materials for Caravan - distributed and ongoing
- Promotional materials for Team BC Selects - distributed and ongoing
- Need to secure remaining Provincial Host locations so that Traveling Teams can secure lodging - Comox and Richmond City have submitted applications for 13U AA. Burnaby has submitted an application to host 15U AA Wildcard. (See attached)
- Will continue the effort to secure key sponsors for Coaches Conference - Marketing committee will be working to the development of a formal sponsorship package (Tom and James)
- A shared document has been created for Marketing. Committee to provide a cost projection to switch BC Baseball branded inventory to BC Minor Baseball.
- Requested BC Minor Baseball 2019 Provincial Championships Logo - waiting for completion
- Working to create a collaborative document suite to identify and pursue marketing and sponsorship opportunities for BC Minor programming

- **Provincial Hosts**

- Need to finalize hosts to accommodate traveling teams

11U AA - open
 11U A – open
 13U A West – Open
 13U AA – Comox
 15U AAA – North Delta
 15U A west 0 open
 15U A East – Mission
 18U AA – open
 Junior Men's – Tsawwassen

- Division directors to confirm medal counts – please finalize by the end of the week
- Confirm tournament banners – add Baseball BC and Baseball Canada logos
- James need update Director's assignment duties list

7.7 Interior – Iain McIntyre / Tom Katelnikoff

- The Interior Associations are preparing to kick off the 2019 Baseball Season. Some of the single season teams have already played some exhibition games. (Tom)
- Fields will start to open in the different Associations shortly. Many Associations will be holding umpire clinics in the next couple of weeks. Associations are looking forward to the annual Coaches Caravan coming to the Interior on April 8-12th. The Interior Selects (13U, 15U and 16U) tryouts will be held April 12th in Penticton. With planning behind us, hopefully the players are on the fields playing ball in the next couple weeks! Game On!!! (Tom)
- Dealt with a Discipline issue with Vernon Minor Baseball from last year with Stuart and Grant. (Iain)

7.8 Island – Mike Holyk / Dave Garton: No Report

7.9 North – Carmen Martin: No Report

7.10 Web Site –John Braaten / James Raymond

- Single Season games schedules posted (15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA & College Prep on respective “Division” page. BC Minor Baseball will see steady amount of visits through the end of the season.
- High Performance coach and player registration forms available to register as per deadlines posted on website.
- BC Minor Baseball had a very good social media presence will begin to ramp up with BC Minor Baseball “Travelling Caravan” hitting the road at the end of March.
- Facebook (March 3-30)
- Weekly Facebook posts “reach” 1,765
- Weekly Facebook post “engagements” 849
- Facebook total “Likes” 394

8. Committees:

8.1 Boundary/Affiliation – Pat Weatherill (Chair) / John Braaten

- **Associations are being asked to review their boundaries and re-submit a current map**

8.2 Challenger – Sanda King (Chair): No information on the golf tournament as yet

8.3 Coaching Caravan – Mike Kelly (Chair): On the Road – web site is updated daily

8.4 Coaching Development – Mike Kelly (Chair) / Nick Van Dyk / Raj Puri

Coaching Certification requirements were reviewed, and the following is recommended:

- For BC Minor teams participating in the Westerns and National Championship the coaches would need to meet the below NCCP requirements as outlined by Baseball Canada:

2018 BASEBALL CANADA CHAMPIONSHIPS NCCP REQUIREMENTS

Division & Category	Requirements
13U (Pee-Wee)	1 Coach is Certified Regional Other Coaches are Trained Regional
15U Boys & 16U Girls (Bantam)	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
18U (Midget)	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
21U Men (Junior)	1 Coach is Certified Provincial Other Coaches are Trained Provincial
Senior Men	All Coaches have Initiation Coach Online Module
*Canada Cup	When 4 coaches are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 2 Coaches at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development Coach) When 3 are on staff: 1 Coach at least Certified Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Trained Comp-Dev 1 Coach at least Certified Provincial Coach (*Development Coach)
Canada Games	1 Coach is Competition – Development Certified 2 Coaches are Competition – Development Trained

* A Province can identify a coach as a 'Development Coach'. These coaches can only be a 'Development Coach' for one year. A 'Development Coach' must be a certified Provincial Coach. If the Coach was to return for a 2nd year to the Canada Cup, they would need to meet the Comp-Dev coaching requirements.



- For BC Minor Provincials the committee recommends that for the 2019 season we make the requirements optional or encourage coaches to start working towards the requirements that would be mandatory and in place for the 2020 season of play.

	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
9U (Tadpole)	Association defined Requirements or BCMB Coaching Program (1.5 Hour Workshop)	Association defined Requirements
11U (Mosquito)	Association defined Requirements or BCMB Coaching Program (1.5 Hour Workshop) For Provincials NCCP Initiation*	Association defined Requirements
13U A (Peewee A)	Initiation Coach	Initiation Coach on-line
13U AA (Peewee AA) or 13U AAA (Peewee AAA)	Regional Coach Trained	Initiation Coach working towards Regional Coach Trained
15U A (Bantam A)	Initiation Coach	Initiation Coach on-line
15U AA (Bantam AA) 15U AAA (Bantam AAA)	Regional Coach Certified	Initiation Coach working towards Regional Coach Trained
18U AA (Midget AA)	Initiation Coach	Initiation Coach on-line
18U AAA (Midget AAA)	Provincial Coach	Region Coach Trained working towards Region Coach Certified
College-Prep.	Provincial Coach	Region Coach Trained working towards Certification
BC Select Coaches	Recommended that coach meets requirements to coach Nationals	Recommended that coaches meet requirements to coach Nationals

- *Initiation Coach Clinic would be offered at Coaching Conference
- Strong recommendation would be to have all coaches take on-line Initiation course and BCMB Coaches Workshop.

Other Items Discussed:

- 2020 Coaching Conference dates: February 7/8/9, 2020.
- Increased Canadian Content with 3 American Speakers including Don Hooton (Impact of Steroids), Seattle Mariners Pitching Coach (TBC) and an expert on Visualization.
- Request to have Coaches Conference move to Island and Interior was reviewed but is cost-prohibitive. May consider sending one major speaker to Island. Also consider supplementing Island registrants \$50 and provide ferry pick-up.
- Will reach out to Vancouver Canadians, Toronto Blue Jays and Baseball Base for funding support.
- Will meet with Baseball BC after the Coaches Caravan regarding Certification and will report back to Board in May.

8.5 Governance (Rules and Discipline) – Nick Van Dyk (Chair) / Dave Garton / Cathy Wade

- Rule book finalized and printed – Thanks Mike for printing and Dave / Abigail for review.
- One issue identified is that the constitution requires the association to carry on business in Surrey but over time the mailbox and location of execs has moved to other locations. The registered office listed in the rules is also no longer a valid address. This will likely be a bylaw change at AGM.

- Need to clarify wording around ability to pick up players following a merger.
- Rulebook will require amendment to provide for regulation of coach training following rejoining Baseball BC. Coaching development committee is working on a structure and discussion will be provided in that committee's minutes.
- Issue late February regarding PBL pickups at 15U Bantam needs to be considered for 2020.
- Question sent to me regarding restrictions against playing exhibition games against other leagues. Under 1.10 our teams can't play against "independent" teams which do not belong to established leagues. No reference to, for example PBL or Little League teams. Need to consider whether this policy / restriction continues to be appropriate as it currently exists.
- Discussion with Stuart regarding how we need to make decisions which invoke Article XX. Rule as written requires a formally called meeting (silent on in person or phone) with due notice so email votes as are used for other motions are specifically disallowed for Article XX decisions. Consider whether this should be revised or is working as intended for 2019 AGM.

8.6 Finance Committee – Anne Hayes (Chair) / Nick Van Dyk / Dave Garton / James Raymond

- Lake Cowichan – fine for pulling team after the February 15th deadline
- Rule 7.01 Declaration dates - rule states that "Any withdrawal from this commitment after February 15th will result in a \$500 assessment for the association."
- The Board will enforce the fine. Any decision by the full Board is not subject to appeal.
- John Braaten, newly elected 2nd Vice President will be added as a signing officer
- Anne is working on rebates
- As Anne is going away – any director's expenses- please send to her at least two (2) days prior to the May meeting so that she can make up the cheques

8.7 Eligibility – Pat Weatherill (Chair)

- **Concerns on mergers – no formal request have been made, but the Associations have merged and formed teams:**

- The Cowichan Valley
- North Island – 15U AAA
- North Delta Tigers – 15U AAA
- Fraser Valley 18U AAA

- **Rosters need to be sent to Pat Weatherill ASAP for review**
- **Once rosters are received, and Pat has reviews he will then know who is running the teams**
- **James to do form for players movement up and down**
- Release from South Burnaby to Burnaby at the 18U AA level – release has been denied

- **Try Out Releases.....47**

- 18U Midget.....4
- 15U Bantam AA..31
- 13U Pee Wee AA....12

- **Releases.....64**

- T-Ball.....7
- Tadpole....1
- Mosquito...9
- Pee Wee A....12, AA....8
- Bantam A...8, AA....6 **** MORE TO COME****
- Midget.....13 **WILL BE ADJUSTED DUE RECENT MERGERS**

- **Overage.....8 **JUNIOR TO MIDGET-----MAXimum OF 2 PER TEAM****
WHITEROCK---2, DUNCAN 1, VANCOUVER MINOR 1, MISSION 4 (2 TEAMS)

- **Move Ups.....42 *HIGHLIGHTS ONLY***
 - T-Ball to Tadpole 2---Keromeos, to keep local team
 - Bantam to Midget 2—Squamish (North Shore) to keep team local
 - T-Ball to Tadpole 4
 - Pee Wee to Bantam 2.....Princeton to keep teams locally
- **Move Downs.....24 *Highlights***
 - Midget to Bantam 1
 - Pee Wee to Mosquito 6.....Princeton, to have a team locally, EXHIBITION GAMES ONLY
 - Bantam to Mosquito 2...Revelstoke, to keep players local
- Concerned with number of move ups/downs, will need to review rules/reasons, and RECOMMEND having a Director for these divisions, other than Grassroots Programming
- Appeals-----1 Eligibility player move up----denied

8.8 Girls – Val Greenwood (Chair)

- Baseball BC Female Baseball Committee met on March 18th.
- Stacey Matkowski from Kamloops was added as a new committee member
- New programming manual was presented at last meeting.
- Discussion took place on how to reach the associations to share our programming and support those currently running girl's baseball programs and those that are interested
- Letter was sent out to all associations on how to start a girls program within their associations
- Baseball BC is an "informational resource" for leagues and associations
- BC Girls leagues are expanding
- Osoyoos and COMBA have reached out for more information
- Kamloops is once again running their Friday night program, they currently have 40 registered. They also have three (3) all girls teams at 7U, 9U and 11U for this spring
- Jamborees will be hosted by Whalley, Kamloops and the Victoria Harbocats
- Leagues will enter teams (probably two (2) each) Association commitment and interest shown from Kamloops, Osoyoos, Central Okanagan, Chilliwach, Westside (Vancouver) and Carnarvon (Victoria)
- No entry cost
- Need more promotional items, posters, banners etc.
- Kristy looking for host on the Westside to partner with

BC Girl's Baseball Instructional League

- Planning has been done for up-coming season
- Stacy and Emily Fournier will once again be coaching these sessions
- Sessions will start earlier this year – two (2) sessions have been added and divisions will be split
- Pamphlets will be hand out at parks, schools etc. (Hope to alter these for each region)
- Open to all female players 7 – 13 years old
- Twelve (12) registered so far
- Early bird \$99 to March 01, Regular \$120 to April 01 and late registrations will be \$130
- Sessions will take place Saturdays April 27th to June 29th
- 3pm check in for 7 – 9 year olds
- 4pm check in for 10 – 12 year olds
- All sessions are at Whalley Athletic Park in Surrey

- For more information go to baseball.bc.ca/girls
- Follow the girls on @bcgirlsbaseball on Instagram and Twitter for updates and images
- Adding two (2) division – Okanagan (40 registered) and Vancouver Island – registration will open soon
- BC Badgers – Women’s division – new home field will be Hillcrest in Vancouver
- For more info on the Badgers go to [ballcharts.com/team/?team=BC Badgers&pg=schedule](http://ballcharts.com/team/?team=BC%20Badgers&pg=schedule)
- Budget – 14U and 16U travel moved to Championships – so should be less costly to the parents
- Looking at scholarships for 2020
- \$1000 received from Baseball Canada Female Committee

Schedule of Events

- BC Girls Instructional League – Lower Mainland – April 27 to June 29 – Saturdays 3 – 6 pm – Whalley Athletic Park – Jamboree – Whalley June 22 or 29th
Okanagan – April 26th – June 7th – Kamloops – Friday evenings – Jamboree June 8th at MacArthur Island
Victoria – TBA – Jamboree June 15th at Royal Athletic Park
- Grass Roots Festival (free)) / High Performance ID camps
 - Salt Spring Island – April 27
 - Chilliwack – May 24
 - Kamloops – June 8th
 - Victoria – June 15th
 - Surrey – June 22 or 29th
- Jays Care – “Girls at Bat” (free) Coaching Females Clinic
 - Surrey April 16th and 17th (details and registration open this week)
- 14U will be seeking exhibition games
- 16U – Summer league

High Performance

- Id Camps – cost TBA – 2018 cost was \$25
 - Chilliwack – May 24th
 - Kamloops – June 8th
 - Burnaby – June 10th (Scott to confirm)
 - Whalley – June 11 (Scott to confirm)
 - Westside (Vancouver) – June 12th (Kristy to confirm)
 - Victoria – June 15th or June 16th

Provincial Camps – cost TBA - \$200 in 2018

- Whalley – July 9 – 11 or July 16 – 18
 - T-shirts and hats only
 - 16U proposed optional two (2) day camp (to be determined week of camp)
 - Request has been made to enter Burnaby Fun Tournament in July

Championships

- 14U – August 15 – 18 – Saskatchewan
- 16U – August 22 – 25 – Bedford, Nova Scotia
- 21U – August 8 – 11 – Ottawa, Ontario
- Women’s Open – July 3 – 8 – Okotoks, Alberta
- Next meeting May 13th

8.9 High Performance –Marty Hall (Chair) /Iain MacIntyre/Mike Kelly/ Grant Butler/Ray Wearing /John Braaten/ James Raymond

- 114 players registered so far
- 15U has one (1) coach applications
- 13U has four (4) coach applications
- Desperate need for a venue for the 16U – committee to look for host – Ray and Grant

Conflict with the College Prep all-star game – only for grade 11's and 12's so no conflict
16U camp – May 31 – June 2 – development camp

- Should a bid process to host be done **same as Provincials? Yes, put on same hosting form**
- Ray will be part of the AA All-Star game
- Need umpires for 18U All-Star games in Richmond

8.10 Appeals – Sanda King / Iain MacIntyre

- Appeals Committee dealt with 2019-03-26 Established Appeal Committee according to Rule 16.01 in regards to a player not being allowed to play up from 13U to 15U AA. Denied appeal based on the player moving up to levels, from Peewee AA to Bantam AA and did not want to take a roster spot away from a 15U aged player, the 15U team had 18 players tryout for the team.

8.11 Scholarship – Abigail Wong De Leon (Chair) / Iain MacIntyre / Sanda King

- nothing to report at this time, too early in the season

8.12 Marketing – Tom Katelnikoff (Chair) / John Braaten / Abigail Wong De Leon / Grant Butler / Les Szabo

- On March 24th, the marketing committee held our first meeting via conference call. Grant Butler, John Braaten, James Raymond and I participated in this meeting. Abigail Wong-Deleon was absent.
- Prior to the meeting I had an hour-long conversation with Les Szabo. Les brought me up to speed on projects etc. from 2018. Les also offered to help the committee whenever possible.
- The main purpose of our first meeting was to lay out some goals for the next 12-24 months. Major tasks for the marketing committee over the next 12-24 months include:
 - Developing sponsors and a sponsorship program for events as well as a major sponsor for 2020 and beyond.
 - Increase registration in member programs and develop and share best practices for retaining those players in baseball programs.
 - Develop a sponsorship package for the 2019 18U AAA College Prep Final Four Tournament.
 - Logos : Develop the 2019 BC Minor Provincial logo, like last year.
 - Develop a logo that Associations can use on their websites and banners that identify the association as “a proud member of BC Minor Baseball.
 - Develop a library of graphic loge files as a resource for Associations
 - Events and Programs: Develop a timetable of press releases for our various events, provincials, camps, caravans, conventions and tournaments.
- I look forward to working with the marketing committee to create brand awareness and program awareness, both to our member Associations and the general public

8.13 Umpire Liaison – Pat Weatherill (Chair) / Nick Van Dyk

- Met Phil Bourgeois (new BCBUA rep for BCM) in person today at an umpire clinic and discussed high level issues related to umpiring for BCM. Phil reiterated an issue BCBUA has in respect of BC Minor's rules leaving BCBUA certification optional. This is significantly different from the hockey model under which referee certification is not optional and is a condition of insurance. (Nick)
- Had conversation with Sean Sullivan, will be having face to face shortly (Pat)
- Concern they have is Powell River NOT carding -- and what is our resolve to issue, ongoing discussion (Pat)
- Powell River umpires are finding it is not worth their while to get carded as they have so few games it costs them more to get certified than they will earn during the season
- BCMBA has no rule on carding of umpires
- BCBUA will not hold a clinic for under 15 people as the financial cost is too great and the smaller associations will not card after the initial course

8.14 Human Resources – Anne Hayes (Chair) / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri

- Attendance: Anne Hayes, Val Greenwood and James Raymond
- Absent: Raj Puri
- **James travel expenses and what to do in the future for board meetings.**
 - We discussed with James that as his travel expenses are close to the budget total for the year, he should be only phoning in for board meetings in the future.
 - Anne has moved the travel expenses that were charges to employee travel expenses to the proper division as he was acting as a director while completing the 15UAAA schedule.
- **What James is currently working on.**
 - Coaching caravan making sure that the rooms are booked, and we are staying within the budget.
 - He has sent confirmation emails to the associations that are hosting the caravan and he will continue to follow up with them.
 - He has completed and distributed a caravan host FAQ.
 - Maintain and update website as needed. He has sent a request to Grant Butler, Anne Hayes and John Braaten to review the website and send any updates or changes to him for review.
 - Diamond Nation CP tournament has been booked and the deposit has been paid.
 - Liaise with Traveling Teams to provide needed logistical support and communications for the John Main tournament and our Provincials.
- **What James has not accomplished and needs to focus on for the remainder of the year.**
 - Select camps – finalising the coaches and locations of all 3 camps.
 - Post event summaries and recommendation reports on all Special events.
 - Enact approved changes and initiatives in a timely manner.
 - Work on travel for the selects teams and finalise them.
 - Need to put the FAQ for the caravan on the website.
 - Build surveys for the AGM and distribute to the membership.
 - Create a report and provide recommendations to the board to improve/streamline 2019 event.
 - For the 2020 Coaching Conference connect with all attendees to survey and request key

topics for speaker coverage, working with Mike Kelly.

- Explore key sponsors to offset the cost to membership and BC Minor.
- Weekly check in with Anne Hayes to review and prioritize any specific needs, projects and tasks.

8.15 Awards – Val Greenwood (Chair) / Mike Kelly / Raj Puri: No Report

8.16 Baseball BC Transition Committee – Anne Hayes / Iain MacIntyre: No Report

8.17 Grass Roots – Tom Katelnikoff (Chair) / John Braaten

- Over my first month as Grassroots Chairperson, I have reviewed meeting notes sent to us by Stuart Drysdale of Baseball BC. These notes were from June 2017, Oct 2017 and Nov 2018.
- I have also had a discussion with Stacey Matkowski, who is Kamloops Minor Baseball Rally Cap Coordinator. Stacey is also on the Baseball BC Grassroots committee. A manual has been put together, which is in the process of being finalized.
- On April 6th, Kamloops is hosting a 5U, 6U & 7U Parent Leader/Coach training session. It will be from 2-4pm. Kamloops has opened this up to all associations who would like to send coaches or parent leaders. I have sent an invitation to all Interior Associations.
- On April 7th Kamloops is also hosting an 8U & 9U parent leader session. Kamloops has also extended an invitation to all Interior Associations to send coaches. Baseball BC will also have representation at these training sessions. I plan to attend at least one of these sessions, most likely the Saturday sessions.
- John Braaten and I have had a phone conversation about the grassroots program. Richmond, John's home association, has solid 7U and 9U programs.
- I think we need to spend the next period of time collecting information to share with Associations on increasing registration at the grassroots level. And then ways to best retain those players once registered in our member association programs. We already have some key programs that work towards this goal, which include: BC Minor Baseball Coaches Convention and the Coaches Caravan.

9. DIVISION REPORTS

9.1 11U – John Braaten (chair) / Pat Weatherill / Cathy Wade / Dave Garton (Island- Director) / Iain MacIntyre (interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **MOTION: J. Braaten / P, Weatherill**

Motion to invoke Article XX, as set out in the 2019 BCMBA Rule Book, and set aside Rule 8.07, which states “11U (Mosquito) – Tiered Teams are not permitted.” For the 2019 season.

Reasoning: Tiering is occurring at the 11U level within at least one (1) member Association's spring program this year, that we know of and within the Lower Mainland MSET program. It is unclear if Tiering is occurring in the Interior and/or the Island Prospect Programs.

Said Tiering has created a distinct separation in play amongst the teams participating at the 11U AAA Tier I Provincial Championship Tournaments as witnessed by the attending BCMBA Tournament Director(s).

If this motion passes, by a 2/3 majority, a resolution setting out the setting aside of Rule 8.07 will be issued and presented for approval by way of a majority vote (50% + 1) at the 2019 AGM. If passed at the AGM

Rule 8.07 will be repealed from the Rule Book.

M/S/C Voting: 10 for, 1 Against, 1 Abstention (Ray Wearing)

9.2 13U – Marty Hall (Chair – Island – AAA) / Nick Van Dyk (AA) / Sanda King (A) / Iain MacIntyre (Interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **John Main Tournament, John Braaten Tournament Director**
 - Completely booked
 - John waiting for International teams
 - Need umpire costs – umpires plus supervisor John and Pat to finalize
 - This is an umpire training event
 - May 23 – 26 in Richmond
- **13U AA**
 - I understand that all of the Lower Mainland interlocks have now finalized their spring schedules for this division.
 - Heard indirectly that at least one of the interlock schedules did not leave a window for the BCM select ID camps as teams felt windows were better used for tourneys with the highest skill kids being ok to lose for a day to the camp and give other kids opportunities to play.
 - I will be trying to get around the Lower Mainland and see the odd 13U PW AA game through the spring season.

9.3 15U – Trevor McGuire (Chair) / Les Szabo (AAA) / Trevor McGuire / Abigail Wong De Leon (AA) / Abigail Wong de Leon (A) / Mike Holyk (Island) / Tom Katelnikoff (Interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **15U AAA**
 - Meeting completed March 16, 2019 - no issues
 - All teams have paid league fees
 - Delta to host the 15U AAA Provincials [July 26](#) to [July 31](#), 2019
 - Final four (4) tournament – July 26 - 31
 - Special thanks James Raymond and Cam Frick for the collaborative efforts in building a schedule
- **15U AA Les Szabo** (Trevor still away.)
- As of March 29, associations have paid their single season fee EXCEPT West Kelowna (this was confirmed by Anne)
- Scheduling issues were all resolved in a timely manner.
- Schedule is now posted on BC MInor website.

○ **15U A: No Report**

9.4 18U – Grant Butler (Chair) –College Prep / Ray Wearing (AAA) / Raj Puri (AA), Mike Holyk (Island), Tom Katelnikoff (Interior) / Carmen Martin (North)

- **18U Chair:** Grant re-assigned the Chair from himself to Ray Wearing going forward.
- **College Prep:** Grant: As Acting President I am willing to continue as CP Director, subject to BOD
 - March 06, 2019-06 Baseball BC Update from Kyle Williams re: 18U AAA T1 Bonds, to be determined if BCMBA would be guaranteeing bonds for the provincials. If not, the bond is payable mid-June. Not sure where this has gone as it is part of the negotiations to return to Baseball BC.
 - March 11, 2019 Baseball BC Update from Kyle Williams re: Baseball BC 18U AAA Tier 1 Provincials. One team has dropped out leaving 7 teams. Kyle forwarded two options for the play down to the participating teams.

- March 16, 2019 Notice form Baseball BC of their 18U AAA Tier 1 Provincial Format and Seeded Schedule being sent to Tier 1 contacts.
- A change from "I-score" to "Game Changer" was noted at the February 2 meeting; James has confirmed that the present website is not compatible at this time.
- A number of teams have traveled this year for "Spring Training", Arizona and Mexico that I know of. I've asked that they let us know and supply pictures and comments for the CP web page.
- **18U AAA** Grant Butler for Ray Wearing (Materials prior to Ray being Assigned to 18UAAA)
 - March 13, 2019 Violation of Rule 7.07, \$200 fine to Burnaby for the North Fraser Nationals initiated by John Braaten, Richmond City President and acknowledged by Burnaby Team Manager John Wong.
 - March 15, 2019 Notice form Baseball BC of their 18U AAA Tier 2 Provincial Format and Seeded Schedule being sent to Tier 2 contacts
 - Minor changes to the schedule by the teams involved, updates have been posted to the web site.
 - North Island, who were awarded the tournament, has found that they do not have their fields due to a civic event and asked if we could move the tournament back to the long weekend. Due to the concern of umpires, the schedule running into the week of the long weekend and a myriad of changes made by teams to their schedules I thought it best to contact Dave Garton, President GVBA to see if GVBA would be interested in hosting the 18U AAA provincial tournament as they too had applied to host. On March 27, Dave Garton confirmed that they will have their fields and that they would take on the responsibility of hosting. I have talked with Ray Wearing, our 18U AAA Director, and we agree to move the provincials from North Island to Victoria. Notice to North Island was sent 29 Mar '19.
- **18U AA** Raj Puri
 - Interlock schedule just being organized. Thank you to Sanda for facilitating the interlock meeting in Cloverdale. Other than merge requests that the Board has addressed no other issues to report.

9.5 25U Junior Men's – Anne Hayes (Chair)

- 14 Teams this year, Tsawwassen has stepped up to do Finals weekend.

10. New Business

- **AGM – November 16, 2019 – location TBA**
- **Vancouver Canadians Season Tickets**
 - Tickets were not been renewed for 2019 – cost concerns
 - Is there value in renewing? Yes, if they are used as intended – directors taking Presidents, association representatives or coaches
 - Great marketing tool, ie: perhaps to a contest for the kids to win tickets
 - Sanda to arrange four (4) seasons tickets
 - John Braaten and Pat Weatherill to manage tickets
- **MOTION : P. Weatherill / J. Braaten**
Motion to purchase four (4) season tickets to the Vancouver Canadians games.
M/S/C – Against : Sanda King and Abigail Wong de-Leon
- **Motion to adjourn: 9:06 pm R. Puri / J. Braaten M/S/C**

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 – 5:45 pm – Sandman Signature – Langley, BC

Other Important Dates: