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MINUTES of March 03, 2020 BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting

Sandman Signature Hotel – 8828 201st Street, Langley Twp, BC V2Y 0C8

Call Meeting to order: 5:48 pm

Board of Directors: G. Butler, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, R. Miciuk, A. Wong-de Leon, S. McCann, M. Kelly, R. Puri, J. Raymond, R. Wearing

Conference Call: S. King, H. Gurney, C. Martin

Absent: T. Baker-Cornett, M. Hall, J. Braaten, D. Crone, D. Garton, N. Dhaliwal,

President's Opening Remarks:

- **MOTION: G. Butler / R. Puri** Motion to move meeting "in camera" M/S/C
- **MOTION: A. Wong-de Leon / R. Miciuk** Motion to move "out of camera" M/S/C

Congratulations to Mike Kelly and the Convention Committee in delivering another successful Convention and thank you to all the Directors that helped during the event, job well done.

I've accepted two resignations in the last month, Pat Weatherill and Trevor McGuire, both long time members of the Board. I've thanked them for their time and wished them all the best.

The positions left open have been filled as follows.

- Eligibility: Co-chairs Tina Baker and Neal Dhaliwal
- 15U Chair: Anne Hayes
- Discipline: Ray Wearing
- Boundaries: Sanda King

Adoption of Minutes

- **MOTION: R. Puri / S. McCann** Motion to accept February's minutes as distributed. M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda: None

Correspondence:

- Joe Germaine – inquiry about possible funding to assist with his pursuit of the NCCP courses and other certification
- Ten Feet Sports and Entertainment – invoice for lunch at Coaches Conference
- Sandman Hotel Group – Invoice for dinner meeting February 3th

- **Executive Rosters:** Ridge Meadows, Surrey Canadian
- Pat Weatherill to Magnolia Pauker (cc: Tobias Horbas) – Salt Spring Island – approval for Benny Stocks, Owen Brown and James Schure to move from 15U to 18U AA
- Pat Weatherill – final Eligibility/Boundaries/Umpire reports
- Alex Klenman – thank you note for Roll of Honour award
- Bill Duvall – President North Shore – boundaries – as originally submitted by Jacquie Griffith Past President (submitted November 2018)
- Chad Neufeld – Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture – requesting field sizes
- Andy Thompson – question on move up from Tadpole to 11U
- Chris Balison – President Kamloops – permission for over aged player – 18U AA – Jarrett Mirtle
- White Rock Executive – letter regarding voting procedures at AGM
- Pat Weatherill – letter of resignation
- Trevor McGuire – letter of resignation
- BC Umpires Association – new contract

Business Arising: None

EXECUTIVE REPORTS:

1) President – Grant Butler

- Talked with Pat Weatherill regarding his concerns, more work needs to be done within the Rules and policies established over the years
- Have begun correspondence with BCBUA
- 11U Tiering: Much discussion with White Rock and North Shore. Held a meeting during the Convention with White Rock, John Braaten and myself. Recommended an A-XX seconded by another Association.
- Attended the interior meeting in Vernon. Again, this group seems very organized and engaged.

2) 1st Vice President – John Braaten

- February saw a big uptick in communications on all levels “all things baseball”. I attended multiple preseason divisional meetings for single season leagues.
- Hosted the 13U Lower Mainland preseason meeting as well
- Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the Baseball BC Grassroots Committee meeting after it was delayed a few times. Sanda was able to attend on behalf of BCMBA.
- Was able to be in attendance for the Interior meeting in Vernon this past weekend and thanks for those who attended and provided good discussions.

3) 2nd Vice President – Sanda King

- Appeals – need standard step by step process. Grant working on format, James to work on form.
- The Baseball BC Umpire/Coach relations Ad hoc committee is planning to have samples of signage that associations can get made if they wish to have them put up at their parks. The intention is to have visual reminders to treat umpires respectfully and to keep everyone’s conduct (player, coach, parent, spectator) appropriate. I have not seen the samples yet, but they should be available soon.

4) Treasurer – Anne Hayes

- **MOTION: M. Kelly / A. Hayes** Motion to accept Treasurer's report as distributed. M/S/C

5) Secretary – Val Greenwood

- Thank you note from Alex Klenman – recipient of the Roll of Honour award

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR – James Raymond

- See report in addendum following minutes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Rules – Dave Garton (Chair) – Ray Wearing – Sanda King

- Discussion on overview of the rule book

2. Eligibility - Tina Baker-Cornett – Neal Dhaliwal – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Linden Hix – Campbell River – move down from 18U to 15U
- Need form for move up/move down

3. Discipline – Ray Wearing (Chair) – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Umpires must send ejection reports to Ray then to the division chair

4. Female Baseball – Val Greenwood

- 14U girls will be entering team in the 13U A division in the summer – will follow same rules as for the 16U team

5. Umpire Liaison – Dave Garton – Neal Dhaliwal – Sanda King – Grant Butler

- Sean Sullivan will be handling the new contract send to the board for review

6. High Performance – Mike Kelly (Chair) – Hugh Gurney – Ron Miciuk – Marty Hall – Ray Wearing – John Braaten – James Raymond

- Discussions being held on selects camps
- 16U needs venue – May 29th to 31st

7. Boundaries - Sanda King (Chair) John Braaten – No Report

8. Coaching Development/NCCP – Mike Kelly - John Braaten (Co-Chair) – Ron Miciuk, Raj Puri, Doug Crone, Marty Hall

- Caravan – budget, locations and hotels are set
- Board to fill out survey on how things went at the conference
- 2021 conference will be on the Super Bowl weekend

John Braaten (co-chair)

- I will defer to Mike Kelly's report. Travelling Caravan prepping to get ready for their provincial tour starting later this month! Coaching Conference was well received by attendees and looking forward

to post-mortem Report and discussion within the Board of Directors to bring the best conference to our membership each year.

9. Marketing - James Raymond (Chair / Admin) – John Braaten – Sanda King – Ron Miciuk – Hugh Gurney – Tina Baker-Cornett

- See report in addendum following minutes

10. Grass Roots – John Braaten (Chair) – Sanda King

- I have received a few inquiries regarding the new 9U pitching rules. Coaches will have to adapt and in essence develop everyone with the new pitch count rules brought in at the last AGM.
- The Grassroots Survey is well under way and appreciate all of the coaches (and associations) who are currently participating in Phase I of this expansive project. Looking to have initial insights early Spring back to the BCMBA Board.

11. Risk Management / Insurance – John Braaten (Chair) – Anne Hayes

- As a follow-up to the previous Risk Management report BCMBA is developing a “Risk Management” page for reference and assistance for basic information and guidance. It will be found online under BCMBA/Programs/Risk Management. As for insurance there has been an issue brought to our attention regarding non-BCMBA players registering under our insurance program and inquiring with our Insurer.

Anne Hayes

- Player insurance renewal is done
- D & O still looking for renewal (people on sick leave so things are backed up)
- No to the Delta Tigers being on our certificate
- North Delta Blue Jays are on our certificate – should not be there
- Letter to PBL – our 15U not to play their practice team – invoke Rule 1.10 recruitment of players

- **MOTION: M. Kelly / R. Puri Motion to move meeting “in camera” M/S/C**

- **MOTION: S. McCann / R. Miciuk Motion to move meeting “out of camera” M/S/C**

12. Challenger – Steve McCann (Chair) - No Report,

- note: Mission has not received previously approved Challenger \$ 500 sponsorship.

13. Web Site – James Raymond (Chair) – John Braaten – Anne Hayes

- See Administrative Director report in addendum following minutes

John Braaten:

- I have continued to received tournament posting requests and as of this date there are now fifty-one (51) posted for spring and summer

14. Human Resources – Anne Hayes (Chair) – Val Greenwood – Raj Puri – Tina Baker-Cornett

- Sent out questions for committee review on James’ annual review

15. Awards – Val Greenwood (Chair) – Mike Kelly – Raj Puri – Sanda King – No Report

16. Scholarship – Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair) – Sanda King – Raj Puri – Ron Miciuk

- Scholarship recipients attended the awards ceremony last February 7, 2020, at the Langley Event Centre. Two of them were represented by their parents as they are attending school outside BC.
- I attended the 18UAAA meeting last February 16 and talked about the scholarship BCMBA offers. The scholarship is not only limited to College Prep and 18UAAA, but this is also open to all Grade 12 players in all of the 18U divisions, as long as they play within BCMBA member association. I encouraged all coaches to discuss this with their players.
- The application process will be emailed to 18U division directors for distribution after it has been reviewed by the scholarship committee

17. Baseball BC - Grant Butler (Chair) – John Braaten – Sanda King – No Report

DIVISIONAL REPORTS:

1) 25U Chair – (Jr. Men's) – Anne Hayes

- The meeting for this division has been called for Saturday, March 7th at 1:30pm at the Cloverdale Clubhouse.
- All teams from last year as well as any new Junior Men's commissioners from the Lower Mainland Association websites have been invited.

2) 18U Chair – Ray Wearing

- College Prep schedule done – awaiting rosters

➤ 18U AAA – Hugh Gurney

- Schedule has been finalized and sent out to all teams along with contact list for the division. 34 game unbalanced schedule. This was decided on to help minimize travel for all teams involved.
- Season to begin April 11, and conclude on July 19th. Provincials being held July 23 - 26.
- League wide blackout for the weekend of May 30 & 31 for the 16U High Performance camp and tryout. Hoping to put together a College showcase all-star game for Grade 11 & 12 players the same weekend in a different location.
- Discussion with Prince George about being involved with the season schedule for next season. Prince George will play in several tournaments this season, hopefully playing the majority of, if not all the teams in the league. These games will count as league games for this season and determine seeding for Provincials.

MOTION: R. Puri / A. Wong-de Leon

Motion to approve merger between South Burnaby and Vancouver Minor at the 18U AAA level for the 2020 season. M/S/C - S. McCann abstained

- Overage request from Kamloops sent to eligibility for approval on recommendation of the division

➤ **18U AA – Raj Puri**

- Prince George to play tournaments – will count as league games
- Provincials will be July 23rd to 26th – new dates?
- Umpires are denying officiating at the AA Provincials
- Table until more information is collected from the Umpire's Association
- Board approved Mission to host the 2020 18U-AA Provincials for July 30 - August 3 this season.
- Feedback from the host association president, Dan Williams was that BCBUA had denied to allocate umpires for three tournaments; 18U-AA Provincials, a mens tournament and a PBL tournament due to the lack of availability of competent umpires. This has obviously caused a major concern for the tournament organizing committee and a recommendation has come forward to move the 2020 18U-AA Provincials to July 23 – 26 to ensure the success of this tournament. This will be confirmed at the next BCMBA Board meeting.
- Chilliwack has confirmed that they will be fielding a Midget AA team this summer.
- A request to have VMBA (Vancouver) and SBMC (South Burnaby) merge for the 2020 baseball season has been put forward to BCMBA and will be reviewed at the Board meeting.
- As organizations plan for their spring interlock season, a few inquiries have been made for over-age players to return for an extra season. It was confirmed that they can for spring only and are not eligible to pitch. (see Rule Book)

3) 15U Chair – Anne Hayes

- As the recently appointed 15U Chair, I recognize my role as overall management of the division, providing information and historical knowledge of the division and help when and where needed. As such I attended both the 15UAAA meeting and the 15UAA meeting at the Cloverdale Clubhouse this month.
- Ron Miciuk Chaired the 15UAAA meeting and we were joined by Abigail Wong-de Leon, James Raymond and John Braaten. The meeting was well represented by the participating teams and the consensus we received is that this division is well organized and is now sitting at 9 teams. As of the writing of this report I have almost finished the schedule with Ron and many of the coaches help and it will soon be ready to be posted to the website.
- Abigail Chaired the 15UAA meeting, joined by John Braaten. As with the division leading up to the meeting, there was quite a bit of confusion regarding the Provincial Championship. The issue arose with the passing of the new rule to tier 15UAA that went into place this year, unfortunately it did not consider that there is only one provincial for this level, as per the Rule book. Leading up to the meeting Abigail and I worked through how to tier the teams and then how to allocate the tiers to the provincials and after laying out the framework with those in the meeting, I believe the 15U AA division will move ahead with discernible goals and objectives.
- Abigail and I will be putting the 15U AA schedule together over the next week and hope to be finalizing it by the second week of March.
- As part of the preamble to this year of baseball there has been much talk and questions around the new PBL Bantam "Practice" teams, now identified as "Development" teams which have ripped a hole through the 15U division and has started dipping into 13U. These teams are now advertising and seeking games with BCMBA teams in addition to with their own "league". In wrapping up the 15U AA meeting I advised all teams that BCMBA does not want them to play the PBL development/practice teams as the only benefit is to the PBL not BCMBA.
- Also, 15U should change drop out date – February 15th is too early

➤ **15U AAA – Ron Miciuk**

- 15U AAA meeting was held in Cloverdale on February 15, 2020. Board members included Anne Hayes, John Braaten, Abigail Wong-de Leon, James Raymond and me.
- All the organizations had representatives present or appearing by telephone.
- Anne Hayes produce a ten (10) team schedule which has been approved by all the organizations
- Before the release of the schedule Richmond / Burnaby unfortunately had to pull their name from the 15U AAA League as they were unable to field a squad.
- Anne has since produced a 9 team 40 game schedule which has been a very difficult endeavor. It is currently out for review and feedback from the organizations and have had some very good feedback and a lot of support from the coaches. By the time of the March 3 meeting the 15U AAA schedule should be released and published.

➤ **15U AA – Abigail Wong-de Leon**

- The report submitted for last February's meeting has now been updated to this information.
- The 15UAA meeting was moved from February 15 to February 23, 2020. Anne and John were present at the meeting. The meeting started late because I was not informed about the change in the conference code until I began receiving texts and emails.
- There were more than 25 attendees (in person and via conference call; about 22 teams) participated in the meeting. There was a long discussion about the tiering process, but overall, it was well received.
- Participants were asked to choose if they want a ten-team provincial format or a twelve-team provincial format. The majority voted for the ten-team provincial format.
- The minutes of the meeting were emailed to all 15UAA coaches, coordinators, and association presidents this afternoon (Sunday, March 1, 2020). A final tiering placement list will be emailed after it is finalized.
- Wild card date: July 18 and 19, 2020. Since the weekend dates have changed, it will no longer be in Burnaby. There are 3 associations who put their names forward to host. A decision will be made at a later time.
- Provincial dates: July 31 – August 3, 2020, with August 4 as back up for rainout. Chilliwack is the host association.
- Last week, I received a phone call from Bill Robinson, VC President, advising that VC is able to put a 2nd 15UAA team this year. I reminded Bill about Rule 8.09(D). This makes 20 teams in the Fraser Valley this season.

4) 13U - Chair – John Braaten

- I hosted the 13U Lower Mainland pre-season meeting in Cloverdale Feb 16th. Most all associations were represented or sent regrets and provided information. Looks to be 70+ 13U A and 23+ 13U AA teams being fielded in 2020. Division specific rules were discussed, summer declaration dates along with local Interlocks were part of the agenda. Meeting minutes were supplied thereafter to Lower Mainland association presidents.
- I have also received numerous requests for information regarding the 13U Selects program. Three Day Camp has been posted (still looking for a host location). Coaching application is now live online at:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLQHKhdKxn0HawhzE2P_9ZXsr6tQWYY4hlQM_LNZgp9-ohow/viewform
- Deadline to register is March 15th. Tournament is June 19-21 Kennewick WA.

- **The 2020 John Main tournament** is currently full with another six (6) teams waitlisted. One team withdrew but was replaced by the next “waitlisted” team. Really good provincial representation. The Marketing Committee are in the final steps for tournament pre-sale of t-shirt forms.

➤ **13U AAA – Marty Hall –No report**

➤ **13U AA Steve McCann**

- Steve will be unavailable from April 01 to May 21st – he will be reachable by email

➤ **13U A – Sanda King**

- See full report in addendum following minutes

5) 11U Chair – Mike Kelly

- White Rock and North Shore are still tiering
- White Rock and North Shore have Lawyer opinions that question our AGM voting procedures
- Grant has approached Peter Buxton to review the AGM voting process on our behalf.

6) 9U Chair – John Braaten

- Pitching rules
- See full report in addendum following minutes

7) Island – 15U / 18U – No Report

- Mike Kelly and Abigail Wong-de Leon to attend Island meeting

8) Island – 11U / 13U – No Report

9) Interior – 11U / 18U – Neal Dhaliwal - No Report

10) Interior – 13U / 15 – Ron Miciuk – No Report

11) North – Carmen Martin – No Report

12) NEW BUSINESS: None

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN – 7:55 PM – A. Hayes / M. Kelly M/S/C**

Next meeting April 07, 2020 – Sandman Signature Hotel

ADDENDUM REPORTS attached



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Administrative Director's Report

March 2020

Website and Social Media

- Rolled all Divisional pages to the 2020 Season
- Set up a standardized Divisional Homepage layout that will provide a uniform look.
- All teams uploaded and set up with the exception of a few 15U teams that require adjustments
- Still needing team logos for some teams
- Still needing team page administrator information for scores entry
- Caravan Campaign ready for launch will begin early March

BC Travel Teams

- HP Tournaments booked and paid

Administrative Support

- Onsite support for Coaches Conference
- Follow up support for Coach Development Committee (NCCP registrations)
- BCMBA staff survey distribution and collection of data for Coaches Conference follow up
- 2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan Travel logistics booked
- Scheduling for 2020 BCMBA Coaches Caravan
- Event registration/applications support and reporting for HP programming
- Support communications for the BoD
- Gsuite set up and deployment (43 individual accounts)
- BoD support with new email implementation and shared folders set up
- All users have logged in or set up forwarding to date.
- Set up and logistics support for Interior Region Spring meeting
- Support and minutes for 15U AAA pre-season meeting
- Schedule uploads for 15U AA/15U AAA/18U AAA pending at the time of the monthly report
- Will begin the rebuild of all other pages for the 2020 season
- High volume Member support for Coaches Caravan
- Continued work on Procedures segment draft

Marketing Committee Report

- Pop up banners deployed at the 2020 Coaches Conference. Initial feedback on their use has been positive
- Rework of Coaches Conference event program also well received. Will look to secure more ad revenue for next year
- Marketing Committee met Feb. 25, 2020
- Highlights of that meeting:
 - Review of Marketing Committee role at the Coaches Conference.
 - Pop up banners, provided a strong representation of BCMBA programming and benefits

- Rework of the program demonstrates a level of professionalism that we hope will attract more sponsorship opportunities
- Areas of improvement noted and will be referred to for future events
- Review of marketing efforts upcoming events - Caravan, John Main, HP Selects
- Approval of 10th Anniversary Tour Tees as a promotional give away to participants
- Approval of John Main Invitational T-shirt design
- Approval of Team BC Selects development camp hats
- Review of current BoD apparel needs (will create a spreadsheet to summarize and track BoD needs) will look to source out sizing boxes and fit BoD with apparel where needed
- Standard “kit” to be determined and recommended to the BoD by mid-March for sizing at April BoD meeting
- Introduction and discussion on the usage of Marketing shared drive as a central resource for members of the marketing committee
- Discussion of revenue opportunities through sponsorships or ad sales
- Discussion of sponsorship package for interested parties - the formal presentation has been started and will be shared with committee members for further review and progression (established subcommittee for completion of the document)
- Introduction of RFQ procedures for future marketing material needs
- Provincial medals and banners discussion (will remove date from medals and will continue to display on the ribbons only)
- Communication and coordination with event and committee chairs need to improve so that the marketing committee can better support those events and programs
- More lead time is required in order to provide more pre-event promotion and increased attendance
- Immediate marketing promotional efforts will be focused on Caravan, John Main, and HP Selects
- Immediate marketing sponsorship efforts will be focused on the completion of the Sponsorship Opportunities Presentation

****We need to assign Provincial Hosts ASAP so that we can get accommodations in place. Directors, please reach out to coaches and Presidents to help find hosts.**



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15U AAA Division Spring Meeting - Minutes

February 15, 2020

Cloverdale Clubhouse (17383 61A Avenue, Cloverdale, BC) 2:00 pm

Called to order 2:02 PM

Introductions

BCMBA
Ron Miciuk (15U AAA Director)
Anne Hayes (15U Chair)
John Braaten (1st VP)
Abigail Wong-de Leon (15U AA Director)
James Raymond (Administrative Director)

15U AAA Teams
Township
Tri City
Cloverdale
Richmond City/Burnaby
Vancouver Community
Chilliwack
North Shore*
Kelowna*
Kamloops*
Penticton*

*Conference Call

Overview of 2019 Season

Changes for 2020 - primarily on Pathway to Westerns and Nationals. John Braaten reviewed the outcome of discussions with Baseball BC. Westerns and Nationals qualifiers are no longer pay to play, BCMBA member berths to be earned through BCMBA postseason play. BCMBA 15U AAA will use the same postseason framework as 2019. Top 8 roll into a best of three series to determine the final four. The final four** will advance to Baseball BC Westerns and National Qualifiers. See www.bcminorbaseball.org for more information on the Pathway to Westerns and Nationals.

**Berths to Baseball BC Qualifiers will be determined based on proportional representation related to the participation of all Baseball BC members. PBL 15U Practice Teams will not be included in team counts determining berth allocation.

Single Season Fee - \$700 due April 1, 2020

Rules

Reviewed roster size and submission dates:

1st roster due April 1, 2020

2nd roster due July 1, 2020

Rule 13 Manager, Coach, Player, and Parent – Code of Conduct

Rule 19.04 Bats

15U AAA -10 max length/weight drop, Wood, Bamboo or Wood Composite

Rule 22.08 Mercy Rule

If a team is leading its opponent by at least ten (10) runs after five or more equal innings have been played, or after four and one-half innings if the team second at bat should have a ten-run lead at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, the game shall be terminated and the team in front declared the winner. Should a team hit a “walk off” out of the park home run to end a game under the mercy rule all runners including the batter shall be permitted to score (as per the Official Rules of Baseball).

Rule 25.06 Single Season Teams – NO fair play rules

No fair play rules are mandated for 15U AA, AAA and 18U AAA teams. *Coaching staffs are **required** to provide a player agreement form acknowledging the no minimum rule, to be signed by each player and a parent/guardian before the start of league play.*

Rule 29.01 - Tie Breaker Rules

Read it, know it. Really important when it comes to postseason competition. Make sure to read 29.02 as it pertains to 15U.

Scheduling

- 36 games not including Qualifier or Provincials
- Games start April 5, 2020, and ending July 5, 2020
- Weekday games – Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
- Weekends D/H. Travel on the weekends
- The first draft of schedule will be completed by February 22, 2020
- Open to changes, amended completion February 28, 2020
- Final schedule submitted March 1, 2020
- Any requested changes must be emailed to 15uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org
- The geographical proximity of teams is taken into consideration when weekday games must be scheduled.
- Weekday games are not ideal as it provides a potential advantage to Lower Mainland teams over Interior teams when it comes to pitcher rest days.
- The structure of the schedule will be dependent on field availabilities and team blackouts. Specifically in the format of four game weekend series when travelling to the Lower Mainland or Interior.
- It is the responsibility of each team to complete all games and reschedule as needed of rain-outs etc. Must notify the Division Director by email.
- We ask that teams be very aware of the number of tournaments they book. With the compressed nature of our schedule teams may be required to use rest weekends for weather makeup games.
- Ideally, teams should refrain from booking more than two or three tournaments outside of BCMBA 15U AAA schedule.
- BCMBA 15U AAA League schedule will take precedence over all other games.

Notable dates

June 19-21 (Team BC Selects Development Camp)

July 1-5 (Team BC Selects Travel Tournament)

July 10-12 (BC Minor Baseball Best of Three Round)

July 17-18 (BC Minor Baseball Final Four)

July 23-26 (BC Summer Games) - Watch baseball.bc.ca for updates on the qualification process

Aug. 6-10 (Baseball BC Qualifier for Westerns and Nationals)

It is the responsibility of the winning team to post the scores (Set up through SportsEngine account, coaches to email SE Account email to 15uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org for team admin privileges) – any discrepancies will be referred to the Division Director with both teams providing Official Game Score sheets.

Round table

NCCP coach certifications will be required and enforced for the 2020 Season. Contact Mike Kelly (coaches@bcminorbaseball.org) or John Braaten (1stvp@bcminorbaseball.org) with any questions regarding your certification requirements.

Adjourned - 2:35 PM



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15UAA Division Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2020
Cloverdale Fieldhouse
(17383 61A Avenue, Cloverdale, BC)
12 pm

In Attendance: Cloverdale, North Langley/Aldergrove (merged), Surrey/Newton (merged), Ridge/Tricity (merged), North Delta, Burnaby, White Rock, Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Vancouver Minor, Tsawwassen, North Shore, Richmond

Via Conference Call: Chilliwack, Vancouver Community, Kamloops, Ladner, West Kelowna, Victoria Triangle, Canarvon, Layritz, Cloverdale, COMBA, Cowichan Valley, Gordon Head

➤ Introduction

- Abigail Wong-de Leon – 15UAA Director
- Anne Hayes – 15U Chair/Treasurer
- John Braaten – 1st VP

➤ Overview of the 2019 Season

The single-season started on April 6, 2019, and ended on July 21, 2019, with a 36 game season. 19 Fraser Valley teams interlocked for the scheduled season and Interior, six teams from Vancouver Island, and Prince George. A total of 26 teams. The Island had a zone playoff for two berths, Prince George was granted an automatic berth for the Provincials, and two berths were determined at the eight-team Wild Card Tournament.

The Provincial Championship was a 12 team tournament held at Prince George on August 1-6, 2019. Mother nature was not that cooperative, resulting in the elimination of 6 scheduled games.

➤ Overview of the Upcoming 2020 Season

20 Fraser Valley and Interior teams
8 Vancouver Island teams
1 Prince George

➤ Single Season Fee - \$700.00 due on April 1, 2020

➤ Tryouts (Rule 6.02)

- A Player who wishes to tryout **IS required** to send a tryout request release to eligibility@bcminorbaseball.org. Without approval, the player IS NOT allowed to proceed.
- Procedure: The player's parent needs to email eligibility@bcminorbaseball.org stating the player's name, home association, the Association the player intends to try out for, the division, and the level of play.

15U AA Division
Abigail Wong-de Leon, Director
15Uaabcminor@gmail.com



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- A player released to an association to try out for a higher-level team, not offered by the home association, who does not make the team, **must** return to the home association.
- Any player residing in an open territory (e.g., New West) does not require any tryout release.

➤ **Player movement/Obtaining a release (Rule 6.03)**

- Deadline for Single Season – April 1 – if no “AA” or “AAA” team in the association division.
- Player movement form agreed to and signed by two association presidents must be submitted to the eligibility chair for approval. The release shall not be considered approved until an approved copy of the release has been returned to the receiving Association.
- Further read through Rule 6.03 of the 2020 BC Minor Rule Book.

➤ **Rules**

- Rule 7.02 – 1st Roster deadline April 1. (must be signed by association president)
 - ✓ The fillable form will be emailed to all coaches and coordinators
 - ✓ The complete address is required. Coaches NCCP# is required.
 - ✓ Birth certificate information is not required at this point.
- Rule 7.02 – Maximum of 3 out of catchment (import) players
- Rule 7.03 - Final roster deadline July 1, 2020. During the month of June, only players currently registered in an association (i.e., A or AA players) may be added to a single season roster. Any changes to the roster must be clearly indicated on the final roster.
- **NEW** Rule 8.09(E) – Tiering
15UAA Single Season will be tiered to Two (2) levels. Associations that already have declared a 15UAAA team for a Single Season will be placed into Tier Two (2) level for a 15UAA team from the same Association. Associations placing only a 15UAA team for a single season will be placed into Tier One (1) level. Consideration will be given by Division Directors for a move up or move down requests by Associations before the season schedule being finalized.

15UAA Tiering was brought forward by associations at the fall workshops 2019 and was carried through with a conference call to all associations in September. The decision to move ahead with a rule change was put forward by the majority of associations for the 2020 season. The principle of the rule change would be to stop the disparity among the teams playing through the single season. A fair Tiering process was put forward at the AGM and was adopted into the rule book for 2020.

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The Tiering at 15UAA is to aid associations in player retention and allow for more development in the division. The method for establishing which tier teams fall into is present in the 2020 rule book.

Teams who completed their scheduler forms were granted their 'preferred tiering placement' (for this season). Since after the meeting, there have been some changes and addition. A final tiering placement list will be emailed separately. Hence, it may affect the # of games for the season.

- **NEW** Rule 10.02(E) – Cellphones
Cellphones are not permitted to be used on the field during play.
- **NEW** Rule 11.02(A) – Coaching Certification
15UAA – Head Coach has to be regionally certified, and assistant coaches need to be regionally trained
Any association entering a team in post-season play (Wild Card or Provincial) without field staff meeting the requirements will be subject to a fine of \$200 for each coach not properly qualified. This fine will double every time the coach is fined for repeat offences.
Western Certification – teams traveling to Western Canadian MUST have the prescribed number of certified field staff as defined by Baseball Canada.
- Rule 13 – Code of Conduct
 - ✓ 13.01- BC Minor Baseball Code of Conduct
 - ✓ 13.02 and 13.03 – Major and Minor Infractions
 - ✓ 13.04 – Tobacco, Drugs (Legal or Illegal) and Alcohol
 - ✓ 13.05 – Behavior Expectations
 - ✓ 13.08 – Parents code of conduct
 - ✓ 13.09 – Travesty of the Game
 - ✓ 13.11.1 – Non-Confrontational or Verbal Abuse between coaches, players, and umpires
- Rule 19.04 – Bats – no change
15UAA – 2 ¾ inch max diameter, max -10 weight to length ratio, composite, aluminum or wood combination
- Rule 19.06 – Uniforms
All players, coaches, and team managers are not permitted to wear any clothing other than described in the following articles for games.
Managers or coaches occupying a coach's box must be dressed in full uniform except that they will be allowed to wear matching pullovers, cage jackets, or warm-up jackets a colour coordinated long pants: NO SHORTS, NO SLEEVELESS SHIRTS, and NO CUT OUT SLEEVES JERSEY.

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- Rule 21 – Obligation of Scheduled Games
 - ✓ 21.01 – All teams participating in a single season format, a provincial tournament, are obligated to play all games as scheduled and to participate in all scheduled events, including pre-tournament meetings and skills competitions.
 - ✓ 21.02 – Exhibition games and invitational tournaments entered **ARE SECONDARY to BCMBA scheduled games.**
 - ✓ 21.03 – Forfeit fine. Failure to participate in a scheduled game or event (i.e., opening ceremonies) will result in the offending team's Association being fined \$500.00 per game or may result in a \$500.00 fine per event by BCMBA.
- Rule 22.08 – Mercy Rule

If a team is leading its opponent by at least 10 runs after five or more equal innings have been played, or after 4 ½ innings if the team second at-bat should have a ten-run lead at the end of its 4th inning or before the completion of its 5th inning, the game shall be terminated, and the team in front declared the winner. Should a team hit a "walk-off" out of the park home run to end a game under the mercy rule, all runners, including the batter, shall be permitted to score (as per the Official Rule of Baseball).
- Rule 23.07 - Designated Hitter Rule
 - ✓ This is ONLY applicable for the 18U Division. NO DH for 15UAA
- Rule 23.08 – Extra Hitter (EH)

(B) Each team has the option to use an EH and bat, 10 players. The EH must be marked on the line up at the start of the game and must be used for the entire game.

(C) The EH may be interchanged with any other position during the game and can be changed multiple times (for example the SS could become the EH, and the EH becomes the SS)
- Rule 24 – Pitching Rules
 - 1 - 45 pitches = no rest
 - 46 – 75 pitches = 2 nights rest
 - 76 – 95 pitches = 3 nights rest
- Rule 25.06 – No Fair Play (9 men ball all season)

No fair play rules are mandated for **15UAA**, AAA, and 18UAAA teams. Coaching staffs are required to provide a player agreement form acknowledging the no minimum rule, to be signed by each player and a parent/guardian before the start of league play.
- **Scheduling**
 - # of Games (**this is subject to change**)
 - ✓ Tier 1 teams play 3 games against each other for a total of 24 games and then once against Tier 2. Total games =35.

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- ✓ Tier 2 teams play 3 games against each other for a total of 30 games and then once against Tier 1. Total games = 39.
 - Games will start April 4 and end on July 12
 - Weekday games – depends on field availability. NO games on Friday
 - Weekend games – D/H and travel
 - Umpire cost – the responsibility of the hosting venue association for all games
 - Rough Draft – **was delayed due to changes in the 15UAAA division.**
 - ✓ Changes to rough draft schedule deadline –
 - ✓ Final Draft – 2nd week of March
 - ✓ After the final version is sent out, all changes are on their own accord and must notify the **Division Director by email – 15uaabcmminor@gmail.com**
 - It is the responsibility of each team to complete all games and schedule as needed of rainout, etc. You must notify the Division Director by email.
- **Entering scores** (this includes the Island teams)
- It is the responsibility of the home team to post the scores online within 48 hours after the game has completed. After 48 hours and if the scores are not posted, the winning team is to enter the scores. Any discrepancies will be referred to the Division Director with both teams providing the Official Game Score sheets.
 - The head coach will receive an invite email from BC Minor Administrative Director to create an account in Sports Engine. Head coaches should follow the instruction given to be able to gain access to entering scores.
 - Anne implemented all Island games, and scores are to be posted in the BC Minor Website.
- **Wild Card – July 18 and 19**
- Fee: \$400.00 per team to the host association
 - Format: 3 games guaranteed, 8 teams, 2 berths to provincial

1 team for hosting
2 teams from Tier 1
3 teams from Tier 2
2 teams from Vancouver Island

Winners of Pool A and Pool B will advance to the Provincial.

	10 team provincial	12 team provincial
Tier 1	3 rd and 4 th single-season standings	4 th and 5 th single-season standings
Tier 2	3 rd , 4 th , and 5 th single-season standings	4 th , 5 th , and 6 th single-season standings
Vancouver Island	3 rd and 4 th island standings	3 rd and 4 th island standings

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- **BC Minor Provincial Championship** – July 31 – August 3 (with potential August 4 for rainout)

Host Association: Chilliwack

A choice of 10 teams provincial or 12 teams provincial was presented to associations both in attendance and on the conference call.

The result of the vote:

10 teams provincial	13 associations
12 teams provincial	9 associations

- Fee: \$500 per team to the host association
 - Format: 4 games guaranteed, 10 teams
 - 1 team for hosting
 - 2 teams from Vancouver Island
 - 1 team from Prince George
 - 2 teams from Tier 1 single-season standings
 - 2 teams from Tier 2 single-season standings
 - 2 teams from Wild Card
- **Baseball BC Pathway/ Baseball BC Qualifier** – August 6 – 9, 2020 Duncan, BC
- For BCMBA members, the Baseball BC qualifier is **no longer pay to play**.
 - Baseball BC will determine the size of the Qualifier for the 15UAA and how many berths BCMBA will be assigned after June 15.
 - BCMBA's qualification process for berths is from the BCMBA provincial placement.
 - BCMBA is guaranteeing the bond.
 - BCMBA is not providing the uniforms for the team going to Westerns.
 - No PBL practice teams/development teams/prep teams in this Qualifier.
- **Round Table**
- 15U Team BC Selects Player Development Camps
 - June 19 – 21 in Richmond, BC
 - Anne and John stated to everyone NOT to play any exhibition or games with any PBL practice teams/development teams or prep teams. It does not bring benefits to any BCMBA member association. (only to PBL)

Meeting adjourned : 2pm

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