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BCMBA Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 20th, 10:00 AM

Virtual Event hosted by HQ Enterprise

CALL TO ORDER: 10:10 am

ROLL CALL: Board of Directors: G. Butler, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, M. Kelly, R. Puri, S. Coleman, H. Gurney, N. Dhaliwal, M. Hall, M. Van Der Loos, D. Michaud, T. Baker Cornett, D. Cabalfin, R. Hall

Staff: James Raymond, Administrative Director - BCMBA

ABSENT: N. Van Dyk, D. Garton, A. Forman

ASSOCIATIONS: Abbotsford (Megan Fulton - Proxy), Burnaby South (Peter Lee). Chilliwack, (Jeremy Hall), Comox Valley (Shannon Gabouray), Duncan Junior (Amanda Daines - Proxy), Enderby (Stacey Larson - Proxy), Kamloops (Jennifer Lopez), Mission (Dan Williams), Nanaimo, Newton Canadian (Kellie Simiicak - Proxy) North Shore (Dennis Lee - Proxy), Prince George, Ridge Meadows, (Ryan Carpenter - Proxy), Surrey Canadian (Alan McKearney - Proxy), Vancouver Community (Eric Gold), Vernon, (Michael Sanfilipo), Greater Victoria (Carol Osbourne - Proxy), West Kelowna, White Rock South Surrey (Randy McKinnon)

GUESTS: Baseball BC - Kyle Williams (SafeSport), HQ Enterprise - Ed Quinlan (Host)

Declaration of Quorum:

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME Grant Butler:

Good morning and welcome to the British Columbia Minor Baseball Association 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that I'm chairing this meeting today from the traditional lands of the Halalt First Nations of the Coast Salish People. We thank them for allowing us to meet and learn together on their territory.

To begin with I'd firstly like to thank all of the Board of Directors for their time and efforts in bringing our traditional grassroots programming back from the pandemic restrictions and for keeping our High Performance programming, single season leagues and traditional Provincial Championships on track.

I would also like to recognize and thank all of the volunteers, parents, players, coaches and staff within all of our member Associations for their time and efforts in making the past season memorable and fun.

I'm excited to see how everyone can make baseball in 2023 even better.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

a.) ...None

Motion to accept agenda: Daniel Michaud BCMBA / Dino Cabalfin BCMBA

- Motion to accept the 2022 AGM agenda.
M/S/Passed

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS AGM MINUTES:

- **Motion:**
Motion to accept the 2021 Annual General Meeting as presented.
M/S/Passed

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Jonathan Chan - Burnaby Valkyries Girls - requests meeting
- Ryan Hall - South Fraser Giants - request to play 18U AAA - J. Braaten deferred to new board
- Eric Gold - President Vancouver Community - to Anne - partnership with Vancouver Minor
- Carla McColeman - new president Ridge Meadows
- Tina Baker-Cornett - President Duncan Junior - proxy vote to Amanda Daines
- Richard Vedder - President Enderby - proxy vote to Stacey Larson
- Lyndsey Hotell - President Abbotsford - proxy vote to
- Ryan Hall - President Newton Canadians - proxy vote to Kellie Simicak
- Nick van Dyk - President North Shore - proxy vote to Dennis Lee
- Carla McColeman - President Ridge Meadows - proxy vote to Ryan Carpenter
- President Greater Victoria - proxy vote to Carol Osbourne
- Daniel Michaud - President Surrey Canadian Baseball - proxy to vote to Alan McKearney

Outgoing:

- John Braaten to Ryan Hall - re 18U AAA
- James Raymond to Presidents - reminder to register for the AGM
- James Raymond to Presidents - Agenda, Rules package and reports for AGM

REPORTS:

G. Butler - All reports sent to Presidents - Are there any questions to any of the reports? No, we will move on

PRESIDENT'S REPORT *Grant Butler:* See welcome greeting

1st VP's REPORT *John Braaten:* See written reports

TREASURER'S REPORT *Anne Hayes:* See written Reports

- **Motion:**
Motion to accept the 2021 financials as presented.
M/S/C

SECRETARY'S REPORT *Val Greenwood:* See written report

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT *James Raymond: See written Report*

Committee Reports - See written reports package

- Rules Committee - *Daniel Michaud, Chair:*
- Player Eligibility Committee - *Neal Dhaliwal, Chair:*
- Discipline Committee - *Dave Garton, Chair:*
- Girls Baseball Committee - *Marty van der Loos, Co-Chair:*
- Umpire's Liaison Committee - *Grant Butler, Co-Chair:*
- High-Performance Committee - *John Braaten, Co-Chair:*
- Boundaries and Affiliation Committee - *Steve Coleman, Chair:*
- Coach Development Committee - *John Braaten, Co-Chair:*
- Marketing Committee - *James Raymond, Chair:*
- Grassroots Committee - *John Braaten, Co-Chair:*
- Risk Management Committee - *John Braaten, Chair:*
- Challenger Baseball Liaison - *Steve Coleman, Chair:*
- Website Committee - *James Raymond, Chair:*
- Awards Committee - *Val Greenwood, Chair:*
- Scholarship Committee - *Raj Puri, Chair:*

Division Reports - See Divisional reports package

26U - *Anne Hayes, Co-Chair:*

18U - *John Braaten, Chair:*

18U College Prep - *Mike Kelly, Director:*

18U AAA - *Dave Garton, Director:*

18U AA - *Raj Puri, Director:*

15U - *Anne Hayes, Chair:*

15U AAA - *Steve Coleman, Co-Director:*

15U AA - *Hugh Gurney, Director:*

15U A - *Neal Dhaliwal, Director:*

13U - *John Braaten, Chair:*

13U AAA - *Marty Hall, Director:*

13U AA - *Al Forman, Director:*

13U A - *Marty Van Der Loos, Director:*

11U - *Dave Garton, Chair:*

9U - *John Braaten, Chair:*

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Proposed Rule Changes

- *Constitution and Bylaws: Three Quarters Vote of members present (Article XI)*
- *Playing Rules and Regulations: majority vote (50% +1) of "Affiliated Associations"*
- *(Article II Sec 2) and Elected and appointed voting members of the Board of Directors (Article III Sec 2.)*
- *Members being: "Affiliated Associations" per Article III, Section 1*

_____ Breakdown of delegates voting:

_____ Declaration of votes required to pass a Motion:

Rules:

2022 Article XX - 13U AAA Single Season

- 2.02 Per Single Season Team Fees (Pg. 3)
- 2.03 Per Summer League Team Fees (due July 1) (Pg.4)
- 4.01 Single Seasons (Pg. 5)
- 4.03 Summer Seasons (Pg. 6)
- Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA (Pg. 7)
- 7.01 Declaration Dates (Pg. 8)
- 7.02 Submission of Rosters (Pg. 9)
- 7.06 Number of Players (Pg. 10)
- 8.02 Notice of Tiered Intentions (Pg. 11)
- 8.08 13U (Pg. 12)
- 9.03 Declaration Dates (Pg. 13)
- 23.03 Nine-player ball – Single Season (15U AA, 15U AAA, 18U AAA, 18U College Prep) and for Summer Play (13U AAA) (Pg. 14)
- 25.05 13U AAA Summer (including Provincials) (Pg. 15)
- 25.06 Single Season Teams (Pg. 16)

2022 Article XX

- Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA
7.01 Declaration Dates (Pg. 17)
- Rule 7: Single Season Procedures: 15U AA 15U AAA & 18U AAA
7.01 Declaration Dates (Pg. 18)
- 19.04 Bats (Pg. 19)

Article Changes

- Article XX General (Pg. 21)
Motion: S. Coleman - BCMBA / D. Michaud - BCMBA
M/S/C

Baseball BC - Safe Sport - Ryan Hall BCMBA, Kyle Williams Baseball BC

Rule Changes

- 1.02 Annual Responsibilities of an Association (Pg. 22) M/S/C
- 1.03 Conditions of Membership (Pg. 23)M/S/C
- 3.01 General (Pg. 25) M/S/C
- 4.03 Summer Seasons (Pg. 27)M/S/C

- 5.01 Cut-off Dates/Times (Pg. 28)M/S/C
- 5.06 Temporary Call Up (Pg. 29)M/S/C
- 6.02 Permission to play in an association outside the boundaries of residence (Pg. 31) M/S/C
- 9.04 Number of Teams Required (Pg. 33)- M/S -amend - M/S/C original motion with amendment M/S/C
- 9.05 Release of Players/ Mergers (Pg. 35) M/S/C

NCCP Coach Certification Pre-Amble

- Anne Hayes spoke in depth on the NCCP
- 11.02 Coaching Certification (Pg. 37) M/S/C
- 11.02 Coaching Certification (Pg. 39)M/S - amend - M/S/C original motion with amendment M/S/Defeated
- 11.02 Coaching Certification (Pg. 41) M/S - amend - M/S/Defeated - original motion M/S/C
- 21.04 Rain Outs (Single Season and Summer League) (Pg. 43) M/S/C
- 24.04 Pitching and Catching on the same day (Pg. 44)M/S -amend - M/S/Defeated original motion M/S/C
- 26.12 Balks (Pg. 45) M/S/C
- 33.04 Provincial Berth Distribution (Pg. 46) M/S/C
- Rule 34 Team BC Qualification, Pick-Up and Fees Guidelines (Pg. 47) M/S/C

Five (5) minute break

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Article V Sec 1: Directors)

- Introduction of the Election Committee - James Raymond, Administrative Director - BCMBA
- Review of seats available and of the election process.

ELECTION

One seat - Island Region Directors(2yr term): Marty Hall - acclaimed

One seat - Interior Region Directors(2yr term): Dino Cabalfin - acclaimed

One seat - North Region Director(1yr term): VACANT

Six seats - Lower Mainland Region Directors(2yr term): Al Forman, Ryan Hall, Raj Puri, Abigail Wong-De Leon, Chris Lund, Lyndsey Hotell (nominated and accepted from the floor), Alan McKearney (nominated and accepted from the floor) - Alan moved his name to the Provincial Region Director - The remaining nominees were all acclaimed

Three seats - Provincial Region Directors(2yr term): Anne Hayes, Alan McKearney - Randy McKinnon White Rock - declined - Anne and Alan - acclaimed - one (1) VACANT

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1st Vice President (Years ending in even numbers)*: Raj Puri – John Braaten - Declined - Raj acclaimed

2nd Vice President (Years ending in even numbers)*: John Braaten - acclaimed

Treasurer (Seat is being vacated due to expired term)*: Anne Hayes - acclaimed

Secretary (Years ending in even numbers)*: Val Greenwood - acclaimed
*(The election of Officers shall not exceed the term of their directorship.)

NEW BUSINESS

- Grant - thanks to Nick Van Dyk and Dave Garton for their time served on the board

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: 2:30 pm Motion:



Committees and Divisions Reports



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President

Grant Butler

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During this past season, your Board of Directors and Executive faced many challenges not limited to scheduling, eligibility, discipline, appeal events and, of course, rule interpretations. While it's easy to applaud their efforts, there were also events and issues that were not addressed properly. While we worked hard to carry the baggage from time to time, I would note that even our best efforts were at times frustrated by persons with their own agendas and lack of respect and interest in playing well with others. I believe the past two years of cultural upheaval due to the pandemic have left a gap in the trust and recognition of volunteerism in today's youth sport, but I also believe that by working together, we can get our brand of youth baseball back on track.

There are, though, more pressing issues overshadowing our own issues, which will be, at the least, changes to our governance, rules and policies brought about by the fallout from the recent events involving Hockey Canada regarding governance and Safe Sport policies (providing a safe place for youth athletes to participate). I would expect that compliance will be tied to funding and other criteria under Provincial control.

While the Hockey Canada issues has put a spotlight on youth sport at the National level (NSO), our Provincial representative (PSO), Baseball BC, has, over the last year, taken on the task of creating Safe Sport policies that their members, of which we are the largest, will need adopt and/or make our own.

I am going to ask for your support later under new business, to not only support the revision of our current rule book but to adopt, in whole or in part, the Baseball BC Safe Sport Policies and get ahead of the expected compliance. Member Associations will, I'm sure, at some time be expected to be compliant in these regards as well.

I trust that you will support your BCMBA Board of Directors and Executive in leading the way in making 2023 baseball a safe place for our athletes to participate and pursue their dreams.

Grant Butler

BCMBA President

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1st VP Report

John Braaten

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As 2022 opened the year BCMBA and its member associations for the first time in a couple of years looked to move back to the “traditional” programming model that had not been seen on-field since the end of 2019.

Given the two years of baseball being under “Return to Play” (RTP) protocols there had been some issues given that programming for the most part was directly under the direction of BCMBA given the safety concerns and guidelines of participants within the province.

The concern at the outset of the preseason was turnover within member association boards and volunteers that may not have organized programming under the traditional model. BCMBA tried to communicate as best as possible to members the structure and provide information for members to communicate within particularly regional spring interlocks. Most regions were run and organized effectively. I again as noted in my reports throughout the year cannot stress enough the importance of planning from the start of 2023 regional interlocks. Of concern is the size of the Fraser Valley spring interlock which going forward is highly suggested to be reduced in half and more regional planning. Not what coaches or association representatives think is best for themselves vs all members. Economically it has become apparent that inflation has become a hot-button topic and BCMBA and all of its members should take into account the price of time and money for families to travel.

I would also like to make note of Howe Sound Minor Baseball and New West Baseball completing their first year of programming within BCMBA and look forward to their continued organizational growth moving forward as a member.

“On the ground” of concern was the astounding number of questions about rules all year from coaches. The BCMBA Rule Book is posted annually on the website along with previous editions and any mid-year Article XX rule changes. Members should promote within that volunteer members read through and understand. Many people look for quick answers without understanding them which can lead to misinterpretations. This year in particular more so than in recent memory.

I was also re-elected to the Baseball BC Board of Directors in 2022 and along with Grant Butler continue to represent BC Minor Baseball membership and our interests throughout the year.

I truly do appreciate the continued open dialogue and support from members for which I again served as your 1st Vice President.

John Braaten
1st Vice President

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Financial Statements
Year Ended August 31, 2022
(Unaudited)

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Year Ended August 31, 2022

(Unaudited)

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Member of B. C. Minor Baseball Association

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of B. C. Minor Baseball Association that comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2022, and the statements of changes in net assets and receipts and disbursements for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Association derives partial receipts from fundraising activities and events, and dispenses cash for certain expenses incurred, the completeness of which is not susceptible to me obtaining evidence I considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained for these receipts and disbursements was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association. Therefore, I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising receipts, disbursements, excess of receipts over disbursements, and cash flows from operations for the year ended August 31, 2022, current assets and net assets as at August 31, 2022.

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report to the Member of B. C. Minor Baseball Association
(continued)

Qualified Conclusion

Based on my review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Conclusion* paragraph, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of B. C. Minor Baseball Association as at August 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. H. Ch...' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Burnaby, British Columbia
October 20, 2022

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**Statement of Financial Position****August 31, 2022***(Unaudited)*

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 460,871	\$ 368,690
Accounts receivable	40,027	2,600
Inventory, at the lower of cost and net realizable value	2,749	12,048
	<u>\$ 503,647</u>	<u>\$ 383,338</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	\$ 88,669	\$ 8,123
Deposits received	2,700	76,091
Deposits on hand	9,500	9,000
	<u>100,869</u>	<u>93,214</u>
NET ASSETS		
Current net assets	<u>402,778</u>	<u>290,124</u>
	<u>\$ 503,647</u>	<u>\$ 383,338</u>

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD_____
*Director*_____
*Director*See notes to financial statements
D L Anderson

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**Statement of Changes in Net Assets****Year Ended August 31, 2022***(Unaudited)*

	2022	2021
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 290,124	\$ 138,736
Excess of receipts over disbursements	112,654	151,388
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 402,778	\$ 290,124

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
Year Ended August 31, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Budget 2022	2022	2021
RECEIPTS			
Affiliation fees	\$ 240,000	\$ 286,163	\$ 259,440
Insurance fees	21,000	22,239	21,766
Allstar entry fees	20,000	35,700	-
Allstar travel fees	5,000	-	-
Select player fees	30,000	12,400	-
Single season league fees	40,000	54,400	44,000
Coaches banquet, conference, and training	19,000	32,826	23,021
Coaches fines	-	41,500	900
John Main Classic tournament	8,550	1,734	8,059
Other miscellaneous receipts	800	670	-
	384,350	487,632	357,186
DISBURSEMENTS			
Accounting and legal	3,000	3,138	2,500
Advertising and promotion	13,500	10,959	996
Affiliate rebates	-	-	76,091
AGM expense	2,600	2,743	4,276
Allstar clothing	1,500	-	-
Bank charges and interest	1,000	1,277	929
Baseballs	9,000	9,299	2,647
Baseball B.C.	76,500	91,988	-
Coaches-banquet caravan,conference	67,000	64,842	14,120
Directors expense	12,800	15,492	1,068
Directors wages and benefits	74,000	72,183	68,260
Insurance	49,000	44,799	16,882
John Main Classic tournament	5,000	4,399	4,402
Miscellaneous	6,500	1,327	796
Office and general	8,500	7,458	3,843
Provincial tournament medallion	4,500	6,143	-
Rulebooks	3,250	-	150
Scholarship trophies	4,500	5,539	2,000
Junior mens expense	2,200	2,714	1,454
Selects	19,500	19,491	(941)
Workshop meetings	10,000	-	-
Provincial expense	18,000	11,187	6,325
	391,850	374,978	205,798
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (7,500)	\$ 112,654	\$ 151,388

B. C. MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended August 31, 2022

(Unaudited)

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The association was incorporated as a Society under the "Societies Act" February 29, 1968 #7930 Amended November 17, 2012. The purpose of the association is to foster, improve and govern the game of baseball for their member associations in the Province of British Columbia, in accordance with the standard rules prescribed by the British Columbia Minor Baseball Association, and to institute and regulate competitions in all recognized divisions among its member associations.

2. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

During the current year the association paid fees to two directors providing services to the Coaches Caravan Program. Fees paid totaled \$3,450.



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Secretary

Val Greenwood

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A busy year with correspondence depending on the month, even months that shouldn't be too busy were.

Most emails consist of “sales flyers” and questions from the associations and parents/coaches with regard to rules, equipment, teams, game times, and how to find a local association. These will get passed along to the respective director

We had several “in-person” meetings this year just before Provincials, I set them up and acted as the liaison between the hotel and the board.

Respectfully submitted

Val Greenwood,
Secretary BCMBA



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Administrative Director

James Raymond

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Return to Regular Programming

This year presented several challenges outside the typical issues we see every season. For the most part, those challenges manifested from the lack of familiarity with rules and procedures. While there was a heavy focus on messaging the importance of reading and knowing the rules, many claimed ignorance as their first line of defence when infractions occurred.

With 98% of our support rooted in the charity of our volunteers, this is a legitimate dilemma. However, the truth is that based on the dwindling number of willing volunteers, we are often at the mercy of what any one individual is prepared to do regardless. Despite that reality, BC Minor Baseball and our Member Presidents must continue to promote understanding and conformity with respect to the rules and procedures.

Member Presidents and their boards are the foundation from which we deliver Youth Baseball programming in BC. With 18,000+ players and coaches Province-wide, maintaining the integrity of our rulebook is the difference between fair and competitive sport and unmanageable chaos. The governance relationship between the BCMBA Board of Directors and our Member Presidents is interdependent. As always, the greater good should always outweigh the short terms needs of any individual or a handful of Member Association(s).

Return to Standard Procedures

There seems to be an alarming trend borne out of the COVID-19 pandemic era. This trend sees an increasing number of individuals exhibiting poor behaviour and ignorance of, or disregard for, BCMBA dispute resolution procedures. The toll it takes on the BCMBA Board of Directors and our Member Associations' volunteers must be addressed. As it stands, it is not sustainable. Left unchecked, it will translate to fewer individuals willing to manage the league locally and Province-wide. Burnout is a genuine threat. This is in direct conflict with the growing needs of our member families and will undoubtedly result in the degradation of Youth Baseball in BC.

Messaging from both BCMBA and our Member Presidents should amplify around a couple of key points in this regard;

- All communication with the BCMBA Board of Directors should come through the Member Association President, or at the very least, with their consent. Presidents should only offer license if they support or endorse said communication.
- BCMBA adheres to the [Baseball BC Social Media Policy](#) and will act without hesitation regarding public attacks on any of our BCMBA brand Social Media platforms. This is not limited to Social Media but e-mail spam campaigns as well.

How can we help?

As we move toward the 2023 season, I encourage the focus of our leaders at the local and provincial levels to foster a healthy and cohesive example of how to deliver safe, fun, and enriching youth baseball programming. The ability to

collaborate has never been more valuable than it is today. Technology affords us the opportunity to meet and discuss challenges and changes. We should be looking to adapt regular President/BCMBA Executive discussion forums for resolution efforts. I am here to help facilitate that effort.

Reminders

The BCMBA Board of Directors is composed entirely of volunteers. Most have come from (or are currently in) roles at the local governance level and have sat as Presidents, VP, Chairs and Directors. They have a direct connection to the local governance challenges and have aligned interests. At the Provincial level, it is not uncommon for them to put in 20 - 35 unpaid hours a week or more. The success of your association is vitally important to them as well. Please remember that they, like you and your volunteers, are not renewable resources. 2023 affords us all the opportunity to strengthen the relationship and build better programming long-term.

I look forward to assisting you and all BCMBA members as we work through the triumphs and challenges of delivering Youth Baseball programming to the many fortunate families and friends in BC. What our members offer is amongst the best in the nation. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me regarding any needs or suggestions you may have, from your association policies and procedures to sourcing out the tools and information you and your volunteers need.

Committees

Marketing Committee - Chair
Website Committee - Chair
COVID-19 RTP Response Committee - Member
Coaches Conference Event Committee - Member
Coaches Caravan Event Committee - Member
Team BC Selects Event Committee - Member (16U Chef de Mission)
Insurance - Liaison



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Rules Chair

Daniel Michaud

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In 2022 we let go of enough COVID protocols to be able to play regular spring/summer or single seasons, with Provincials being back on track as before. Again, most of the rules inquiries had to do with requirements around dates, rosters, releases and player eligibility. The question of coach accreditation was also a big topic, in relation to Provincials.

The advent of a single-season U13AAA created certain questions regarding player representation versus registration numbers and level of play.

The Rules Package prepared for the AGM contains all article and rule change requests put forth.

The current and previous years' Rule Books can be found on our website

<https://www.bcminorbaseball.org/rulesbooks>

As always if you have questions about a rule or its interpretation, please reach out to the rules committee.

"Read the Rules, Know the Rules"

Daniel Michaud

Rules Chair

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Eligibility Chair

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2022 was a steady year in Eligibility. The Eligibility committee thanks you for your patience during the 2022 season to get through the many requests needed to get our players on the field to play the greatest game. The following is the breakdown of the Eligibility committee;

Spring	133 releases
Spring	56 internal move up/down
Summer	37 releases
Summer	3 move-ups, all were not eligible to pitch, and one was due to an injury.

We, unfortunately, had to have nine investigations throughout the season for various rule violations.

- Rule 6.03 (G) not having tryout applications approved, which there were 6 of these violations alone.
- Rule 6.02 with not having player release forms approved.
- Rule 5.05 not having permission for a permanent move up.
- Rule 5.06 Temporary call ups
- Rule 12.01 players playing in other baseball programs(double rostered)

I am hoping we can clean these up for 2023 to have fewer investigations for violations from your rule book.

Neal Dhaliwal

Eligibility Chair

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Discipline Chair

Dave Garton

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The discipline committee reviewed seventy incidents in 2022. While the majority were player and coach ejections resulting in a one-game suspension each, there were some more significant incidents.

Three ejections were the second for the offender in the season resulting in three, three and four games each.

There were seven incidents that resulted in supplemental discipline between three and seven-game suspensions.

The most alarming situation involved three spectators (all parents of youth athletes). The results of parents behaving badly were suspensions of one month, six weeks, and the remainder of the 2022 season.

Some of the incidents occurred with youth umpires managing the games, and there were probably many more incidents where the youth may have felt uncomfortable issuing an ejection when they should have. We had adults yelling, cursing, and intimidating CHILDREN doing their best to officiate baseball games. Just like our youth players, these umpires are learning and improving as they continue to give to the game. While all officials should receive respect, we must amend our culture so that we are not condoning this treatment of our youth umpires.

Unfortunately, we rarely hear about the good situations toward our officials, so to those players, coaches, spectators, and parents that continue to model good behaviour for our youth, I say thank you. But the recent culture in youth sports overall is alarming as adults continue to display behaviour that is completely inappropriate. While sports we watch on television may show fans, players and coaches behaving badly, we as ADULTS can choose to be better than what we might see during a professional sporting event.

Going forward, BC Minor Baseball, as a member of Baseball BC, should adopt the Baseball BC Safe Sport discipline policy. The Safe Sport policy sets out much more specific rules and consequences for inappropriate behaviour towards officials, including doubling all suspensions if they occur against a youth umpire. The policy can be viewed here: <https://www.baseball.bc.ca/uploads/files/Discipline%20Policy%20-%20BOARD%20APPROVED.pdf>



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Girls Baseball Co-Chairs

Marty van der Loos

Val Greenwood

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2022 was a good year for girls playing baseball in BC Minor and beyond.

The number of female players playing baseball has gone up, with girls playing and competing at higher levels. With more associations giving girls a real opportunity to play, they are showcasing their skills on the ball field and hoping this trend keeps up.

With the opportunity to play at westerns at 14U and Nationals at 16U & 21U, female players showcased themselves. They represented BC well, bringing home a Bronze medal at 14U and Silver medals at 16U & 21U.

Hopefully, moving forward, girls are continued to be afforded every opportunity to learn and play this amazing game we all enjoy.

Val Greenwood/Marty van-der-Loos

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High-Performance Chair

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Initially, at the beginning of 2022, I was a member of the committee as the 13U & 18U Chair, respectively. Given changes on the board in January, I became co-chair of the High-Performance committee, which we were able to host a meeting early in the year to plan for the 2022 season as there was nothing previous to this after the AGM.

BCMBA high-performance camp for 16U Selects was once again planned with travel to Seattle for a summer tournament which included a 3-day player camp that led to team selection. A recommendation is to look at a year-end/Fall tourney instead of in-season to allow teams to travel for external tournaments that would be at the same time.

15U Selects did not move forward in 2022 due to tight timelines and BC Summer Games occurring mid-July.

13U looked at a new format from previous regional player ID sessions that will look to be introduced in 2023. Selects/Showcase, unfortunately, could not get this program going in 2022. With the local 13U A, AA Interlocks and 13U AAA scheduling varying and weather affecting completion spring schedules, it was decided to regroup and look to 2023.

James and Ron M. are currently building the HP page(s) on the website, which is an ongoing project to have a “hub” to promote BCMBA's high performance. The marketing committee is continually sourcing “partners” to work with in promoting our athletes. This is a multi-year project.

The Committee also advised the single-season team representatives (15U – 18U) of Baseball BC “pathways” for high-performance player opportunities for 14U through 18U for 2022. I also have provided information on the Baseball BC Qualifiers, Westerns and National Championships.

Somewhat frustrating again on BCMBA's part was the lack of year-end post-mortem feedback from some of the single-season divisions, which was to be brought to the High-Performance committee and, in turn, Fall Workshops for discussion points and any suggestions to make programming better with possible rule changes for 2023.

John Braaten

High-Performance Chair

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Boundaries and Affiliation Chair

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There is much work to be done with regard to Boundaries & Affiliations.

All association Presidents are encouraged to thoroughly review BCMBA Rule 3.01 to make sure they start 2023 in good standing.

In particular, sections (E) & (F). A clear definition of the boundaries must be submitted, and referencing "same as last year" or "as per BC Minor map" will not be accepted.

I am happy to work directly with any President who needs help or guidance through this process.

Steve Coleman

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Coach Development Co-Chairs

John Braaten

Mike Kelly

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The year started off with travel to the ABCA to meet with ISG and talk to various coaches to participate in the upcoming Coaches Conference at the Langley Events Centre.

Given discussions with speakers at the ABCA conference, it was obvious that the 2022 Coaches Conference will be virtual once again on the same platform (HQ Enterprises) as in 2021 and bump the date of the conference to March 4-6. Again, saw increased registration for the conference with a great lineup of speakers, and most were also able to do a Q&A session.

In recapping the Coaches Conference attendees list, it was disappointing to see little interest from Vancouver Island and Interior regions, given no travel was involved to attend the virtual conference or participate in the discounted NCCP courses offered the week prior.

Baseball BC ran NCCP clinics throughout the year virtually that provided coaches with a platform to attend courses. This is something that local associations should be focusing on from the beginning of the year in regard to ensuring coaches have the correct credentials for the levels they coach, whether it be the single-season or split season.

There were many issues, as heard from division directors, that coaches did not have the correct NCCP designations come summer all-star season. Again, Baseball BC offers courses from essentially February onward throughout the year and required designations by divisions are listed in the BCMBA Rule Book, which is updated as per Baseball Canada's guidelines.

The Travelling Caravan again spent three weeks on the road covering almost all parts of the province: Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, Interior and North regions. Had outstanding support from the host associations and tremendous participation at the events.

John Braaten

Coach Development Co-Chair

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Marketing Chair

James Raymond

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The 2021/22 Marketing Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Ryan Hall

Member - Raj Puri

Member - Dino Cabalfin

Current and continued focus:

Support and promotion of current BC Minor Baseball events - This season saw a significant effort put toward the promotion and coverage of:

- Coaches Conference
- John Main Tournament
- Single Season league play
- Spring Season play
- Summer Season interlock play
- Team BC 16U Selects
- Recognition weeks
- Full Slate of Provincial Championships
- 2021 18U Fall Classic

The 2022 return to regular programming and genuinely explore how we can more effectively promote the growth of Youth Baseball in our member communities.

Develop plans to support and promote member associations - The 2022 we launched our Recognition weeks promotion. This was a monthly program that invited our member families to forward images of coaches, umpires, volunteers and others in action to recognize their contributions. From those submissions BCMBA drew a name and awarded a four-ticket prize package to attend the Vancouver Canadians home games. The program was well received and saw significant participation from our Social Media subscribers. We look forward to bringing it back for 2023.

We continue to encourage our member associations to forward press or marketing items specific to their association so that BC Minor Baseball can assist promotion through our social media and direct mail channels. These submissions should be sent to marketing@bcminorbaseball.org

The Marketing committee will continue its program to promote sponsorship opportunities - This effort will present BCMBA events and programs to potential sponsorship revenue opportunities.

We have reached out to secure proposals from a number of marketing and promotional companies to draw a wider audience and help deliver a long term strategy to bring sponsorship and growth to our member communities. The goal is to secure a partner organization that will provide an annual program to support the marketing team with building the brand awareness of youth baseball in our local member associations.

We expect this to require a significant financial commitment in order to do it right, but our belief is that bringing in the added firepower will generate the needed sponsorship dollars to support those financial needs.

Consultation with member associations - The Marketing committee will look to establish a task force including a couple of member association representatives to explore the areas that BCMBA can support the promotion of the sport and our member associations. If you or your association are interested in participating in this effort please contact the Marketing chair at marketing@bcminorbaseball.org

Long Term Needs:

Research and development of BC Minor strategic growth plan - The marketing committee will again look to create a SWOT analysis to identify Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This will help guide us in the development of both short term and long term strategic growth plans. Unfortunately, 2022 did not present the appropriate time and bandwidth for the Marketing committee to undertake this task.

The hope is to incorporate a scalable model that can be used at the community level, as well as at the provincial level.

Key event sponsor partnerships - We recognize the rising costs to families and member associations in delivering a high-quality youth baseball experience. To this end we will continue to explore ways to address this challenge and support our member associations in accessing ever improving programming options.



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Grassroots Chair

John Braaten

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As baseball was able to move away from the pandemic, BCMBA was able to host the 2022 Coaches Conference virtually on the same platform as in 2021. There were some notable tweaks and improvements to the structure and presentations, with most speakers able to do a Q & A.

The Coaches Development committee once again was to get back on the road in 2022 for the Travelling Caravan. There was tremendous member support again, and we had more applicants than host opportunities and appreciated all those who submitted requests. Online application for the 2023 edition will open in the not-too-distant future, and as presented at the Fall Workshops, associations that greatly support the NCCP and Coaches Conference participation will be taken into account for hosting locations.

The multi-year Grassroots Survey has been completed and is currently being consolidated in a draft form. Recommendations from this are to be presented to the BCMBA executive shortly. Then it will move to the board for review and ultimately to members. The survey has provided some valuable insight into what is happening on the ground from coaches, parents & players that will hopefully help shape the future of BCMBA programming moving forward, taking into account the three stakeholders' views of baseball.

Remember, baseball in all divisions is a form of grassroots, and we are all responsible for providing the best personal and team skill development for our youth athletes.

John Braaten

Grassroots Chair

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Risk Management Chair

John Braaten

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On a positive note, for this year's report, it is not five pages as it was for last year's AGM.

I again would like to thank all members and volunteers for their utmost understanding and assistance in the "Return to Play" protocols and safety guidelines that baseball was under the previous two years. Baseball as a sport was able to move back to its "traditional" programming model in April 2022 with no restrictions that the sport was under during the pandemic.

A couple of "hot-button" issues did come up during the year. First was the e-mail and social media attacks directed at BCMBA and its members on various occasions during the year. Much of it is based on misinformation or lack thereof and is very concerning when spread throughout the baseball community. The second was the increased number of complaints regarding conduct/communications of a "sexual nature." Baseball is a sport that promotes participation for all youth athletes of all genders, and everyone in this day and age must be adept at social atmosphere/awareness both on and off the field. Especially given most of our participants are minors.

As our governing PSO, Baseball BC adopted Safe Sport policies in 2022. BCMBA as a member, will be looking at adopting these policies on behalf of the membership with the new board, hopefully in time for the 2023 season. Given the nature of what is happening currently nationally in other sports and current investigations/reviews, this something is a priority.

John Braaten

Risk Management Chair

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Challenger Baseball Chair

Steve Coleman

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This year we had many reasons to celebrate with our Challenger Baseball program.

We returned to a mostly normal season, and there were smiles to be found in every corner of our Challenger diamonds.

Highlights included:

- BC Challenger Provincial Jamboree was hosted by Mission Minor Baseball on June 11th. We saw over 500 athletes participating in this event.
- BCMBA sponsored and participated in the 2022 Rogers Jays Care Celebrity Golf Classic in Support of Challenger Baseball on July 20th. This tournament raised over \$85,000 for Jays Care Challenger Baseball in BC, a record.

Steve Coleman

BCMBA Challenger Baseball Chair

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Website Chair

James Raymond

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The 2021/22 Website Committee:

Chair - James Raymond

Member - Anne Hayes

Member - Nick Van Dyk

Current and continued focus:

Operate as the virtual home for all things BC Minor Baseball - This season saw the expansion of resources and references for BCMBA Member Associations and their families. We also integrated registration for the BCMBA Coaches conference and NCCP Coach Certification training. www.bcminorbaseball.org remains the primary source of information for current and future members

Upload and support division and league schedule, results, and standings of participating members - 2022 saw the expansion of Single Season interlocking schedules and standings to include 13U AAA. In addition, we returned to full scale programming and competition and our site provided schedules, standings, and updates on all related events.

Continue to provide up-to-date and relevant news items - Provide messaging regarding daily news and current events including local member association announcements, Baseball BC and Baseball Canada player and coach training opportunities, and links to relevant pages and announcements.

Long Term Needs:

Ongoing streamlining and auditing of current pages and resources - Maintenance document and procedures created that allow for regular review and updating of BCMBA website.

Explore and develop checks and balances to ensure uniform usage by all single season teams - www.bcminorbaseball.org - Our single season programming tracks team activities through the use of the BC Minor site. This means that coaches/managers will need to actively participate in updating scores and changes to their game schedules. Working with the division directors and coaches the Website committee will provide easy to follow steps and support to help users throughout the season.



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Awards Chair

Val Greenwood

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Awards - Year End

Association of the Year - 2022

Committee members are: Mike Kelly, Raj Puri, Marty Van Der Loos and Val Greenwood (Chair)

We received six (6) nominations, all with write-up nominations for Association of the year;

Summerland - Neal Dhaliwal

Ridge Meadows - Neal Dhaliwal

Cloverdale - John Braaten

Chilliwack - Mike Kelly

COMBA - John Braaten

Richmond - Anne Hayes / Al Forman / Hugh Gurney

After a lengthy discussion on each association, items discussed included how they support BCMBA (coaches conference/caravan / hosting Provincials), coaches with NCCP, retention of players, trained umpires and their retention.

It is the Awards Committee's recommendation that Ridge Meadows be named Association of the Year for 2022.

South Burnaby will receive a special recognition award for their 70th Anniversary.

We believe that next year there will be many more celebrating milestones.

Grant Butler will become a Lifetime member of the BCMBA for his ten(10) years of service.

With nominations coming from all over the province next year, we would like to expand the Association of the Year to cover all regions. One (1) for the Lower Mainland, one (1) for the Island and one (1) for the Interior/North. We will have further discussions with Anne and the BCMBA Board of Directors.

The female awards for the girls' program have been turned in by the respective coach of each division of 14U, 16U and 21U

We are looking for nominations for the Roll of Honor, Male Player of the year (13U, 15U, 18U, College Prep), Coaches of the year (11U, 13U, 16U, 18U College Prep), Umpire of the year.

The deadline for nominations with a write-up of each candidate is December 15.

Respectfully submitted by the Award Committee,

Val Greenwood Chair, Mike Kelly, Raj Puri, Marty Van Der Loos

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Scholarship Chair

Raj Puri

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The Scholarship Committee received a large number of applications from players and umpires who graduated in 2021. As there was a conflict of interest for me, I excused myself from the selection process, and Mr. Mike Kelly chaired the selection committee. The selection committee reviewed all of the applications along with the published criteria for selection and recommended nine deserving scholarship applicants who fully met the outlined BCMBA Scholarship Criteria.

BCMBA was pleased to award \$500 each to the following successful scholarship candidates:

- Avery D'Cruze
- Bradley Rae
- Brady Barrick
- Ethan Webster
- Justin Nguyen
- Jayden Puri
- Mason Nordli
- Nicolas Lei
- Sean Dolphin

Scholarships recipients were notified by email and were sent their scholarship cheques along with a letter of congratulations from the President of BCMBA.

The deadline for the 2022 BCMBA Scholarship Application submissions is November 30th, 2022. The committee will meet to review and select the successful candidates in December with the hopes of presenting the 2022 scholarships at the Coaches Conference.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raj Puri

Scholarship Chair

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26U Chair

Anne Hayes

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This year's Junior Men's Division had 13 teams with games starting in May once the players had returned from college. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this recreational division. In August the teams were broken into two tiers for the playoffs. Many thanks to the Tsawwassen Baseball volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Finals at Winskill Park.

The South Delta Brewers and White Rock Wranglers had a repeat from the 2021 final with the Junior Men's Tier 1 Provincial championship on the line. This game was a hard-fought game between the two top teams in Jr Men's with the South Delta Brewers coming out on top 6 – 5.



In Tier 2 the Vancouver Minor team defeated Tri City. They had to play a game against each other in the morning as this tier was a double knockout and Tri City hadn't lost a game until the semi-finals. The semi-final result was Vancouver Minor 5 and Tri City 4. The final was a bit different with Vancouver Minor winning 11 – 3. Tri City didn't have enough pitching to have two nine inning games in one day.



The South Delta Brewers and Aldergrove Dodgers went to the Baseball BC Senior AA Provincials in Kamloops this year. While the Aldergrove Dodgers didn't make it out of the round robin play, the South Delta Brewers made it to

the final. The final was Poco Blue Jays 12 and South Delta Brewers 7. This was a great representation of 26U Jr Men's as our teams are quite a bit younger than most of the other teams in the tournament.

The teams in the Provincial championships displayed a prominent level of baseball and continued the tradition of showcasing the talent in the Junior Men's division. 2023 calendar year should see the growth and level of play that this division continues to elevate.



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18U Chair

John Braaten

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This was my first year as Chair of the 18U division. Two tiers of which are single-season; College Prep and AAA. With 18U AA running split spring and summer seasons.

During the pandemic, the College Prep division ran all teams that submitted applications, as the focus was keeping players on the field of play and providing a higher level of play. The season had eleven teams and was able to complete 40-game game schedule, returning to a traditional year with its year-end Final Four Provincial tournament.

18U AAA had twelve teams declared for 2022, which is in and around a typical pre-pandemic season which was able to play a 34-game unbalanced schedule which included Prince George.

18U AA teams again participated in local spring interlocks and then again in the summer all-star season, leading to the five-team provincial championship.

An issue that came to my attention during the year was the lack of communication at times from BCMBA with teams which has been made note of and will be corrected moving forward in the single-season leagues as BCMBA does recognize this is a partnership between teams and the division.

2022 had 1,248 players, 2021 had 1,122, and 2019 had 1,374. Generally, we see a 30%+ reduction of player affiliation year-over-year between 15U and 18U.

John Braaten

18U Chair

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15U Chair

Anne Hayes

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15U AAA - Steve Coleman 15uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org

This year's 15U AAA had 12 teams with games starting April 9th and ending July 10th for the playoffs. The playoffs saw the top 8 teams playing for the ability to play in the final 4 Championship in Chilliwack.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this competitive division

The four teams to make this weekend were Chilliwack Cougars, Ridge Meadows Royals, Richmond/Ladner Wolves and North Island Cubs. All the games were very competitive with the host, Chilliwack Cougars winning the tournament on their home field.



The teams in the Provincial championships displayed a great level of baseball and shows the commitment of players and coaches at this level.

Many thanks to the Chilliwack volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Final 4 at Fairfield Island.

15U AA - Hugh Gurney 15uaa@bcminorbaseball.org

This year's 15U AA had 25 teams playing in 2 tiers. Prince George and Trail were offered some games in Tier 1 to see how they played against these teams. The top 4 teams from Tier 1, top 2 teams from Tier 2, Prince George and the host, Richmond/Ladner were given berths to the Provincials, the other 2 teams came from the wildcard tournament played in Victoria. There were 2 teams from Tier 1 and 2 teams from Tier 2 in the Wildcard.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this division.

The teams participating in the Provincials were Carnarvon/Gordon Head, Surrey/Newton, Penticton, North Delta, Richmond City, North Shore, Vancouver Mounties Blue, Vancouver Mounties Red, White Rock and Prince George.

The Provincial Champions were Carnarvon/Gordon Head.



Fantastic tournament from start to finish. Carnarvon/Gordon head defeated Richmond in the Championship game to win the Provincial title. The home run derby was a huge success along with the raffle table and silent auction.

Many thanks to the Richmond City volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Provincials at Blundell Field.

15UA - Neal Dhaliwal 15ua@bcminorbaseball.org

This year's summer season of 15UA had 19 teams with games playing in July for a chance at a berth in the Provincials. There were 14 Lower Mainland teams, 3 Interior teams and 2 Island teams.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, coaches, players, and umpires that participated in this division.

The teams participating in the Provincials were South Burnaby Giants, Newton/North Delta Knights, Tsawwassen Athletics, Vancouver Community Mounties, Ridge Meadows Royals, Ladysmith 49ers, Ladner Red Sox, Surrey Canadians, Vernon Canadians, and Salmon Arm Hornets.

The Provincial Champions were Vancouver Community Mounties.



All the players should be proud of what they accomplished to represent your association in the tournament no matter the result. There were some spectacular plays on both sides of the game. To the players, Keep striving to achieve your dreams and goals. The coaches were great to deal with in all aspects.

Many thanks to the Ridge Meadows volunteers and coaching staff for hosting the Provincials at Ridge Meadows Athletic Park.



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13U AAA - Marty Hall 13uaaa@bcminorbaseball.org

Leading into the 2022 season, an Article XX vote was passed to have 13U AAA move under a single-season format based on association spring registration affiliation numbers. From the 13U AAA committee recommendations was the season was to be split in a spring developmental and summer all-star season. A number of rule changes occurred for this pilot season which follow-up and post mortem is to be provided by the 13U AAA Director.

13U A & AA ran as it had traditionally done so with regional interlock spring leagues that again led into the summer all-star season. 13U A again was able to host two Provincial Championships given the amount of declared teams and 13U AA hosted its ten-team provincial tournament as well. It is still very important for these two tiers within 13U to remain split season and developmental programming.

Please refer to the 13U A, AA & AAA directors reports for further detail.

Of note play affiliation for 13U in 2022 was 2,371 which was up from 2,067 in 2021 (RTP), but considerably down from 2019's 2,584 and 2018's 2,515. It is roughly a loss of approximately 25% year-over-year of player retention.

John Main Tournament

Given coming out of the pandemic, changes to 13U AAA and not knowing any trickledown effects this tournament once again for 2022 was to be hosted Labour Day weekend in Cowichan Valley. The tournament was essentially full and preparations in place for the tournament throughout the year until one-by-one teams started to withdraw basically right after the August long weekend to the point only five teams remained a week prior to the tournament to start.

A decision was made to cancel the tournament given the withdrawals and with such disappointment of not being supported as it has been traditionally.

For 2023 the host will once again be Cowichan Valley and the date will be moved back to the traditional May 25-28 weekend.

John Braaten

13U Chair

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11U Chair

Dave Garton

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2022 was the return to a regular baseball schedule at all divisions. The 11U division is the youngest age group that BC Minor Baseball Association (BCMBA) oversees for provincial tournaments. With two full years away from normal summer playdowns and provincial tournaments for this age level, it was key to remember that these young athletes were in 7U and 9U the last time we had normal programming. While you might think that could lead to a lower skill level amongst the teams/competitors, that was not the case at all – huge thank you to the associations, coaches, players, and families for your continued commitment to youth sports during the challenging last couple years, the hard work has been paying off with the results seen on the diamonds.

BC Minor Baseball oversight of the 11U division really begins with summer season play.

For the 11U division, there were a total of 63 teams declared across BC that competed in 4 different levels of summer ball (11U A, 11U AA, plus 11U AAA tier 1 and 2).

The teams competed through a short summer season to hopefully qualify for a chance to play in a provincial tournament. Of the 63 teams, 40 were able to compete in the 4 Provincial Tournaments from July 28 to 31. A BIG THANK YOU to our four host associations – Richmond, Mission, Cloverdale and Victoria – these tournaments do not happen without all the hard work of the host associations and their volunteer group.

Each provincial included an opening ceremony for the teams and a skills competition for players to show off their speed, power, and overall abilities before the gameplay began. All teams played four games over Friday and Saturday to hopefully advance to the semi-finals, plus a gold medal and a bronze medal game on Sunday.

After all, games were played, the Provincial Winners by division were:

11U A – Cloverdale Spurs

11U AA – Aldergrove Dodgers

11U AAA tier 2 – North Delta Rays

11U AAA tier 1 – Cloverdale Spurs

Congratulations to not just the winners but all the teams, players, coaches, and families that took part in making a successful return to 11U Summer Baseball. I wish everyone the best of luck with their 2023 seasons.

In closing, I need to say thank you to all the associations that participated, to the four provincial hosts, to the umpires (most of the time at this level, they are youth umpires), and to every volunteer that helped make this season happen. Volunteerism feels like it is a dying breed, so to those of you that continue to selflessly help out for these athletes, please accept my heartfelt thank you.



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9U programming was back to what is deemed “traditional” within local associations in spring. There were a number of local tournaments posted, but they were down from what used to be posted pre-pandemic.

There were no real structured summer interlocks formed as many of the volunteers have moved on from the division during the pandemic, and knowledge and structure did suffer this past summer. Exhibition games were set up between associations, with a number of summer tournaments posted and hosted.

One thing is many coaches in this division may have been aware of is the pitching changes that were approved at the 2019 BCMBA AGM (based on questions asked during the year). As the 2020 season was essentially wiped out for this level of baseball and lack of knowledge of coaches of the Rule Book, there seemed to be a wide range of pitching rules or lack thereof. Association executives need to ensure that coaches at all levels need to read and understand the BCMBA Rule Book.

One thing for members to possibly consider to look at during the year is extending spring developmental programming into the summer for those interested and perhaps not looking to play summer programming but still learn and develop without the “pressures” of summer play.

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