



## **BRITISH COLUMBIA MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION**

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### **Minutes June 1, 2021 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting**

Meeting will be held by Google Meet

#### **Board of Directors:**

**Meet Video:** G. Butler, J. Braaten, D. Garton, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, R. Puri, M. Kelly, M. Hall, N. Dhaliwal, A. Forman, C. Martin, R. Miciuk, S. Coleman, Hugh Gurney, Abigail Wong-de Leon

**Absent:** T. Baker-Cornett, Brad Robinson, Marty Van-der Loos, Ryan Carpenter

**Administration:** J. Raymond

**Call Meeting to Order:** 8:07 PM

#### **President's Opening Remarks:**

- On behalf of the BCMBA BoD's I'd like to extend BCMBA's support and recognition of the residential school tragedy that has come to light this past week.
- RTP guidelines and messaging from the PHO and Baseball BC continued

#### **Adoption of Minutes :**

- Motion to adopt the May 4 Meeting Minutes/Steve Coleman, S/Carmen Martin, Carried

#### **Additions to the Agenda:**

- Steve Coleman: Hope is looking to become a member of the BCMBA-> Boundaries/Affiliation
- Carmen MARTin: June 1st Roster deadline -> Rules

#### **Correspondence:**

- Rec'd email from Tony Saunders re: 18U overage players
- Rec'd email from Jackie Burns re: clarification on "in club gameplay."
- Rec'd email from Jeff Churchill (VCB 18UAA Coordinator) re: overage players
- Rec'd email from Jay Spicer re: Interleague Play

**\*\*The emails were forwarded to committee chairs/division chairs.**

#### **Business Arising from Minutes:**

- Summerball Committee Recommendations -> New Business



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### Executive Reports :

- 1) Grant Butler - President
  - RTP guideline messaging from Baseball BC was confusing as the language from the PHO announcement May 25 was different from the RTP guidelines in place.
  - I prepared and issued the attached letter setting out the order of said messaging to member Association PResidents
  - More RTP guideline discussions
- 2) John Braaten - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **See Reports in the Report Addendum**
- 3) Dave Garton - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – **NO REPORT**
- 4) Anne Hayes - Treasurer
  - Motion to approval of the May 2021 Financials/Carmen Martin, S/Val Greenwood, Abs/Anne Hayes
    - Carried
  - Chase, Duncan, and Powell River are not in good standing
- 5) Abigail Wong-de Leon - Secretary
  - The following associations have not submitted their executive roster:
    - North Shore
    - Chemainus
    - Chase – uncertain if they have a season
    - Tri-Port – uncertain if they have a season

**Administrative Director - James Raymond      See Report in the Addendum Report**

### Committee Reports

- 1) Rules Committee: Dave Garton (Chair)  
(Neal Dhaliwal-Hugh Gurney-Marty van-der Loos -Carmen Martin)
  - **Using the Covid A-XX motion the June 1st date will be set aside for now.**
- 2) Player Eligibility Committee: Neal Dhaliwal (Chair) – **NO REPORT**  
(Tina Baker-Cornett - John Braaten)
- 3) Discipline Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair)– **NO REPORT**  
(Hugh Gurney - Carmen Martin)
- 4) Girls Baseball Committee: Val Greenwood (Chair) – **NO REPORT**
- 5) Umpire Liaison Committee: Dave Garton (Chair) – **NO REPORT**  
(Hugh Gurney - Al Forman - Raj Puri)



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- 6) High-Performance Committee: Ron Miciuk (Chair) – **NO REPORT**  
(Mike Kelly - Al Forman - Marty Hall- Brad Robinson - Anne Hayes - John Braaten - James Raymond)
- 7) Boundary and Affiliation Committee: Abigail Wong-de Leon (Chair)
  - Rec'd from Mary McCann, a list of VCB players registered with VMBA for Spring 2021. (5U to 9U) – as agreed upon.
    - Grant Butler, request this be sent to Neal Dhaliwal, Eligibility Committee.
  - Steve Coleman is following up with Hope regarding Hope becoming a BCMBA member Association.
- 8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee: Mike Kelly (Co-Chair) - John Braaten (Co-Chair)  
(Al Forman - Raj Puri - Brad Robinson - Greg Bodnarchuk - Marty Hall) – **NO REPORT**
- 9) Marketing Committee: James Raymond (Chair / Admin)  
(Marty Hall - Ron Miciuk - Hugh Gurney - Tina Baker-Cornett)
  - **See Report in the Addendum Report**
- 10) Grassroots Committee: John Braaten (Chair) - **See Report in the Addendum Report**  
(Al Forman)
- 11) Risk Management / Insurance Committee: John Braaten (Chair)  
(Anne Hayes - Dave Garton)
  - **See Report in the Addendum Report**
- 12) Challenger Baseball Liaison: Grant Butler (Chair) – **NO REPORT**
- 13) Website Committee: James Raymond (Chair) - **See Report in the Addendum Report**  
(Anne Hayes)
- 14) Human Resources Committee: Anne Hayes (Chair) – **NO REPORT**  
(Val Greenwood - Raj Puri - Tina Baker-Cornett)
- 15) Awards Committee: - Val Greenwood (Chair) - **NO REPORT**  
(Mike Kelly - Raj Puri - Marty van-der Loos)
- 16) Scholarship Committee - Raj Puri (Chair) - **See Report in the Addendum Report**  
(Mike Kelly - Hugh Gurney - Al Forman)
  - Motion to accept recommendations for 2020 Scholarship Awards/Raj Puri, S/Mike Kelly,
    - Carried (Requested photos for messaging)
- 17) Baseball BC Committee - (Grant Butler, VP Baseball BC) (Chair)  
(John Braaten, Risk Committee Baseball BC, Ron Miciuk Strategic Plan Committee)
  - **See Report in the Addendum Report**



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### Divisional Reports -

- a) 26U - Jr. Men's - Anne Hayes , 10 teams, working towards June 20th start subject to PHO.
- b) 18U - Chair - Mike Kelly
  - 18U College Prep - Mike Kelly, ready to go, waiting on PHO
  - 18U AAA - Hugh Gurney
    - Sent out an email to all 18U AAA contacts to see if everyone is still practicing and ready to begin games.
    - Hoping to get our season started in June.
  - 18U AA - Raj Puri
    - **See Report in the Addendum Report**
- c) 15U - Chair - Anne Hayes, Schedules prepared waiting on PHO
  - 15U AAA - Ron Miciuk - **NO REPORT**
  - 15U AA - Dave Garton - **NO REPORT**
  - 15U A - Neal Dhaliwal - **NO REPORT**
- d) 13U - Chair - John Braaten - **See Report in the Addendum Report**
  - 13U AAA Summer - Marty Hall – - **NO REPORT**
  - 13U AA - Al Forman – **NO REPORT**
  - 13U- A - Marty van-der Loos - - **NO REPORT**
  - 13U John Main Tournament - John Braaten – **No update at this time**
- e) 11U - Chair - Tina Baker-Cornett – **NO REPORT**
- f) 9U - Chair - John Braaten – **NO REPORT**
- g) Island - 18U and 15U - Dave Garton – **NO REPORT**
- h) Island - 13U and 11U - Tina Baker-Cornett – **NO REPORT**
- i) Interior - 18U and 15U - Ron Miciuk – **NO REPORT**
- j) Interior - 13U and 11U - Neal Dhaliwal – **NO REPORT**
- k) North - Carmen Martin – **NO REPORT**

### New Business

- Summerball Committee presented recommendation to the BoD
- Motion to accept recommendation and move forward with same/Dave Garton S/ Al Forman, Carried

**Next Meeting:** Google Meet, 8 pm, July 6, 2021 or sooner if needed, subject to PHO messaging

**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 9:14pm: Dave Garton

**Addendum Reports to follow**



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### **BCMBA Board Meeting June 1, 2021**

#### **Executive Report 2**

##### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

I continue to have many inquiries and discussions with association members regarding what 2021 may look like and programming questions. Numerous Return to Play questions (RTP) from membership now that spring season is underway and "summer" is just around the corner. Have had various discussions with associations about returning to game play an internal issues they are facing from coaches not wanting to adhere to Baseball RTP protocols or not understanding what is being communicated. From what I am hearing most think now baseball is back to 2019 programming which it is not at this time. In many conversations from members (not the executive level) of LSO's the messaging from Baseball BC and BCMBA is not making it down to its coaches and members. This is a key component to keep everyone educated to where baseball is at currently. This has been a topic for quite some time at BCMBA on how to get information out to "everyone". E-mails and memos to associations and social media still isn't reaching enough members and really need the assistance from members to forward information as provided.

I had some really positive discussions with a few other associations about 2021 and beyond and the baseball landscape in the province. Nice to see active discussion with associations looking ahead to the future and continue to build strong programming and structure.

#### **Committee Report 2**

##### **Eligibility Member**

Will defer to the Chair.

#### **Committee Report 6**

##### **High Performance Member**

Will defer to the Chair.

#### **Committee Report 8**

##### **Coaches Development Committee Co-Chair**

Mike and I have been had some generalized internal discussions with future possible coaching events. Nothing to be discussed at this time with the Committee, but always looking for educational pieces for our member coaches that we can bring back to them and then onto the Board.

#### **Committee Report 10**

##### **Grassroots Chair**

I would like to stress that LSO member association executives forward the updated 9U rules (BCMBA Rule 31) as passed at the 2019 AGM that were most likely not implemented last year given the restrictions for game play well into summer in 2020.

## Committee Report 11

### Risk Management

With the May 25<sup>th</sup> announcement from Baseball BC regarding movement to Phase 2 Stage 2 I received 300+ e-mails, dozens of phone calls and texts up to midnight that night from parents, coaches, member executives and concerned members of various communities. Questions still continue and I more than happy to provide information as I am finding that there is a lot of “assuming” what is and what is not allowed currently.

Friendly reminder that lots of logistical planning from associations was needed to get players on the field for gameplay with no advance warning of the Baseball BC May 25<sup>th</sup> announcement. Patience is/was needed as I think everyone understands what it means to get our youth athletes on field again...but in a safe manner. Many generalized social media posts were not kind in the last week...when there was such a positive announcement for all returning to game play.

Essentially the Baseball BC's May 25<sup>th</sup> memo sent to members stated (attached):

Effective immediately, Baseball BC will move to **Phase 2 Stage 2** of our Return to Play Guidelines.

In Phase 2 Stage 2 the following activities **are** currently permitted;

- Team training / development (practice)
- Live batting practice
- Scrimmage and Inter-squad games
- In-Club game play only

The following activities are **not** permitted;

- Travel
- Tournaments

Participants must maintain a physical distance of three (3) meters from one another when not playing and active in game play.

Spectators are **not** permitted per the current PHO order. (Defined as games, competitions, tournaments, training or practice)

Masks are still required for all indoor public settings (as defined by the current public order)

Verbal symptom screening and attendance tracking must be performed daily

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK

BC Minor Baseball specific guidelines was also communicated from President, Grant Butler's memo dated May 26<sup>th</sup> **“Re: RTP Guidelines and Messaging from the PSO, ViaSport and the PSO Baseball BC - “In-club play.”** (Attached)

**Insurance**

I will defer to Anne Hayes.

**Committee Report 17****Baseball BC**

In frequent communication with Baseball BC regarding Return to Play. I have been participating currently with their Risk Management committee in reviewing/updating various internal policies when able. Again as noted previously in frequent communication with Baseball BC in regards to recent announcements and communications.

**Divisional Report "D"****13U Chair**

I can defer to James Raymond regarding the summer planning meetings that have happened over the past few weeks. More to come. Have had a separate divisional meetings/communications with the directors as well to focus on 13U division and what can be possibly offered within each Health Region for summer play.

**John Main**

No update at this time.

*A holdover from previous multiple reports:*

2020 entries are still held for 2021.

Given we are all under RTP Phase 2 Step 1 there are many unknowns. Have already reached out to 2020 co-hosts and all are standing by for 2021. Tournament is full and waitlisted.

**Divisional Report "F"****9U Chair**

I have had some inquiries regarding possible Lower Mainland Interlocks for 8U and 9U. Given no news about movement to Phase 3 yet, I have provided generalized and cautious planning suggestions at this point. I have requested to be kept in-the-loop regarding meetings and planning to ensure whatever is allowed and being planning adheres to the PSO's RTP guidelines and safety protocols for all.

I have not had any inquiries about 9U play in any other region of the province.

**John Braaten****1<sup>st</sup> Vice President****BC Minor Baseball**



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### Administrative Director's Report

June 1, 2021

#### Website and Social Media

- Build and distribute messaging elements for transition to next Phase of RTP
- Build and distribute promotional materials for Girls programming
- Build and distribute promotional materials for coach training
- Joint effort messaging with Baseball BC regarding COVID-19 RTP updates and changes continues
- Posts and releases promoting

#### Administrative Support

- COVID-19 Member information distribution
- Chair Summer Season Planning committee
- Prepare, distribute, and manage Summer Season members survey
- Host weekly meetings with Summer Season Planning committee, reports and agendas creation
- Reminder messaging to member associations regarding affiliation deadlines and payment dues
- Support communications for the BoD
- Administrator support for GSuite
- Continued creation of "How to" guides for GSuite procedures and features as BoD members identify needs
- Prepare GSuite training sessions content
- Host and support monthly BoD meetings via Google Meet
- Support communications for BoD and member associations
- Applications management for 2021 BCMBA Provincial Host Applications (No new applicants as of 5.29.21)
- *Recommend division chairs reach out to host applicants and advise them of the cancellation of traditional Provincials and determine if they would be willing to host a final four*

Division	Applicants to Date
11U A	
11U AA	
11U AAA T1	<i>Nanaimo Minor Baseball</i>
11U AAA T2	
13U A East	
13U A West	<i>Mission Minor Baseball</i>
13U AA	<i>Surrey Canadian Baseball</i>
13U AAA	
15U A	<i>Surrey Canadian Baseball</i>



15U AA	<i>Cloverdale Minor Baseball</i>
15U AAA	<i>SOMBA (Penticton)</i>
18U AA	<i>Mission Minor Baseball</i>
18U AAA	<i>COMBA (Kelowna)</i>
18U CP	
Jr. Men's	

*\*italics denote that the host has not been awarded yet*

*\*\*division chairs will find a summary of applications for their divisions in the shared AD drive for your division*

### **Marketing Committee Report**

- The Chair continues to study content creation and media editing in order to up our quality and effectiveness of our digital marketing campaigns (online training) and has built some training content to date
- Continued resource planning to promote the naturally RTP compliant nature of baseball and the preparedness of our member associations to provide healthy and compliant outdoor recreation for BC youth
- The Marketing committee will work with the Coach Development, High Performance, and event committees to create a collaborative and efficient process of supporting those programs
- The Marketing committee will resume meeting on a monthly basis to build our effectiveness



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May 26th, 2021

Dear President,

### Re: RTP Guidelines and Messaging from the PSO, ViaSport and the PSO Baseball BC - "In-club play."

In order of hierarchy regarding RTP guidelines, the PHO, viaSport and the PSO, please find a summary of the recent messaging;

As you are aware, on Monday, May 25th, **the PHO** has issued a "Restart" for the province ;  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/restrictions#adult-youth-sport>

Under Step 1 May 25, see Sports and Exercise:

[Adult and youth outdoor group and team sports](#)

*Outdoor group sports for adults and youth are allowed, including:*

- Games
- Tournaments and competitions
- Practices

*Contact your local sports organization for guidance on COVID-19 Safety Plan requirements.*

**ViaSport**, who directed the original PSO RTP guidelines, has posted; <https://www.viasport.ca/return-sport>

#### ***Sport organizations can/should:***

- Develop sport-specific return to sport guidelines in accordance with the [PHO Order on Gatherings and Events](#).
- Local sport organizations (LSOs) can adapt and/or adopt PSO approved [sport-specific guidelines](#), and it is recommended to have these approved by their own boards before resuming activities

**Baseball BC, our PSO**, announced yesterday that they were moving to Phase 2 Stage 2 in their Return to Play (RTP) Guidelines, <https://www.baseball.bc.ca/return-to-play>

*In Phase 2 Stage 2, The following activities are currently permitted;*

*Team training/development (practice)*

- Live batting practice
- Scrimmage and Inter-squad games
- In Club gameplay

*The following activities are not permitted;*

- Travel for competition
- Tournaments

So, like how our rule book works, if there isn't a rule you'd go up the line to the next level, we find ourselves wanting to follow the PSO, Baseball BC, but have been bombarded with questions due to the inconsistencies between the PSO and everyone else but for the most part, all of this seems to fit with what the BCMBA RTP guidelines are at this time with the exception of "In Club Play," and as such, we have been bombarded with questions for clarification on "In Club Play," here is our interpretation;

In-club play is currently defined as playing teams within their local association. Here are some examples and key guidelines;

- Teams may compete within their home association teams at the same age division. (9U/11U/13U/15U/18U)
  - *This respects the "In Club Play" and the Cohort grouping we experienced last year*
- Teams may NOT compete with teams outside of their home association
  - *This respects the "In Club Play" and the Cohort grouping we experienced last year*
- Teams may NOT compete with teams outside of their age division (11U cannot play 13U)
  - *This respects the Cohort grouping we experienced last year and safety issues.*
- Teams may compete with teams at all levels within their age division (15UA may play against 15UAA)
  - *This is new but temporary.*

Another change, or lack thereof, is the lack of language regarding quarantine periods in the Provincial Steps. We, BCMBA, believe this to mean that there will be no quarantine period when we go to the next Phase or Stage. Thus, single-season teams will be able to break out of their local club play to begin their Single Season Interlock schedule without serving a quarantine period.

Should you have any further questions regarding the opening of competitive play or the COVID-19 RTP guidelines, contact our Risk Management Chair, John Braaten, at [riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org](mailto:riskmanagement@bcminorbaseball.org)

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to provide as much baseball as possible for you and your members.

Thank you,

Grant Butler  
President  
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# BC Amateur Baseball Association

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May 25, 2021

**Attention: Baseball BC Membership (and affiliated clubs)**

**From: BC Amateur Baseball Association**

**Re: Return to Play Update – Movement to Phase 2 Stage 2**

As was announced by the provincial government and the PHO today as part of the BC Governments Re-opening plan, sport is permitted to return to game play, with in club competition.

Effective immediately, Baseball BC will move to **Phase 2 Stage 2** of our Return to Play Guidelines.

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- Masks are required in all indoor public settings. (As defined by the current public order)
- Verbal symptom screening and attendance tracking must be performed daily.
- Stay home if you're sick.

All member groups and local associations are encouraged to review the new PHO orders and review and revise respective COVID-19 Safety Plans and Policies and adapt where necessary.

Finally, we would like to remind all member organizations and their clubs that local municipalities may have additional requirements for access and that they are encouraged to check with their facility partners for direction.

Please note Baseball BC will continue to monitor provincial health orders and direction from viaSport as they are made available and base all future programming adjustment decisions as required.

Details on Baseball BC's RTP Guidelines can be found on our webpage at:

<https://baseball.bc.ca/return-to-play>

Please direct any questions you have on this topic to Baseball BC Executive Director David Laing at 604-586-3312.

ADOPTED



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## **18U AA (Midget) Report**

Association Presidents were asked to submit contact information for their 18UAA Coaches or Coordinators. Based upon that feedback, a 18UAA contact list was created for 2021 and used to circulate updated Provincial Health Order and Phase 2 Stage 2 of the Return to Play Guidelines for the 2021 season of play. We will continue to communicate with this group and update them on any changes and new guidelines. A survey was sent to association presidents to gather feedback on possible summer structures for the 18UAA division should we move into game play with other associations. Limited responses indicate a desire to play as many games as possible.

## **Scholarships Committee Report**

Five applications for the 2020 BCMBA Scholarships were received by the December deadline. Due to financial challenges during the COVID year the BCMBA Board had decided to hold these applications until funding for scholarships can be made available. The scholarship committee reviewed the submissions for 2020 and agreed to award 4 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each to the following recipients who fully met the outlined BCMBA Scholarship Criteria.

Mayan Manhas -Surrey  
Jude Hall -Chilliwack  
Tyler Stack -PoCo  
Scott Helmhold -PoCo

The application package for 2021 will be updated and posted on the BCMBA website in the upcoming weeks.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Raj Puri  
18U AA Director/Scholarships Chair