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March 7th, 2023 - BCMBA Board of Directors Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, 7 March · 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Google Meet joining info

Roll Call: G. Butler, R. Puri, J. Braaten, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Wong-de Leon, A. Forman, N. Dhaliwal, L. Hotell, A. Mackerney, M. van-der-Loos, C. Lund, D. Michaud, M. Kelly, J. Raymond

Absent: H. Gurney, R. Hall, M. Hall, S. Coleman, D. Cabalfin, T. Baker-Cornett

Meeting Called to Order:

Presidents Opening Remarks: Grant Butler

2023 LSO registration, team declarations, and all the usual questions are well underway. Thank you in advance to those Directors replying to requests or sending requests to the proper Director/Committee.

Congratulations to the Coaching Development Committee on a successful Conference this past February 10-12. The NCCP component was also a great success in assisting LSO coaches in bringing their coaching certification up to speed with the new Baseball Canada requirements that BCMBA has adopted in the 2023 Rule Book.

I'm looking forward to seeing the reports and descriptions from our caravan crew later this month.

As always, if you (whomever is reading this) need assistance or information regarding BCMBA programming please contact us through the website. www.bcminorbaseball.org

Adoption of Minutes :

- Motion to accept February 2023 BoD Meeting Minutes

Corrections: add an e on Anne's name page 3

awards page 6 - 13U coach, correct spelling is Dornan

- Motioned: M. van-der-Loos with corrections
- Seconded: D. Michaud

- M/S/C

Additions to the Agenda:

- 13U AAA

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

1. Tina Baker-Cornett - John Main Tournament
2. Kim Coy - Manager/Head Coach 15U AA Triangle Titans - looking for info - forwarded to Anne
3. Jeff Babuin - new President Howe Sound - Kevin Reed
4. Nyden Kovatchev - RADZ Fundraising - forwarded to Marketing - James
5. Samar Dalen - Sandman Signature - Invoice February 11th Event
6. Jordan Jerema - Sandman - re:complaint on dinner - \$390 credit for next event - forwarded to Anne
7. Nicole Funk - Penticton Tigers - 13U AAA - forwarded to Marty Hall
8. Sara Jackson - re: high performance at Coaches Conference - forwarded to Anne
9. Samar Dalen - Sandman - confirmation of signed contract
10. Michael Worth - looking for refund on Coaches Conference - forwarded to Anne
11. Winner's Circle - Invoice for plaques
12. Brad Rosling - looking to affiliate - forwarded to Steve
13. Doug McLean - Little League - Edmonton - looking for info on how BC's girls program works - forwarded to Marty V.
14. Darren Kautz - President COMBA - 14U girls - looking for info on games - forwarded to Marty V
15. Regan Steiger to Marty V. - 15U - player movement
16. Societies Act - confirmation on filing
17. Stacy Fournier - question on summer play for 16U girls
18. Nicole Funk - Penticton Tigers - 13U AAA - forwarded to all 13U directors
19. Kevin Reed - new president of Howe Sound - 604-892-7834 - president@howesoundminorball.org
20. Steffi Timm - Chase - Executive roster - forwarded to Anne and Neal - also we requested their UIC information
21. Scott MacKenzie - Baseball BC - High Performance Pathways Document
22. Trish Fossum - looking to reestablish baseball in Port Hardy
- 23. Executive Roster: Surrey**
24. Lisa Biamonte - exchange student - forwarded to Neal
25. Pat Sehn - need release, can't get hold of home association - forwarded to Neal
26. Brandon Dornan - 13U AAA - Coach of the Year - thank you note
27. Jon Aaron HopWo - President Chanainus - overage players - forwarded to Neal
28. Steffi Timm - No UIC
29. Kyle Williams - reminder March 1 is deadline to declare for 2023 Baseball BC qualifiers
30. Dana Finnie - Howe Sound - Coaching Caravan
31. Cassidy Thitbeault - Sparwood - age discrimination, cut off date - must be Little League as the date she gave was September 01.
32. President change in Abbotsford - Rob Brandsma new contact
- 33. Addendum - Scott MacKenzie - Baseball BC**
 - Baseball BC is pleased to announce that we are working in partnership with Axis Consulting (an SFU affiliated student consultancy) on the development of its Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Strategize Framework and Implementation plan,

Outgoing:

1. Grant Butler to David Laing, Scott MacKenzie, Kyle Williams - Baseball BC Adoption of Baseball BC's Safesport Policy in principal
2. Abigail Wong-de Leon to Tina Baker-Cornett - moving John Main Tournament to the Lower Mainland
3. James Raymond to president's - Team Roster Forms
4. Val Greenwood - Jordan Jerema - Sandman - complaint on dinner
5. Steve Coleman - Brad Rosling - affiliation
6. Marty van-der-Loos - to Stacy Fournier - reply to questions
7. James to Trish Fossum - Port Hardy - how to go about starting baseball
8. Val to James - tell her it should all be set up under Tri-Port
9. Raj Puri to Nicole Funk re: 13U AAA
10. Marty van-der-Loos - letter to 21U parents
11. James to president's - 2023 Rule Book now available on-line
12. Neal to Lisa Biamonte - check rule 6.01 - Insurance - check with Anne
13. Val to Brandon Dornan - re: award
14. James to presidents - Insurance certificate
15. Grant to Kyle - declaration of teams to qualifiers
16. James to President - save the date for Spring Workshops

Business Arising from Minutes:

- None

Executive Reports:

President - Grant Butler.

Many questions, direction/recommendation given not limited to the following;

Feb 8 - Request from North Shore for BCMBA to take over regional Spring Interlocks.

- Sorted with John Braaten's, Sanda King's (LM Valley) and Brent Dingsdale's (North Delta) help.

Feb 8 - BCABA HR Committee Meeting

Feb 13 - Complaint from North Langley President regarding no notice of awards given out at Conference.

- Follow up by telephone to sort this out.

Feb 15 - Reply to TriCity President wanting to playdown from 13U AAA.

- Sorted out with 2022 exemption to play down good for 2022 only.

Feb 16 - Final Rulebook approved, Jame to posting on Website.

- Feb 20 - James Posted and sent messages to all Presidents.

Frb 16 - BCMBA John Main Tournament Announcement - Relocation to Lower Mainland.

- James: Letter to all Presidents

Feb 20 - Review of BCMBA - Coaches Conference post-mortem meeting notes.

Feb 23 - Sort BCBUA Ejection Report - 18U AAA Event. Under BCABA jurisdiction

Feb 28 - Declaration of BCMBA participation in BCABA Qualifiers to Westerns and Nationals.

Mar 6 - Minutes - Coaching Development Committee - 2023 Caravan Meeting Mar 7

Mar 6 - Prince George 18U AAA - visiting team issues

- Provided direction to Chris Lund, 18U AAA Director and confirmed that he can sort this.

First VP - Raj Puri

- **See written report**

Second VP - John Braaten

- **See written report**

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials

Motion to accept financial report as distributed.

- Motioned: D. Michaud
- Seconded: A. Forman

M/S/C

- Coaches Conference post-event report with actuals if available. Still waiting on LEC invoice
- Coaches Caravan budget report

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Helped out at the coaches conference doing coaches registration with Anne and Joanna. It was nice to see a lot of familiar faces
- Society papers have been filed, thanks to Anne for the backup

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- **See written Report**

Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee - **Daniel Michaud** / A. Wong de-Leon / R. Hall

- **No Report**

2) Player Eligibility Committee - **Neal Dhaliwal** / Steve Coleman / Marty van-der Loos/ Tina Baker-Cornett

- **See written report**

- Try out releases summary
- Player releases summary
- Player movement(up/down) report
- Overage report

3) Discipline Committee - **Ryan Hall/ Tina Baker Cornett** / Raj Puri / Neal Dhaliwal / Lyndsey Hotell

- **No Report**

4) Girls Baseball Committee - **Marty Van-Der Loos** / Val Greenwood

- Baseball BC has name it's coaches for the Girl's teams

14U #1 - Kristy Watson

14U #2 - Liz Gilder

16U - Stacy Fournier

21U - Emily Fournier

14U Girls Westers to be held in Richmond, August 18 - 20, 2023

5) Umpire Liaison Committee - **Steve Coleman/ Alan McKearney/** Raj Puri

- Gord - tournament umpires lined up for the John Main
- on-line courses going well

6) High-Performance Committee - **Chris Lund/ Mike Kelly** / Marty Hall / Hugh Gurney/ Raj Puri / John Braaten Rep (18U) / Anne Hayes Rep (15U) / Tina Baker-Cornett Rep (13U)

- Chris - Voted on 18U Select Team Coaches. Bob Foerster and Liam Goodall have been informed and are contacting other coaches
- John - non-voting member - **See written report**

1. Addendum - 18U College Selects team

- Our College Prep Division has gained entry in the BLE 18U Showcase tournament in Kamloops May 3-7. Many of the best teams in the country attend this tournament. With changes in Baseball BC pathways to Western and Nationals it is not feasible to send a Provincial Championship team to the US tournament in New Jersey that BCMBA did when not a member of the PSO.
- In talking with CP divisional coaches last year about going back to possible Showcase player weekend, it was thought entering a tournament to promote the division and players was a better opportunity. Thus, I had many conversations with Marty Lehn which led to an entry into the 2023 tournament.
- As part of the CP pre-season meeting the high performance opportunity was presented to coaches and were in support of. Online coach applications were encouraged and as per Chris' notes three coaches applied. Two (2) coaches were presented to the HP Committee for

recommendations and approved. Both agreed once advised of the opportunity. Since then the approved coaches have started internal discussions for coach's player recommendations to come with a maximum roster of eighteen (18) players. Coaches will have final say with support of BCMBA 18U directors for roster. Selects coaches will work with all other divisional teams for recommendations and such to put the best team forward.

- Entry fee is paid by BCMBA to the tournament. BCMBA All-Star apparel will be provided to players. Budget is currently being worked on and player fees to be determined to help offset costs just like any other HP programmes/teams. Hotel booking has been done for twenty (20) rooms. Mike Kelly will be the Chef-de-Mission
- Regular communication with CP selects coaches is continuing and will have updates before final roster is set sometime mid-April

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

8) Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee - **Mike Kelly / Grant Butler** / Marty van-der Loos / Chris Lund / Dino Cabalfin/ Anne Hayes NCCP Chair

- Mike - Coaches conference - **See written report**
- John: Post Coaches Conference post-mortem minutes submitted and distributed
- John: Resigned as Coaching Development Committee Co-Chair - Grant to Co-Chair with **Mike Kelly** .
- 2023 BCMBA Traveling Caravan
Feb 22 - Grant - Review Caravan Schedule and Caravan Budget
Feb 23 - Complete Caravan Budget
Mar 6 - Grant - Meeting minutes of Coaching Development Committee Meeting - **See written report**
- Coach NCCP Certification report
Anne - We paid for 382 seats at the clinics in February for our coaches. We will be offering all seven (7) two (2) will be offered once, five (5) will be offered twice, courses again in May for free for our coaches and we will be offering two (2) clinics necessary for 11U in early July so there should be no excuse for any coach starting in the summer to not have the proper qualifications to be a coach.
- Notice will go out after Friday
- All rosters to go to Anne to check certification - if anything is missing, coaches will be notified

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

- **See written report**
- PR is securing sponsors - if you need anything for for division advise committee ASAP
- Sponsor for the 60th Anniversary is Baseball BC
- does not affect any local Provincials with their marketing materials, t-shirts etc.
- Mike - need banners for caravan - Grant has them and will either courier or bring them over

10) Grassroots Committee - **John Braaten / Steve Coleman**

- John - Awaiting internal response on next steps from completed Grassroots survey prior to implementation with feedback from admin

11) Risk Management - **John Braaten / Alan McKearney**

John - One risk management item brought forward from a member and directed to Baseball BC given time of “event” and they were responsible with their insurer at the time.

- Insurance - **James Raymond/ Anne Hayes**
 - working on travel and players

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

- No report

13) Website Committee - **James Raymond / Alan McKearney/ Anne Hayes**

- **See written report**
- John - 56 (up from February 3rd) BCMBA tournaments now posted on website

14) Human Resources Committee - **Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Raj Puri**

- working on James review

15) Awards Committee - **Val Greenwood / Tina Baker-Cornett/ Marty Van-Der Loos/ Dino Cabalfin**

- **No report**
- a little disappointed that none of the coaches were informed, my fault for not following up

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

- **See written report**

17) Tournaments Coordinator - **Abigail Wong-de Leon - See written report**

18) Baseball BC Committee - **Grant Butler / Raj Puri**

- John - No updates since last report as March meeting has been cancelled. Baseball BC pathways document forwarded to members.
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- Grant - Working with Kyle Williams regarding formats for qualifiers, 13U AAA in progress.
- Grant - The following is something that BCMBA has needed to fully understand the differences in team makeup between the different members of BCABA (LL, PBL etc). Received Feb 2nd

General Eligibility for All Members

Players must meet the Baseball Canada age requirements for their division. No overage players are permitted for any reason except when provided for female athletes.

All out of catchment players must have been approved by the member (Little League, PBL, Babe Ruth, BC Minor) and be permitted under their own transfer rules.

Teams may not add players who have not been part of their local association or club during the spring season per their member's rules unless modified in this document.

Unless modified in this document, Baseball BC generally follows a member's own rules to determine the eligibility of athletes and teams.

Players are permitted to play in multiple qualifiers provided they are on different weekends. For example, a player who is rostered at 15U AAA during the season, could play in the 18U AAA Tier 1 or 2 qualifier as a pick-up and still be eligible to play in the 15U AAA qualifier.

13U AAA - Little League

An Association may choose to enter a team, consisting of players who reside within their boundaries. A District may choose to enter a team, consisting of any combination of players from within their District's associations.

- Grant - Confirmed BCMBA participation in the 2023 BCABA Qualifiers to Westerns and Nationals.

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Jr. Men's - **Anne Hayes - No report**

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

- The College Prep schedule has been posted. Have reached out to the Administrative Director for College Prep Selects team apparel in preparation for the May tournament. Have confirmed Mike Kelly as Chef de Mission
- The 18U AAA schedule has been sent out to declared teams. Have been advised of two (2) teams having issues with travel to Prince George. Requested assistance/clarification from Rules Committee

18U College Prep Director - Chris Lund/John Braaten

- Teams have all decided to switch to Game Changer this season. Started to set up the league on the league page awaiting for the teams to join. We will try to get as many games live streamed through Game Changer as possible
- It is not mandatory to live stream this year, but will be next year

18U AAA Director - Chris Lund

- Schedule has now been sent to all of the teams
- A couple of problems with teams unwill to travel to Prince George
- One coach not happy about going to Prince George, but will go
- Working on this issue with Ridge Meadows
- Maybe rent a bus and go up together to help cut cost, may help with Ridge Meadows

18U AA Director - Raj Puri - **See written report**

- had inquiry on what type of baseballs we are using this year

- Frank Ingram - Kamloops to enter team - will meet after the workshops

c) 15U - Chair - **Anne Hayes**

- Attended both the 15U AAA and 15U AA coach's meetings. The schedule for 15U AAA is posted on the website. Awaiting the field availability forms from most of the 15U AA teams to complete this schedule.

15U AAA Director - Hugh Gurney

- Season schedule has been completed
- Play to begin April 8
- One team has withdrawn before the deadline to do so (Richmond/Ladner)
- Team contact list and team logos were submitted to website committee for website
- Provincial host named - Kamloops
- Wild Card tournament host still needed - will likely get one further into the season once teams have an idea of where they are in the standings

15U AA Director - Abigail Wong-de Leon - **See written report**

15U A Director - Neal Dhaliwal

- Still actively looking for a 15U A Provincial host. I have sent out a few emails to the associations that participated in 2022 and will be waiting for responses

c) 13U - Chair - **Tina Baker-Cornett**

- None

13U AAA Director - Marty Hall

- Personal family issues - will be out indefinitely
- Anne will take over and mentor Lyndsey
- Meeting is March 18th at 10:00 am
- John - thinks Anne has too much workload - can someone else step up?
- Grant - Lyndsey can probably take over after things are settled

13U AA Director - Al Forman

- I helped out at the Coaches Conference in Langley the weekend of February 10 - 12. Gave out scholarship awards and the luncheon and helped out at players clinics throughout the weekend.
- Held a meeting to see what was happening around the province for the spring season.
- Thanks to Marty van-der-Loos, Anne Hayes and James Raymond on the virtual call to assist me.

13U A Director - Marty Van-Der Loos

- Still waiting on Mission for a decision on Provincials
- Reached out again to Dan Williams on February 31, 2023 and he's working on things with his board
- April 15th is the deadline for Dan and his board to make a decision

13U John Main Tournament Directors - John Braaten / Abigail Wong-de Leon

- **No Report**

d) 11U - Chair - **Anne Hayes/ Steve Coleman**

- Have 3 associations declared that they will be tiering in 11U this Spring. Cloverdale, COMBA and White Rock. I am awaiting another association to decide before April 1st if they are going to tier as well.
- I have also let all associations that are running tournaments in the spring at this level that they are not allowed to include these tiered associations.
- Ridge Meadows has not declared they are tiering - if so they cannot go to the Kamloops tournament
- Tri-City may tier

e) 9U - Chair - **Dino Cabalfin - No report**

f) Island 1 - Tina Baker Cornett -

- 9U / 11U / 13U
- **No Report**

g) Island 2 -

- 15U / 18U
- No Report

h) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal - 18U / 15U - **No Report**

i) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin - 9U / 13U / 11U - **No report**

j) North - Neal Dhaliwal

- BCMBA is still looking for a North Director. I have heard from Prince George, who are actively figuring out which programs they will be providing for 2023.
- Possible teams for Prince George:
 - 18U AAA
 - 15U A
 - 13U AA
 - 13U A x 2
 - 11U (possibly all 3 divisions for summer)

New Business:

- Up date Provincials and hosts
- 1. COMBA 0 11U Tier I
- 2. 13U East - host pending - Marty van - der-Loos
- 3. 13U A West - Oceanside - Tina Baker-Cornett - tentative - maybe Hugh
- 4. 15U A - **host needed** - Neal Dhaliwal
- 5. 18U AA - **host needed** -
- Abigail to confirm all tournament schedules
- James is working with Abigail on provincial package

Next Meeting:

- March 14th, 2023 7:00 PM Spring Workshop (Island)
- March 15th, 2023 7:00 PM Spring Workshop (Interior/North)
- March 16th, 2023 7:00 PM Spring Workshop (LM/FV)
- April 4th, 2023 **8:00 PM**

Meeting Adjournment at: 6:52 pm

- Motioned: Marty van-der-Loos
- Seconded: