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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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BCMBA Monthly BoD Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, 6 February · 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Call to Order: 7:01pm

Attendance: R.Puri, R.Hall, A. McKearney, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, A. Wong-de Leon, A. Forman, M. van-der-Loos, C. Lund, M. Kelly, B. Dingsdale, D. Hodgens, T. Baker-Cornett, N. Dhaliwal, V. Vankoughnett, D. Cabalfin, M. Hall

Absent: D. Michaud (working in Nunavut), L. Hotell

Administrative Director: James Raymond

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- Congratulations to the Coaches Conference Committee on their hard work leading up to and at the Conference. A very successful event that highlights the support for our coaches. Committee will administer a feedback survey to participating coaches and factor the results into their planning for next year's Coaches Conference.
- Congrats to the Awards Committee and the Banquet Committee for an outstanding lunch and awards ceremony. We hope to publish criteria for each category for future use.

Adoption of Agenda:

- **Motion to accept February's agenda.**
 - **Motioned:** M. van-der-Loos
 - **Seconded:** A. Forman
 - **M/S/Carried**

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion to accept January 2024 minutes as distributed.

- Motioned: D. Hodgens
- Seconded: N. Dhaliwal
- M/S/Carried

Additions to the Agenda:

- 26U

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

1. Sandman - confirming dates for 2024
2. Shane Bourdage - looking for info on BC Jr. Baseball program late 80s early 90s - sent to Baseball BC
3. Amy McKinnon - change of president Sunshine Coast - Amy - president@sunshinecoastbaseball.ca
4. Colleen Marshall - manager Chilliwack Cougars College Prep - Looking for insurance for US tournament - forwarded to James
5. Keisha - president North Shuswap - looking for insurance certificate - forwarded to Anne
6. Jeanine Sumner - new president Campbell River - president@crmba@gmail.com
7. **Executive Rosters:** Campbell River, Aldergrove, Vernon
8. Kristy Watson - looking for permission to attend tournament in Kamloops with the 16U Girls team
9. Hugh Gurney - North Island Cubs will field 18U AAA in 2024
10. Nicholas Van Dyk - president North Shore - will field 18U AAA in 2024
11. Jeremy - looking for past AGM minutes - forwarded to James
12. Haider Khalil - Sales and Marketing Empressa Impax - sportswear - forwarded to Marketing
13. Sara Larson - RAMP InterActive - forwarded to James
14. Dawn Rhynold - Trail Little League - looking for info on affiliation - forwarded to Boundaries
15. Miranda Carpenter VP Ridge Meadows - introduction of Hannah Lapensee - Administrative Assistant
16. John Braaten - Cloverdale - Michael Dagg and Grant Reimer - coaching convention layout
17. Jeremy - asking to have the website updated - James
18. Chris Wilson - looking for 15U High Performance camp - directed him to the coaches conference
19. Riley Conrad - looking for 13U house team - directed him to Vancouver Community
20. David Laing - Baseball BC = Blue Jays Top of the First
21. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - High Performance Program 2024 Pathway Document
22. Daniel Gaudreau - Kootenay Kestrels - 15UA - looking for summer play - forwarded to Anne
23. Veronica Ferguson- Sales Manager Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre - rooms and conference

Outgoing:

1. James to Presidents - notice of NCCP courses
2. Brent Dingsdale to Presidents - 18U AAA introduction
3. Marty van-der-Loos to Kristy Watson - restrictions on entering Kamloops tournament with 16U girls team
4. James to Jeremy - advising of past AGM minutes
5. James to Jeremy - directed to his association president - cease the work requests and multiple email campaign

Business Arising from Minute

- None

Executive Reports:

President -Raj Puri

- Attended the Baseball BC
 - Reviewed Safe Sport Policy updates
 - Discipline to be handled by Baseball BC on hold until all organizations can support initiative with common policy.
 - New Fundraising Initiative with Alan McKearney.
- Ryan and Kyle are working on Discipline Policy to get it approved.
- PBL against turning over discipline to Baseball BC as their system works well
- What are the Board's feelings on turning over discipline to Baseball BC?
 - ties u the board on some of the discipline calls for major suspensions
 - Board not equipped to handle sexual assaults and harassment or other suspension that may be of a criminal nature
 - Will we lose control of all suspensions? No, in theory
 - Alan - appeals - would be entirely Baseball BC, no appeal we will have some control
 - Anne - 26U - outside our rule book, there is no automatic suspensions
 - Marty V. - is it just for appeals?
 - Ryan - automatic 1 or 3 game suspensions
 - Dan - no gray areas with Baseball BC - 26U can always put the automatic 1 game when they go over their rules
 - Marty V. - provincials - there is no 1+1- director, tournament chair and UIC go over infraction
- 15AAA working with Baseball BC to finalize a pathway to Westerns and Nationals.
- Thank you to Brent Dingsdale who will be the BCMBA representative on the Baseball BC High Performance Committee.
- BOD have been sent copy of Kyle's email for HP Pathways
- 18U AAA and CP pathway to Westerns /Nationals -After teams have been declared, Baseball BC will meet with BCMBA and PBL to work out a format that will address the roster issue to create competitive equity.
- Need to finalize the Caravan Schedule and send out communication to the associations.
- Need to confirm posting contact info and slide decks for Conference presenters.
- Locker flood - all tents and banners need to be cleaned and dried by professionals

First VP - Ryan Hall

- See written report
- working with James on survey for conference

Second VP - Alan McKearney

- No report - see convention report

- Raj - congratulations to Alan who is now a staff member of Baseball BC - official title is Director of Partnership - will work on fundraising and marketing
- Alan - resigned voting seat on Baseball BC board

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials
- As distributed
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report as distributed
 - Motioned: A. Wong-de Leon
 - Seconded: D. Cabalfin
 - M/S/Carried

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Attended the coaches conference doing the coaches registrations, thanks to Joanna, Anne and Tina for helping out

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- See written report
- Please use the ticket system if you need anything done, without ticket your request may be missed

Committee Reports:

1) **Rules Committee** - Chair Daniel Michaud / Ryan Hall / Brent Dingsdale

- Rag - I hoped rule book would be ready
- Ryan - should be ready to go - send to Presidents to distribute to their people

2) **Player Eligibility Committee** - Chair Neal Dhaliwal / Marty van-der-Loos / Dino Cabalfin / Tina Baker-Cornett

- See written report

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

- Some administrative changes might be coming but will be cited in the 1st VP report

4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Chair Marty van-der-Loos / Val Greenwood

- An all girls team will be entering the BLE tournament in Kamloops in April in the 15U division

5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** - Chair Alan McKearney

- Sean Sullivan - President of the BC Umpires - any changes to discipline, need copy of rulebook

- Are we going to use them for our tournament and provincials? They want to work with us
- Alan - can we use them at only 13U AAA, 15U AAA, 18U and College Prep
- need strict guidelines on travel
- Alan - they send supervisors from out of town calling for us to pay travel, hotels, meals etc.
- Often say they will do the games and then back out
- Marty H. - can we ask for a performance bond from them to make sure they fulfill their commitments?
- Alan - they will give us a list of umpires
- need adult umpires at higher levels
- Raj and Alan to follow up

6) **High-Performance Committee** - Chair Chris Lund / Ryan Hall / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Marty Hall - non voting members 18U Brent Dingsdale / 15U Anne Hayes / 13U Tina Baker-Cornett

- See written report

7) **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** - Chair Daniel Michaud

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8) **Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee** - Co Chair Alan McKearney / Co Chair Raj Puri / Mike Kelly / Ryan Hall / Anne Hayes(NCCP) / Al Forman / Marty Hall

- Alan - See written report
- Mike - What a great weekend with the conference for coaches and players. Great turnout

Thank you to all who worked the conference for coaches and players

9) **2024 BCMBA Traveling Caravan** - (Mike Kelly)

- We regret that we cannot get the regular crew to do the caravan this year
- A new crew will have to be formed if it is to proceed. All present crew have decided not to do it, including myself
- Raj - need to figure out new plan - James, Anne, Alan, Ryan and Chris

10) **Marketing Committee** - Chair James Raymond / Dino Cabalfin / Ryan Hall

- See written report

11) **Grassroots Committee** - Chair Daniel Michaud

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12) **Risk Management** - Chair Ryan Hall

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13) **Challenger Baseball Liaison** - Chair Dino Cabalfin

- No Report

14) **Website Committee** - Co Chair James Raymond/Co Chair Alan McKearney / Anne Hayes

- Alan - no report
- James - see written report
- 15U and 18U - need team names and coaches contacts for scoring
- home team to enter scores

15) **Human Resources Committee** -Chair Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Al Forman / Tina Baker-Cornett

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16) **Awards Committee** - Chair Val Greenwood / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Marty van-der-Loos

- Thanks to Marty for stepping up and organizing the awards for me when I was out of action
- The awards ceremony at the Coaches Luncheon went smoothly with all recipients in attendance except the umpires, we will arrange to get them their plaques

17) **Scholarship Committee** - Chair Abigail Wong-de Leon / Lyndsey Hotell / Daniel Michaud / Chris Lund / Dino Cabalfin

- See written report

18) **Baseball BC Committee** -

19) **Tournaments Coordinator** - Chair Abigail Wong-de Leon

- John Main - Abbotsford has expressed interest - want to know the logistics
- Still looking for Lower Mainland hosts

Divisional Reports:

a) **26U** - Chair Dan Hodgens

BC Badgers (female team) want to join league, but use aluminum bats as opposed to wood bats the league uses

They roster up to 25 - ages 18 - 30

Have no home field

wouldn't it be easier to just play exhibition games? They could but no one will play them, they need to be in the schedule

need the aluminum bats to keep their consistency for

Marty V. - they must use drop 3 or 5 no matter what age - makes them more competitive

roster is problem - they have no consistency in fielding a team - they do have some males on the roster

- make sure they have wood bats in case a team objects to them using aluminum
- 16 year olds can only play up if affiliated with an association, can only call up if needed
- need to look at insurance
- insured under Baseball BC

- they need to find a home field

b) **18U - Co-Chair Brent Dingsdale / Chris Lund**

- Chris - I attended the 18U AAA meeting hosted by Brent on February 4
- **18U College Prep** - Chris Lund
 - See written report
 - Marty V. - why are Chilliwack allowed to drop down to 18U AAA?
 - they have signed a two (2) year contract with Baseball BC to host all the qualifiers
 - Does that mean Baseball BC wants the 18U AAA team to drop down or are they going to have two (2) teams at AAA
 - We haven't agreed to anything
- **18U AAA** - Brent Dingsdale
 - See written report
- **18U AA** - Marty Hall
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b) **15U - Chair Anne Hayes**

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- **15U AAA** - Neal Dhaliwal
 - See written report
- **15U AA** - Abigail Wong-de Leon
 - See written report
- **15U A** - Veronica Vankoughnett
 - Who sends out hosting packages?
 - James - once Abigail know of tournament, she will send out package

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

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- **13U AAA** - Marty van-der-Loos
 - merger between Aldergrove and North Langley for 2024 (Langley Township Blue Sox)
 - currently the following associations have declared for 13U AAA:
 - Cowichan Valley
 - Ridge Meadows

North Shore
Vancouver
Langley Township

- declaration deadline is March 01
- **13U AA** - Al Forman
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- **13U A** - Lyndsey Hotell
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- **13U John Main Tournament** - Tina Baker-Cornett / Marty van-der-Loos
 - Al and Lyndsey
 - 13U AAA / 13U AA
- d) **11U** Chair Alan McKearney
 - No report
- e) **9U** Chair Dino Cabalfin
 - No Report
- f) Island 1 - Tina Baker-Cornett
 - 9U / 11U /13U
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- g) Island 2 - Marty Hall
 - 15U / 18U
 - No Report
- h) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal
 - 18U and 15U
 - Interior associations getting ready for baseball, some association registrations are open or will be open soon
 - Will be working with Dino to start the preparation for the BCMBA Interior workshop to be held mid/late March
- i) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin
 - 9U, 11U and 13U



- No Report

j) North - Veronica Vankoughnett

- No Report

New Business:

- Provincial Championships
 - Hosts
 - Cloverdale and Victoria
 - Cloverdale first to apply before deadline
 - 18U AAA provincials awarded to Cloverdale - committee recommendation
- Spring Workshops - March 12 and 14
- Article XX - 15U Tabled
- play one (1) year under Baseball BC regional
- Kyle and David - two (2) weeks from having solution to 15U
- We can't give up our opportunities to go to Westerns or Nationals

Next Meeting:

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 09, 2024 STARTING AT 10:00 AM - IN PERSON MEETING - SANDMAN SIGNATURE - LANGLEY BC**

Meeting Adjournment at: 8:24 pm

- Motioned: C. Lund

