



British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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BCMBA Monthly BoD Meeting - Minutes

Saturday, 8th March · 10:00 AM

In Person - Sandman Signature, Langley, BC

Call to Order: 10:04

Attendance: R. Puri, R. Hall, A. McKearney, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, D. Hodgens, M. van-der-Loos, N. Dhaliwal, A. Forman, D. Harrington, C. Geisbrecht, J. Brown, D. Lacasse, J. A. Hop Wo, E. Hope, L. Rihala, M. Kelly

Absent: J. Humber, A. Wong-deLeon, M. Hall, T. Baker-Cornett, T. Matthews, V. Vankoughnett

Administrative Director: James Raymond

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- **Acknowledgement -**

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that I'm opening this meeting today from Surrey which is located on the traditional lands of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo First Nations and other Coast Salish peoples who have been the stewards of this land since time and immemorial.

I also acknowledge today that our Board members are located on the traditional lands of other First Nation Peoples throughout the province. We thank them for allowing us to meet, play, and learn together on their territory.

Additions to the Agenda:

Adoption of Agenda:

- **Motion to adopt agenda:**
 - **Motioned:** Marty van-der-Loos
 - **Seconded:** Dan Hodgens
 - **M/S/Carried**
- **March 2025 BoD Meeting**
 - **Motioned:**
 - **Seconded:**

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

1. Amanda Dalgetty - 13U AA Provincials - forwarded to Marty v
2. EHOS - survey - forwarded to James and Raj
3. Scott Leir - SOMBA - sportsengine registration - forwarded to Anne
4. Jeff Loughheed - looking for info on Team BC - directed him to watch the website
5. Rennard Jo - NCCP - forwarded to Anne
6. Suzanne - 13U provincials
7. Shauna Colquhoun - fundraising
8. Lynne Tarumoto - Battle at the Barn Tournament - forwarded to website director
9. Simon Karsyente - food trucks for tournaments - forwarded to marketing
- 10. Executive Rosters:** Columbia Valley, Chemainus
11. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - PED Educational Opportunity
12. Michael Carriere - White Rock - 15U AA team declaration
13. Michael Carriere - White Rock - 13U AAA team declaration
14. Brett Taylor - 100 Mile House - withdrawing affiliation
15. Ronna - looking for confirmation of 13U AA provincials - sent to website
16. Kevin Read - President Howe Sound - looking for info on female player
17. Lynne Tarumoto - declaring teams 15U AA - possibly 13UAAA/AA - forwarded to Marty v and Anne
18. Scott Leir - SOMBA - 18U AA
19. Brenden Frehlick - PRMBA - over aged players - forwarded to 18U chair
20. Lynne Tarumoto - Ladner - when are blackout dates required for scheduling
21. Ashley Read - No room for players - forwarded to Marty van-der-Loos
22. Anonymous - CRC for coaches - forwarded to Raj
23. Michelle - North Delta - who to submit roster to - forwarded to Marty van-der-Loos

Outgoing:

1. James to Presidents - John Main
2. James to Presidents - Female only Umpire clinic
3. Chad Giesbrecht to Suzanne - 13U provincials
4. Marty van-der-Loos to White Rock - receipt of 13U declaration
5. James to Presidents - reminder of Spring Workshops - March 11/13 - 7 pm - both virtual
6. Anne to Scott Leir - sportsengine information
7. James to presidents - 13U AA team selection reminder
8. Marty van-der-Loos - to Lynne - Ladner 15U AA
9. Marty van-der-Loos to Michelle - re rosters

Business Arising from Minutes:

Executive Reports:

President -Raj Puri

- Appreciation for the work of BCMBA Committees and Directors in preparation for the upcoming season.
- Focus on good communication to provide the foundation for a good season.
- Remind/Encourage all Local Associations to have a solid dispute resolution process in place and to follow due process to address any parent concerns that arise. Please also have an appeal process

outlined. BCMBA appeals will follow Rule 16 in the BCMBA Rulebook and we will work with Baseball BC on the more complex situations.

- Will be working on the BCMBA Strategic Plan with the Board.

First VP - Ryan Hall

- Maintain liaison with a series of LMD LSO's for basic inquiries

Second VP - Alan McKearney

- All quiet at this time. Will get busier as season gets underway
- Fielding a number of eligibility questions that are passed along to Neal

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

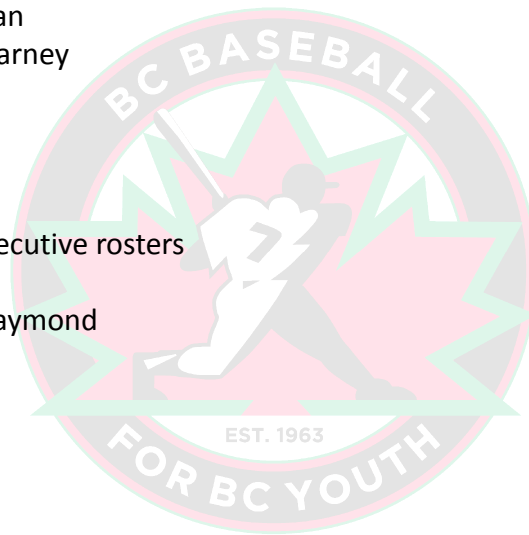
- Financials
- As distributed
 - Motioned: A. Forman
 - Seconded: A. McKearney
 - M/S/Carried

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- Still a lot of outstanding executive rosters

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- See written report



Committee Reports:

1) Rules Committee - Ryan Hall(Chair), Abigail Wong-de Leon, David La Casse, Erik Hope

- Working with Eric Hope on a podcast that explains the rule book. My thanks to Erik for this initiative
- Completed HR meeting and interview as part of the committee
- AGM not published
- put up draft copy on website

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Neal Dhaliwal(Chair), Marty van-der-Loos, Tina Baker-Cornett

- Neal - see written report

3) Discipline Committee - Ryan Hall(Co-Chair), David Herrington(Co-Chair), Dan Hodgens, Erik Hope, Julie Brown

- David - no report

4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Al Forman(Chair)

- No Report
- Insurance - in Spring they are covered by BCMBA
- Summer Insurance - covered by Baseball BC
- Clarity around guidelines mainly around 7U and 9U
- Amanda Assy has been put into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame

5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** - Alan McKearney(Chair), Raj Puri

- Liaising with BCBUA for general season pieces at this time. Will provide Provincial list shortly.
- Need to discuss whether or not we use them for the John Main for 2025?
- let host association to get umpires for John Main

Motion: A. Hayes / A Forman

Motion that the local associations supply umpires for the John Main with BCMBA paying.

M/S/Carried

6) **High-Performance Committee** - Ryan Hall(Chair), Al Forman, Marty Hall, Chad Giesbrecht, David La Casse - non-voting members; 18U - Anne Hayes / 15U - Neal Dhaliwal, 13U - Marty Van-der-Loos

- Ryan - Added Lian Rihela and Thurman Matthews to the HP committee
- Liam R to coordinate dates and 13U ID camps
- Marty VDL to plan/execute 15U camps
- Completed a coach stipend and remuneration plan for BCMBA HP coaches, attached
- looking to examine technology (timing gates, Rapsoso) and a method to conduct and collect ID camp data during the off season

7) **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** - Dan Hodgens(Chair)

- **See written report**

8) **Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee** - Alan McKearney(Chair), Mike Kelly, Anne Hayes(NCCP), Al Forman, David Herrington

- Anne - NCCP - I haven't sent out the NCCP letter to all associations yet as I am busy working on the schedules. I have started to receive single-season rosters and will be reviewing all those rosters as soon as I receive them
- 18U AAA - lot of coaches have no certification
- July 01 deadline to get certification
- Courses through Baseball BC are now available on-line
- 10 new evaluators

- Alan - Need virtual links for entirety of conference still to upload

- Working to finalize the caravan schedule. James reaching out to hosts that didn't apply again this year
- Goal is to finalize the caravan staff in the next 2 - 3 days. Have preliminary set

9) **2025 BCMBA Traveling Caravan**

10) **Marketing Committee** - James Raymond(Chair), Ryan Hall, David Herrington, Erik Hope

- See written report
- MVP now being used for all apparel

11) **Grassroots Committee** - Al Forman(Co-Chair), Julie Brown(Co-Chair)

- Revitalizing existing resources
7U + 9U coaching manuals
- Arm Safety Awareness Resources + Campaign
Injury Prevention
 1. Mechanics
 2. Training progressions + Programming
 3. Nutrition
- would like to bring back the 5U and 6U manuals
- 7U, 8U, 9U and 10U manuals from years ago. These are available online and are good resources for grassroots coaches
- Next meeting: March 8th at 8:30am

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

- Monitoring a situation in an LSO where a young person has been suspended indefinitely due to allegations of gross misconduct within internal team members

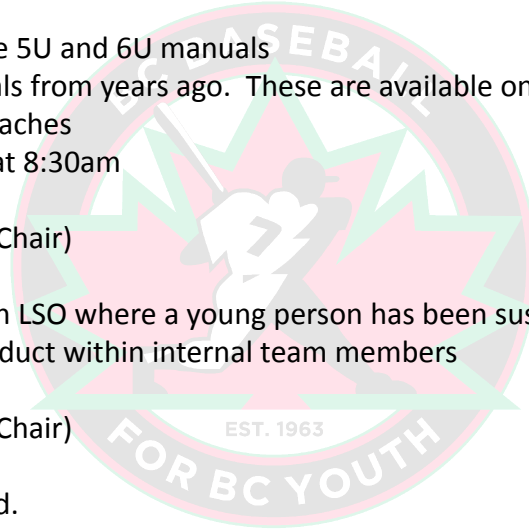
13) **Challenger Baseball Liaison** - (Chair)

- Need a Chair to be assigned.

14) **Website Committee** - James Raymond(Co-Chair), David Herrington(Co-Chair), Alan McKearney, Anne Hayes

- See written report
- Raj - presidents list is not available to general public due to privacy - associations on website link will take them to the names they are looking for

15) **Human Resources Committee** - Anne Hayes(Chair), Tina Baker-Cornett, Ryan Hall



- James' review was March 03. I have distributed the review letter to the board for discussion in the March meeting
- James has left the meeting

Motion: A. Hayes . C. Geisbrecht

Motion to give a \$2500.00 bonus to James.

M/S/Carried

need to adjust job duties

Motion: A. Hayes / R. Hall

Motion to change job description for Administrative Director to Executive Director.

M/S/Carried

He will be able to make some decisions without board approval - but not carte blanc duties will be revised

16) **Awards Committee** - Val Greenwood(Chair), Mike Kelly, Al Forman, Marty van-der-Loos, Chad Giesbrecht

- No Report

17) **Scholarship Committee** - Abigail Wong-de Leon(Chair), Lyndsey Hotell, Dan Hodgens, Raj Puri

- No Report

18) **Baseball BC Committee**

19) **Tournaments Coordinator** - Abigail Wong-de Leon(Chair), Jaymie Humber, Alan McKearney, Veronica Vankoughnett

- The tournament handbook was sent to the committee for review
- We will finalize the 2025 version soon

John Main Tournament:

10 teams

Hosts - Cloverdale and White Rock

Will defer the rest to 13U Chair

Divisional Reports:

a) **26U** - Dan Hodgens(Chair) - **see written report**

b) **18U** - Anne Hayes(Chair)



- **18U Selects**
- **16U Selects**

- **18U College Prep** - Anne Hayes

- Schedule is on the website

- **18U AAA** - David La Casse

- Schedule is on the website

- **18U AA** - Chad Giesbrecht - No report

c) **15U** - Neal Dhaliwal(Chair)

- The 15U AAA schedule has been distributed and will be put up on the website early next week. I am currently working on the two (2) 15U AA schedules. There are 29 teams playing so the schedules are challenging

- **15U Selects**

- **15U AAA** - Neal Dhaliwal

- See written report

- **15U AA** - Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Anticipated to have 29 15U AA teams
- Teams will be divided into two (2) pools
- Coaches' meeting was held last February 26, 2025. 27 teams represented
- Provincial host: Victoria Triangle 0 July 24 - 27, 2025

- **15U A** - Veronica Vankoughnett

d) **13U** - Marty van-der-Loos(Chair)

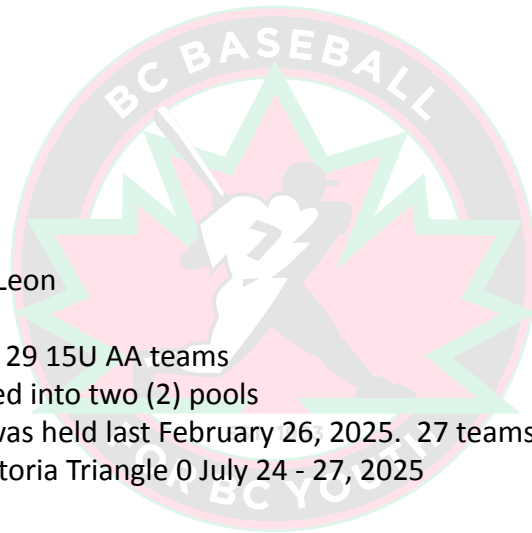
- See written report

- **13U AAA** - Marty Hall

- Hosting provincial meeting tonight
- 15 teams declared

- **13U AA** - Al Forman

- Looks like a lot of teams in the summer for 13U AA
- Provincials will be in Victoria July 24 - 27



- **13U A** - Jon Aaron Hop Wo
- **13U John Main Tournament** - Marty van-der-Loos, Marty Hall
 - Host - Cloverdale/Newton
 - 10 teams

e) **11U** - Alan McKearney (Chair)

- Nothing to report at this time, other than some additions changes in tiering declarations

f) **9U** Lyndsey Hotell (Chair)

- Some concerns regarding tiering
- Some concerns regarding splitting/not splitting 8U/9U in some associations. See Interior (David) report for breakdown
- Will be reviewing rules to try and clear up any confusion for the 9U season
- Working on landing pages for 9U specifically where all info can go to make it easy to find
- Working on welcome letter that will highlight some of these guidelines
- Have a 9U pitch sheet suggestion to James, they are now posted to BC Minor website

g) Island 1 - Tina Baker-Cornett

- 9U / 11U /13U

h) Island 2 - Marty Hall

- 15U / 18U
- Tina hosted a meeting last week. It went well with associations declaring and setting up spring meeting and island scheduling

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal

- 18U and 15U
- See written report

j) Interior 2 - David Herrington

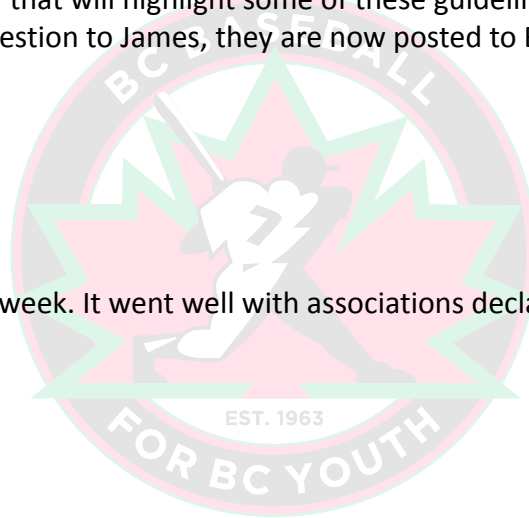
- 9U, 11U and 13U
- **See written report**

k) Kootenays 1 - David La Casse

l) Kootenays 2 - Julie Brown

- 15U AA schedule underway for inaugural Kootenay season
- Coaches Caravan April 26th Invermere - April 27th Cranbrook
- All Kootenay zone presidents report having submitted executive rosters
- Spring league coordination for inter-lock underway

m) North - Veronica Vankoughnett



- See written report
- will follow up with Prince George this month in regards to 13U being evaluated and declaring teams for the 2025 season

New Business:

- Spring Workshops - Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 13th - 7:00 pm
 - Why you should attend
- BCMBA Directors in Charge (Onsite during the event)
- Coaches are to put their scores on the website - not the BCMBA division directors
- No new directors should supervise provincials - will have a senior director co-supervise

Next Meeting:

- Spring Workshops - Tuesday, March 11th and Thursday, March 13th
- Tuesday, April 1st, 8:00 PM

Meeting Adjournment at: 11:20 am

- Motioned: David Herrington

Board will work on the development of the BCMBA Strategic Plan

