

Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
April 1, 2019
Baseball BC Office
Surrey, BC

Attending: John Berry, Steve Gustavson, Ted Hotzak, Rhonda Pauls, Doug Kelly, Tim Clarke, Aart Van Gorkum, and Chris Balison

Regrets: Larry Seminoff, Peter Stoochnoff, Serj Sangara, Terry McKaig,

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie, Shawn Schaefer, and Kyle Williams

Guests: James McRitchie, Grant Butler, Ray Wearing, Steve Boutang and Phil Bourgeois

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Presidents Opening Remark: Welcome to James McRitchie from Babe Ruth who is standing in for Peter Stoochnoff who was not able to attend. Welcome to Grant Butler, and Ray Wearing from BC Minor Baseball, and Steve Boutang Provincial Umpire Supervisor. Grant explained where BC Minor is at with their transition at President since the resignation of the previous BC Minor President.

Minutes from past meeting: (Included) Approval of previous minutes moved by Ted H., seconded by Rhonda P. Carried

Umpire Supervisor Update: Presentation from Steve about the new business plan for Baseball Canada Umpire Development. Key element is that it's similar to current sport development fee but will be introduced for umpires April 1, 2020. Vision is to create training and resources with the fees. 2018 had 12551 umpires across Canada. Baseball Canada now has a staff member to help with communications for umpires. 3 year plan from Baseball Canada Umpires on what the program will entail. Fee structure is dependent on how many umpires are in each province

Financial Report:

YTD: Presented to Board in meeting package. Still some revenues expected to arrive in 2018/19.

Funding Updates: ViaSport contribution will be the same for 2019/2020 with no changes. Gaming Application is going to be submitted by mid-April.

Program Support: No year end Program Support to be issued in 2018/2019. In Province Travel to be issued to Little League BC (\$14,000) and BC Babe Ruth (\$1,000). Motion by Ted H. Seconded by Doug K. Carried

2019/20 Budgeting: Presented to board for approval. 2019-2020 budget was built on the assumption that BC Minor would be a National member. Approval of financials moved by Steve G. Seconded by Doug K. Carried

Gaming Application: As stated above, will be sent off in a week after being asked to wait until the new fiscal year by the auditors.

Annual Audit: To work with Winnie (WL & Associates) and her team again.

AGM: June 24, 2019. At the Sheraton. John again to consult with member associations regarding a joint nomination for the board.

Baseball Canada AGM: June 21-22, 2019. Motion proposed that John be elected BC Director by Steve G. Seconded by Doug K. Carried.

Baseball Canada Staff Meeting Update: May 7-9, 2019 in Toronto. Chris shared actionable outcomes occur because in part, the staff at Baseball BC is pushing to establish value and outcome based focuses to all meetings and conventions.

BC Minor Update: *Update included in Presidents Opening Remarks as well.* Communication has been done offline through John and Grant mostly and forwarded to the board as information has come in.

Baseball BC Policy Update and Approval Process: Number of policies over last few years have been updated and are for review by the board. Doug K. makes motion to accept 6 policies. Ted H. seconded motion. Carried.

Policies are; Gender Equity Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Drug Free Sport, Fair Play, Team BC Athlete Selection Process and Privacy Policy

Code of Conduct Review: 2 documents contained in meeting handouts. The current Baseball BC Code of conduct (2002) and the current Baseball Canada Code of Conduct. It is time to update ours. Chris B. supports adopting Baseball Canada Code of Conduct as our own with any special provincial rules built in. David directed to do a DRAFT Baseball BC Code of conduct to distribute by the next meeting to allow for a board vote.

Baseball BC Communications (Social Media Manager): Logan Wedgewood is the new social media manger and has been hired on a contract basis.

Committee Updates:

High Performance: Marty Hall from Victoria added to committee. Dates should be confirmed for Selects and other high performance programs shortly.

Girls: Stacey Matkowski from Kamloops added to attendance at committee. Girls are expanding instructional league to Victoria and Kamloops. Festivals, and also jamborees will be run across the province. Main initiatives are to work with individual associations on how to retain and recruit females in baseball. MLB grit had 3 girls who represented BC at the event.

Grassroots: Tom Katelnikoff from West Kelowna added to committee. Ready to roll out 8U and 9U for this upcoming weekend coach clinic in Kamloops.

Member Updates:

Little League BC; grassroots coaching programs with Al Herback in D1 (Steve G). Teaching for tomorrow is being offered on the North Shore this weekend.

Programming Update:

Championships: Kyle spoke to working with BC Minor and shared it was pleasant and welcomed. 15U AAA 19 entries. 12 PBL, 7 BCM. 7 team 18U AAA T1 tournament 7 teams, 5 BCM teams. 18U AAA T2 had 8 teams, 2 from PBL. There were some communication issues with teams from the island for this year's provincials. June 1 deadline for the provincials that are still open for entries. BC Minor will hold their own provincials. Bonds are still being discussed with BC Minor on whether they will cover bond for all member associations.

John thanks Kyle, David, Ted, and BC Minor for being cooperative and collaborative throughout the provincials process

League Services: Little interest in league services at this time. 1 discipline policy was written for 1 Little League association. Program still remains an option for all community and provincial members.

Insurance Program and Policy Update: Discussion on Directors and Officers rider policy where E/O isn't sufficient. David has secured a quote and John and David will review and update the board in short order. There has also been a price increase in both general liability and sport accident policies. New total is \$2.03 per participant.

New Business: None

In Camera: Needed.

Next meeting: June 24, 2019 6:00 pm meeting, 5:30 pm dinner (dependent on location).

Adjournment: 8:20 pm