

**Baseball BC  
Board of Director's Meeting  
April 3, 2017  
Baseball BC Office  
Surrey, BC**

**DRAFT**

**Attending:** John Berry, Steve Gustavson, Peter Stoochnoff, Ted Hotzak, Terry McKaig, Andrew Grant, Patrick Poyner, Larry Seminoff, Doug Kelly, and Tim Clarke

**Regrets:** Serj Sangara, Sean Sullivan

**Staff:** David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** 6:06 pm

**Presidents Opening Remark:** John welcomed everyone. Glad to finally be in ball season. John was invited and attended opening day for Ridge Meadows on Saturday. Baseball Canada Volunteer of the year award was presented to Steve Gustavson of Little League. He has been a long-time volunteer with Little Mountain Little League. He and his wife were instrumental in getting Challenger started in District 1 years ago, and he is now the District Administrator of District 1 Little League BC.

**Minutes from past meeting:** Presented to the board for review. Motion to accept by Peter Stoochnoff and seconded by Steve Gustavson; approved unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

**YTD:** Included in meeting package. Andrew gave a quick overview. No surprises negatively or positively at year end based on forecasts. Revenues were up in Ticket Raffle, Membership, Championships, Coach Training.

**Program Support:** Andrew and John spoke to the Program Support approved by email vote with the Board.

**Budget Presented:** Andrew and David spoke to next fiscal budget. Year on year performance along with 2017/2018 assumptions shared with board before answering questions. Andrew Grant moves to adopt budget, Larry Seminoff seconds, unanimously approved.

**Funding Updates:** New ViaSport funding levels now in place for two years as advised through the evaluation process last year.

**Gaming Application:** Gaming Application has been submitted for this year and includes a new Grass Roots Outreach program.

**Annual Audit:** Working with the same auditors, WL associates. Expect to have all documents to them in 3 weeks and audit completed subsequently.

**2017 AGM:** Date: June 26, 2017. Venue: Sheraton Hotel, (same as last year) Time: 6:00 PM. John announced that Andrew doesn't intend to stand for reelection next year. And the board was asked to start to think about

succession plan for John. It was agreed that John would again this year follow up with the board and member organizations regarding the makeup of the next board.

**AGM Proxy Policy:** The voting process was spoken about and the proxy forms were discussed with each member group being asked to ensure they name their proxy voting members and to ensure that they have their votes in hand.

**Communications Coordinator:** Phil Bourgeois is our new communications coordinator. He will handle newsletter, webpage, social media outreach and any other relative projects deemed important or needed.. If any member groups have anything they would like highlighted please forward to Phil so we can include in newsletter, web, and on social media.

**Provincial Championship Tournament Update:** Kyle Williams is new championships coordinator. Has been instrumental since taking the role and has evolved our championships program in the process. Currently 5 teams entered in 18U AAA (All PBL), and 17 teams (12 PBL and 5 BC Minor) in 15U AAA. The following hosts have been announced; 18U AAA - Langley, 15U AAA - Parksville, 15U AA/13U AA - Burnaby. 13U AAA- TBD, 18U AA - TBD.

**Baseball BC Policy Review and Process:** 3 policies for tabled for discussion; Human Resources, Gender Equity, Concussion / Return to Play. Gender Equity policy received no feedback or comments; Concussion / Return to Play policy received a few minor changes to original draft. Human Resource policy saw feedback from Sean and Steve and since been updated taking into account that feedback. Motion to adopt both the concussion and gender policy tabled by Steve Gustavson and second by Doug Kelly. Approved unanimously Human Resource policy will be sent out once more to the board for final reading and feedback.

#### **Committee Updates:**

**High Performance:** Finalized 2017 schedule. New Regional ID to be held in Cranbrook. This is a Canada Games year. Still finalizing methodology on how we are going to be selecting our team for Canada Games given the moved up deadlines that will prohibit us from holding our traditional selection camp.. All other programming is consistent with previous years.

**Girls:** Recent committee meeting held that outlined 2017 programming. Coaches named to all teams for this season. 2017 program to be similar to previous years, Kamloops hosting 2017 14U Westerns.

**Grassroots:** Committee has been selected and formed. Survey has been sent out to all grassroots people across the province. We are looking for insight on what the people at the grassroots level are looking for with programming. Will then use the committee to take feedback and create programming based on survey results.

#### **Member Updates:**

**Little League:** Steve Gustavson informed the board that the Little league Canada partnership with CABA has been canceled. Little League Canada no longer has ties with CABA. The 18U group that has partnered with the PBL will be looking to host a provincial championship for those athletes and teams

**Babe Ruth:** Lower mainland teams showing interest in chartering. Waiting for commitments from those teams to arrive.

**UBC (Associate Member):** Stadium phase 1 starts this summer. JV team starting in September

#### **Programming Update:**

**Grassroots Tour:** Will be going to Cranbrook, Revelstoke, and Prince George in April. Ridge Meadows Rally Cap clinic was completed at the end of March.

**Evaluator Training:** Scheduled for April 29/30 here at the Baseball BC Office. We will be bringing evaluators together to complete Core Training and adding 8 new evaluators that will be trained to the roster for the province..

**Teaching for Tomorrow:** New group led by PBA and Jesse Sawyer has been appointed by Little League Canada. Shawn was trained in Lethbridge with the program and has now been through 4 clinics in District 3 and 5 here in BC. We have gathered feedback from coaches, district administrators, and will look to tweak the program for the future.

**New Business:** None

**In Camera (If needed):**

**Adjournment:** 9:02 pm