

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
December 4, 2017
Baseball BC Office
Surrey, BC**

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Attending: John Berry, Steve Gustavson, Peter Stoochnoff, Ted Hotzak, Patrick Poyner, Rhonda Pauls, Doug Kelly, Tim Clarke, Kyle Williams, Serj Sangara and Chris Balison (phone)

Regrets: Larry Seminoff and Terry McKaig

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

Guests: Steve Boutang - Baseball BC Provincial Umpire Supervisor

Call to Order: 6:28pm

Presidents Opening Remark: Welcome to the new board member, Rhonda Pauls. Also welcome Provincial Supervisor Steve Boutang as a guest.

Minutes from past meeting: (Included) *Correction* Page 3 BBC championships update. PBL Kyle initiating the idea rather than PBL initiating. Will be adjusted on on line posting. Approval of previous minutes moved by Ted Hotzak and Seconded by Doug Kelly. Carried

Financial Report: Ted reviewed financials. No substantial liabilities. Will end the year with a positive net income

YTD: Presented to the board. Question on GST Rebate was discussed. Contingency was also explained to the new board members.

2018/2019 Budgeting: Staff to create first draft for presentation to Finance Committee.

Baseball BC Provincial Umpire Supervisor Update: John Berry welcomed Steve to the meeting and thanked him for coming. Steve was appointed as Provincial Supervisor to a 3 year term to September 2020. It was felt by all that it would provide better communication between Provincial Supervisor and the board by having Steve speak to the Board tonight. Steve Boutang updated Board with 2017 review. 19 National assignments, 1 supervisor, 4 Gold medal umpires at National Championships. There are over 40 national umpires in the National Program. National umpires teach at clinics (over 70), and run umpire academy (10-12 umpires between 16-20 years old). Also hold Super Clinic and Advanced Level 3 clinics. Pro School Scholarships available to BCBUA members. Held first Inter Provincial Umpire Training Program (Caravan) in a few years. Plan to host another Caravan in 2019. National umpires also do mentorships (completed over 200 with National Umpires mentoring and 350 total. Instructor's clinic to be held this winter (January). Baseball Canada was approached for funding consideration web based training for umpires. Development money from Baseball BC was applied to Mentorship among other things. More level 3 curriculum is needed. April 2018 - National clinic; Umpire academy following weekend. Rhonda developed Strat Plan. Looking to expand mentorships across province to outlying areas (island, interior). Ask the board for direction/suggestions on what they would like to see from umpires moving forward. Will provide a written update periodically of what is going on with the umpires. Kyle Williams spoke regarding provincial and western feedback as well as areas for further growth. Rick Antoniak passed along that the experience in Kamloops was great with lots of positive feedback from the

umpires. Ted Hotzak said mentorship program will pay off long term and is very happy with program. There is still a struggle to get umpires in Kamloops and Kelowna.

Baseball BC Championships Coordinator Update: Kyle Williams excused. David Laing; Role was posted with 3 applications being received. 2 of the candidates don't possess the necessary qualifications at this point. They have been asked to help in other roles for provincial championships. Position will be a 1-year renewable timeframe. We will look to train the recent applicants in some of the areas they are deficient in.

Baseball Canada Convention Review: John, Chris, Scott, Shawn, and Steve Boutang attended. Baseball Ontario used the weekend to have their AGM as well, celebrating their 100th anniversary as an organization. John Berry noted a lack of enough scheduled time for board meetings, as well as umpire meetings; this is a significant issue especially when people have 2 roles (Don Paulencu is the Baseball Canada VP and Umpire Committee Chair). 2018 convention in Ottawa, Baseball Canada is hosting directly. Chris Balison liked having a theme/focus (recruiting and retention). Baseball is ahead of the curve compared to other sports. Other sports have huge financial help from large organizations (NHL), baseball lacks this. Other provinces are happy with our delivery to all athletes across the province, no matter of affiliation. Scott Mackenzie enjoyed the new format. John Berry felt the PED presenter from Taylor Hooten foundation was very good. ASMI Doctor Fleisig suggested there is no correlation between curveballs and injuries as overuse in any capacity is what correlates to injuries. Toronto Girls Baseball, lots of questions on how she grow program so fast. Potential for growth. Board meeting, hot button topic was Junior National team where all players have to be affiliated through PSO. Issue for Ontario. Still working through the process with the local organizations to affiliate with PSO. Rule changes to come out at a later date and updated in Rule book.

Baseball Canada Report Card: Working with Baseball Canada staff to better understand the criteria and the scorecard. Fair bit of interpretation involved with the new process.

WCBA AGM Update: BC hosts 1 in 2018 (18U AAA), host applications are still being accepted. WCBA Board was very pleased with Kyle's report. 2 changes for 2018; 1) changed consolation game to bronze medal game at 14U girls. 2) It was also approved that hosts of the AAA westerns don't have to provide transportation for those that fly in (this is a change from previous requirements).

Societies Act Plan Update: Will be transitioned by November 2018. Baseball BC was incorporated May 26, 1969.

BC Minor and NCCP / Grass Roots Coaching: BC Minor at recent AGM have removed any connotation or linkage to NCCP in their rulebook. Suggesting they are no longer using NCCP as primary coach vehicle and are replacing with an in-house coach education program.

Vancouver Canadians Luncheon: Friday January Fri 26th: 1 table at hotel Vancouver Fairmont. See David if interested.

Baseball BC Operational Committee Updates:

High Performance: Looking to make changes in how we handle high performance program from both a timing and frequency standpoint. We are considering possibly getting athletes together for development opportunities in Sept/Oct and March/April with final selection in June. More of a JNT format. High performance Committee is also undergoing some changes in advance of the new program approach.

Girls Baseball: In process of coach selection. Applications still coming in. No changes with programming, possible partnership with UBC moving forward. August 2018 World Cup in Florida.

Grass Roots: Committee has tasked us with creating a Pre-NCCP coaching guide for those new to the sport. First draft almost completed and will be sent to the Board electronically.

Programming Update:

2018 Provincial Championships Update: We have split the 18U AAA provincials into a Tiers (Tier 1 and Tier 2) with PBL teams playing in the Tier 1 Provincials and the JPBL playing in the Tier 2 provincials. Should any BC Minor teams participate, they will have the option to enter either tier, with Baseball BC reserving the ability to move up to Tier 1 any teams who enter Tier 2 but are considered too strong for that level. Will be quick 4 day turnaround between Provincials and Westerns this year based on our dates and the WCBA weekend. Application window for interested hosts close Dec 10. Recruiting of hosts will be done after that point if there are still un-awarded championships. Positive feedback to umpires was passed along regarding last year's tournaments as well as areas for further growth. Request from BC Minor not to communicate directly with local associations. BC Minor formally declined our request to disseminate information on our behalf as a means of a middle ground solution. Kyle to continue sending information to BC Minor association contacts who have requested to be on his mailing list. Policy and procedures draft changes will be done during December.

2018 18U AAA WCBA Host Update: 2 applications to host have been expected.

2019 13U AAA WCBA Host Update: Baseball Canada tournament. 1 application received thus far.

Senior AA: Open & Over 30 Provincial Championships: Suggested to be run over Labour Day long weekend as a season ending tournament for recreational baseball leagues. Two 8 teams tournaments are envisioned.

Winterball: 15 kits were ear marked this year for BC. We are working with local associations on the distribution and activation of the program within their communities.

New Business: Kyle asked about the follow up for the 13U Programming Statement discussed last meeting. Rhonda asked about the CCBC becoming a member organization after leaving the PBL? Insurance for CCBC if they become a member?

In Camera: Required

Next meeting: April 9, 2018 6:15pm

Adjournment: 8:52pm