

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
January 14, 2019
Baseball BC Office
Surrey, BC**

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

Regrets: Larry Seminoff and Peter Stoochnoff

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

Guests: James McRitchie

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Presidents Opening Remark: Welcome to the new year and another baseball season. Welcome to James McRitchie from Babe Ruth who is standing in for Peter Stoochnoff who was not able to attend.

Minutes from past meeting: (Included) Approval of previous minutes moved by Doug Kelly, seconded by Serj Sangara . Carried

Financial Report:

YTD: Presented to the board. P/L forecasted a loss for 2018/19 due to Championships program (Provincials, Nationals, Westerns). Needed to subsidize travel which was a more of a major expense this year. Adjustments have been made for the 2019/20 season to reduce the subsidization and future losses. This is the first time showing a loss in many years. Approval of financials moved by Doug Kelly. Seconded by Steve Gustavson. Carried

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

ViaSport Evaluation Update: Included in package. Multiple steps to go through, we will not know what funding is available until the process is completed. Coaching development was a negative this time around, with new coaches being trained limited this past year. New ViaSport process this time, where there was a self-evaluation prior to ViaSport going through their process to give us the raw scores in each of the areas. Major shift moving towards more inclusivity such as new Canadians, gender equality, etc.

Signing officers: In order to change signing officers, need to have the work address of all board members for record. Will reach out via email to attain.

Baseball BC Provincial Umpire Supervisor Update: Caravan January 17-20, financially supported by Baseball BC. Certifying umpires to teach level 1 and 2 clinics. BCBUA runs roughly 80 clinics per season, this caravan will have more people from Vancouver Island and Interior to supplement instructors and lower costs for travel to those outlying areas. Super Clinic in February, will have representation from MLB. Umpire academy will be hosted April 4-7 for young umpires that show promise and are looking to get into the National program. National clinic will be hosted April 11-14 in Kamloops once again. BC hosting 13U AAA Western National in

2019 which should have more umpires at Nationals. Starting in 2020, membership fee to Baseball Canada for all umpires in each of the provinces. Number of provincial championships has been a problem over the past few years, making it difficult to staff tournaments, hopefully lessening this year with the probable membership addition of BC Minor.. Focus on this year for umpires will be game management provincially. Shawn has joined the Education Committee and continues to help in that area. Mentorship has been a huge success to retaining young umpires.

Baseball BC Championships Coordinator Update: Entry package should be out in a few weeks depending on provincial membership. Collaboration has started with all parties. Assuming all organizations are members, no changes at 18U except possibly more participation from BC Minor. 15U AAA is looking like a 16 team tournament. Berths would be given to organizations, but more discussion needed on how to determine qualification teams, and how they make it to the tournament. 13U AAA looks like it will stay a 10 team tournament. 13U AA might be a 12 team tournament. We will not be hosting qualifiers in the middle of the season because of the difficulty of getting teams from different organizations in the same qualifying tournament due to their schedules. Organizations will be given a certain amount of berths for each tournament instead. New entry fees likely to increase to; \$500 for members, \$700 for non-members for these upcoming provincials.

League Services: Not a lot of action but did have contact with one LL association regarding discipline. Administration Conference was cancelled due to lack of interest and a feeling that it not a priority at present due to the landscape work being done at many local associations. There were a few associations that showed interest, but not enough to run the conference for this upcoming season. Will look to do it in the future again.

Challenger Baseball Provincial Coordinator Update: New Provincial Challenger Coordinator out of Tri Cities is John Casey.

Baseball Canada Convention Review: Only issue was the awarding of national championships after a report came through regarding Senior baseball hosts. Positive talks with people about the work that we are doing in BC. JaysCare networking with hopes of bringing more programming to BC for both female baseball and also indigenous communities.

Awards: MLB Volunteer of the Year award (In Camera until presented), and Grassroots Coach of the Year (In camera until presented). Lionel Ruhr Elite Coach of the Year Award Cav Whitely from Douglas College.

Baseball Canada Report Card: Included in package. BC finished 6th. Still no descriptors on how the scores are formulated.

WCBA AGM Update: No more chef de missions at Westerns.

Vancouver Canadians Luncheon: Friday January Fri 25th: 1 table at hotel Vancouver Fairmont. See David if interested. Ted, John, Aart, Tim, David are in.

Baseball BC Operational Committee Updates:

High Performance: Continuing down the path of program revamp. Not doing tournaments in August. Moving camps out of the middle of the season. Creating a smaller pool of athletes on a watch list without having to do the 50 person camp. Using more metrics, analysis, and game evaluation rather than a camp during the heart of the season.

Girls Baseball: Progressing well getting more information out to girls. Have created a development document on how to increase or start a girls program in their association. Not presented out of the office yet, but is ready to go. Pilots with local association to gain feedback on how to make program better and

how to increase participation in female baseball. More sessions and divisions in the girl's league that was created last year. Possibly using the caravan and BC Minor on collaboratively growing female baseball. Badgers were successful last year and will continue to run in the LMBA. High Performance; 14U Gold medal, 16U 5th place. Program always looking for more coaches.

Grass Roots: 9U parent leader manual is in the process of being completed. Coordinator manual is now complete. Huge thanks to Stacey Matkowski from KMBA for her work on the Coordinators manual. This will be a huge help for associations that have new coordinators for the Rally Cap level (7U) and other levels as a template to use.

Programming Update:

2019 13U AAA WCBA Update: Cloverdale hosting 13U AAA Western Canadian Championship. Down the path on hosting and are getting ready for the event.

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. If anyone has schools or associations that are interested, contact grassroots coordinator.

Rally Cap Sponsor Change: DQ is no longer the national sponsor. Currently looking for a new sponsor, will update when information comes available from Baseball Canada.

Sport BC Presidents Award: Looking for nominations from the board.

Human Rights Tribunal Update: moved to in camera.

BC Minor: moved to in camera

Motions to authorize John to work with BC Minor in relation to application for membership and related matters. Moved by Doug, Seconded by Steve - carried.

Diamond League: No discussion

New Business: Umpire relations ad hoc committee will have Ted, Terry and someone from BCBUA talking about umpire and coach relations. Okotoks situation has been resolved.

In Camera: required

Next meeting: April 1, 2019 6:00 pm meeting, 5:30 pm dinner.

Adjournment: 8:59 pm