

**Baseball BC**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**June 24, 2019**  
**Sheraton Guildford Hotel**  
**Surrey, BC**

**Attending:** John Berry, Larry Seminoff, Steve Gustavson, Doug Kelly, Serj Sangara, Terry McKaig, Chris Balison, Aart van Gorkum, Ted Hotzak, Grant Butler and Ray Wearing.

**Staff:** David Laing and Scott Mackenzie.

**Regrets:** Rhonda Pauls, Tim Clarke and Peter Stoochnoff

**Guests:** Les Maerov and James McRitchie

**Call to Order:** 6:40 PM

**Elections of Officers:** Motion from the board to elect John Berry as President, Chris Balison as Vice President and Ted Hotzak as Secretary / Treasurer. Moved by Doug K. and seconded by Larry S. Unanimously approved

**Presidents Opening Remark:** Opening remarks were shared with the board at the start if the AGM and not offered again.

**Minutes from past meetings:**

Circulated. Motion to approve Ted H. Seconded by Doug K. Unanimously approved.

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**Financial Report:**

**Funding Updates:** ViaSport in hand. We are expecting to hear from Gaming soon as we received our grant in early August last year.

**YTD:** Ted stated that the next meeting will have a clearer financial picture to review given we are early in the fiscal year and David spoke to the current year financial performance to date.

**PayPal (Stripe):** John spoke to it explaining where we're at. Account is suspended. Basically, it's about cleaning up money laundering concerns worldwide. This is no fault of ours as thousands of accounts worldwide are being affected the same way. Every board member must supply DOB. Chris B. spoke to the KMBA experience. Suggestions of any competitors would ask the same in near future. We're investigating using another service & there will be a cost to move suppliers. John asked if anyone is not willing to provide DOB. Some more questions asked. TD could provide the same online service; David to explore. Maybe shop around with banks. David will get info back to board. See if TD online approach works if not, back to exploring PayPal & shop with other banks.

## **Strategic Plan Approach:**

A new one due as the old plan is expiring. It was suggested that we set up a committee to work on this. Chair from the board as opposed to a staff led process. This will allow every member to have a say. Suggestion that we bring in a facilitator for a day to lead this process. Chris stated it will be a lot of work & will need guidance from external source. David to send everyone a copy as it is now to review. Aart is tasked to lead this committee with other committee members being Ray Wearing (BC Minor), Serj Sangara, Steve Gustavson (BC Little League), Ted Hotzak (BCPBL), Chris Balison, & David Laing (Staff). Art will let everyone when we can expect to start this process but we are looking at something in the fall.

## **Committee Appointments:**

**Finance:** Ted Hotzak (Chair), Tim Clarke, Steve Gustavson, Ray Wearing and Chris Balison.

**Human Resource:** John Berry (Chair), Ted Hotzak and Chris Balison.

**High Performance:** David Laing (Chair), Ted H. Dave Spears, Corey Eckstein, Orville Germaine, Cam Frick, Art Van Gorkum, Terry McKaig, Marty Hall, Stacy Fournier, Shawn Schaefer & Scott Mackenzie

**Female Baseball – Grass Roots:** Stacey Matkowski (Chair), Al Forman, Rhonda Pauls, Stacy Fournier, Kristi Watson, Scott Mackenzie, David Laing & Shawn Schaefer

**Eligibility Review:** Tim Clarke and Doug Kelly.

**Grass Roots:** Steve Gustavson (Chair), Serj Sangara, Al Forman, John Braaten, Art Van Gorkum, James McRitchie, David Laing, Scott Mackenzie & Shawn Schaefer. David will reach out and check as to Tom's (Tom Katelnikoff) current availability. David and Steve G to look at committee population and suggest additions should they be warranted or needed.

**Baseball BC Officials Interaction / Discipline Committee:** Committee ... Members: Terry M. (Chair) Rhonda Pauls, John Pentland, Sanda King, John Braaten, Kyle Williams, Ted Hotzak & David Laing (Staff). John will follow up with BC Minor and Babe Ruth on committee population and / or additions. Ted will advise Baseball BC on a second PBL rep.

Move to approve all above committee appointments by Doug K. and seconded by Serj S. Unanimously approved.

## **Baseball BC Code of Conduct:**

Presented and reviewed briefly. Steve G. moves to adopt & Grant B. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Unanimously approved

## **Baseball Canada AGM & Board Update:**

John back from Baseball Canada meetings last night. No elections this year making the AGM very straight forward. Information from the Board meeting includes; screening policy adopted that requires criminal record checks for every coach, chef and umpire at a Baseball Canada championship (Baseball Canada has partnered with an online resource to allow for screening to be completed and returned within 24 hours for \$25). Discussion on Canadian Girls Baseball and how Baseball Canada is trying to find agreement with them and David supplied some background information on the current relationship. Umpire participant fee proposal

briefly discussed. Funding of 150k over 3 yrs. to come from Baseball Canada budget and not as a provincial fee as was first envisioned. Baseball 5 pilot programs reviewed briefly, Challenger looking to extend agreements. 2019 Baseball Canada Convention is scheduled for November 7-10th in Quebec (Mont-Saint-Anne) Looking to send delegates

### **Baseball BC Officials Interaction / Discipline Ad Hoc Committee:**

Committee struck above and John's suggested scope below is "Examine and make recommendations on umpire-coach relationships, discipline, deportment, role of leagues, BCBUA and Baseball BC"

### **Baseball BC Provincials Championships Update:**

#### **Operational:**

We are current where we need to be team wise for each event with 7-11 teams at each level with the exception of 19 at 15u AAA. We have sent out our code of conduct & discipline policies for Provincials Championships. Discipline will be watched closely and we will ensure best practices are enforced. TD's will deal with any needs onsite. It is hoped we can be a leader in this area and role model best practices. Invited BC Minor and other members to sit down and meet to allow for all to plan for future years events. (Initial meeting with BC Minor set for 2 pm August 27).

#### **North Langley 15U AAA:**

Brief update on this file for the board including correspondence exchanged.

#### **Communications Update –**

Logan Wedgewood joined us a month ago and is doing good work in social media. Brent Mutis (formerly of the BC Hockey League) is in discussion with Baseball BC regarding contract work in the communications field. It is hoped we will have a plan to present to the board at the next meeting.

### **Baseball BC Programming Updates:**

**Girls Baseball:** This group has been focused with a grassroots lens and spent most of the spring working on the Girls League, Jamborees and festivals. BC Girls Baseball Instructional League has expanded to include Kamloops, Victoria and Westside. Les M. shared that the umpires are always looking to increase female participation in this area.

**High Performance:** All ID's are completed, Invites going out now, Provincial camps in upcoming weeks, teams selected & off to championships

#### **In Camera:**

**New Business:** None

**Next meeting:** Monday Sept.16, 2019

**Adjournment:** 9:10 pm