

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
September 12, 2017
Baseball BC Offices
Surrey, BC**

Attending: John Berry, Peter Stoochnoff, Ted Hotzak, Larry Seminoff, Steve Gustavson, Doug Kelly, Terry McKaig, Kyle Williams and Chris Balison

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

Regrets: Patrick Poyner, Rhonda Pauls, Serj Sangara and Tim Clarke

Call to Order: 6:02PM

Presidents Opening Remark: Good summer overall, happy with the provincials program; although we have identified some improvement opportunities, but we should certainly celebrate. Sr. Nationals was good; Larry will talk more...

Minutes from past meetings: Circulated. Note Rhonda was not present (change to be made).

Motion to approve by Doug K. Seconded by Peter S. Unanimously approved

Financial Report:

YTD: Enclosed in meeting package. Ted presented the YTD financials offering "good news situation all the way around"

Funding Updates: All 17/18 funding in place now; Received 209K from Gaming (arrived Aug 31) Application process change on our end worked well. We also needed to complete the long application form this year; applied for max 250K and received 203K as per usual. Gaming received just under 7K more than budgeted and is targeted for Team BC costs at Canada Games Seeing an increase in block funding (\$3500) based on evaluation meetings held last year with ViaSport

Membership Fees: Sending out invoices over the next week based on last year's numbers. Please update us with any registration changes. We wish to ensure we are tracking every registration for reporting purposes.

Motion to approve by Steve G. Seconded by Doug K. Unanimously approved

In Camera: needed

Societies Act Plan: New act requires a formatting transition (reformat bylaws, etc.) cannot make changes to bylaws until transition is complete. Chris suggests getting what's on file with government to ensure we know what they have based on the many years the organization has been operational as some changes could have gone unfiled. Also, to take the opportunity to clean it up & ask the question "is it doing what we want it to do with the future in mind?" David will start this process by requested all documentation on file from Victoria. Transition period expires November 2018. A committee will be put together to handle the work required on

this expectation; John B., David L., Chris B., Steve G., will serve with invites also going to both Patrick P. and Tim C.

Baseball Canada Update:

2017 Championships Update: Sent teams to 13U, 15U, 18U, Canada Games, Senior, 16U Girls, 21U Girls & Women's Open. Results this year were not where we would like them other than the 13U team from Abbotsford won Gold at the Western Regional and the Senior team from Burnaby that won Gold in Victoria. Select teams are being suggested as a better option as other provinces seem to be moving to that model when sending teams. However, the Baseball BC Board strongly suggests club teams are still the direction we want to go as "it is a strength of Baseball BC". David will bring back findings on team composition as he is soliciting information from other provinces. Uniforms are also on the list of things to look at as feedback is showing it may be needed. David explained that our preference is to send club teams to championships in their club uniforms and to only send Provincial Select teams out in provincial uniforms.

Larry spoke to the year that was at Senior, noting that Coquitlam won the Provincials and Burnaby won the Nationals.

Hotel Issues at Senior: Hotel issue at Senior Nationals was only brought to Larry's attention tonight in meeting as David and John were handling this from a BC perspective. John briefed the group on the noise issues that took place at both hotels & added some teams are being billed for property damages as well at the primary hotel. John suggests that the Baseball Canada discipline committee and policy should be utilized in the event that suspensions are deemed worthy for any individuals or teams involved. Baseball BC was invoiced for \$356 at the secondary hotel for room refunds made to guests (it was noted that three teams are splitting the cost for this); Burnaby will be invoiced by Baseball BC as the participating team.

Fall Convention: Nov. 16-19 in Hamilton. Discussion took place about which directors would be attending. Chris will go but return home Friday night to attend BC Minor AGM on Saturday. We are still waiting for agenda to come out before we can commit sending more staff to the event.

WCBA Update:

2017 Championships Update: Results were discussed in general for all WCBA Championships and focused on Kamloops where our teams did well. 13U (Campbell River) and 14U (Girls) won gold with Prince George (18U AA), Victoria (15U AAA), Tri City (15U AA) all finishing second. Kyle discussed the work done by Kamloops Minor Baseball in hosting the Westerns & began with much praise for Chris & the host committee. Competition was good & there were no real issues with players, coaches or fans outside of a few minor things. There were some issues with umpires on & off the field but they will be discussed directly with the BCBUA. David spoke to Kyle's outstanding performance & preparation as the Lead Technical Director; he set the tone with communication and discipline from the onset. All discipline issues involved a hearing and that process worked very well. Kamloops Minor Baseball, the City of Kamloops and all involved made Baseball BC look good in the eyes everyone who participated. Chris commented that a single site is a bit of a dream & everything went off without a hitch; discipline was handled perfectly to the point that others in the park didn't even know there were situations dealt with. City help is of huge value for Kamloops & the tournament. Baseball BC will send city of Kamloops a thank you letter; David to draft. Transportation was a logistical concern as a host.

2018 Hosting Rotation: 18U AAA. Hosting application will go out later; Kyle & David will work on that established process...

Baseball BC Provincial Championships Update: Overall Kyle is happy with the process & involvement by all associations... Process of training new Technical Directors worked well; they worked as a team with Kyle at the helm. Moving forward Kyle received feedback from PBL that suggested maybe 2 provincial events for 18u with Tier 1 going to the Baseball Canada 18U National Championship & Tier 2 going to the Western Canada 18U AAA Championship. Steve G. commented on behalf of Corinne C. that LL had great feedback on the experience their teams had.

13U High Performance Movement (PBL Position): This agenda item is a result of insurance inquiries from PBL associations related to 13U Fall Programming. Baseball BC and the PBL are concerned that planned activities by any organization need to be age-appropriate. The PBL does not run programming for teams at this age, and does not recommend that its member teams do so. After significant discussion, the board decided that Baseball BC does not support an extension of high-performance programming to 13U. It was agreed that David would draft a statement from baseball BC on what appropriate programming looks like for 13U athletes. Our statement needs to be specific to this province's needs & landscape. It may well be signed by all of our members offering youth programming.

BC Minor Updates:

NCCP: There has been some indication that BC Minor is now less supportive of having its coaches NCCP-trained., and is no longer offering rebates for that training.

Baseball BC Provincials: A Historical review was offered; BC Minor didn't support our events in year 1 of them being offered, they fully supported in year 2, Year 3 saw them not supporting again but still we did get many of their teams. Kyle's recommendation is to communicate with them now to encourage collaboration focusing on their athlete's best interests allowing teams to do both provincials. BC Minor's dates are set and seem to all be on the long weekend and it was re-iterated that BCM teams will not receive funding from BC Minor towards Westerns or Nationals. Kyle poses the question as to what do we do for 2018; do we do the same or what changes do we wish to include in the discussion? How best to approach communication with all teams? Kyle is working with John on communications with BC Minor and local associations outlining our efforts on 2018 Provincial Championships planning and programming, and our willingness to work cooperatively with BC Minor.

Committee Updates:

Girls Baseball: Held last meeting of the year last week. Sending out a survey to participants for the purpose of continuous improvement that the board will review & approve before it's sent out. It's a coach application year. Partnered with LMBA to allow an all-female team in one of the divisions & also with UBC focusing on a grassroots developmental jamboree type event...

High Performance: Ted & David had brief discussions previous to this meeting... The thought is to create a larger pool working together longer. It was suggested that it is time to add some new members to committee... Postings will go out soon as to place coaches for all 2018 opportunities.

Grass Roots: Committee is strong & very diverse. Next steps are the Pre NCCP Coaches modules being developed by the committee.

Baseball BC Programming Updates:

2018 Baseball BC Provincials: Discussed at length earlier in meeting.

2018 BC Summer Games: Still looking for tournament (Sport) Chair. Coaches will be assigned much earlier these games

New Business: Baseball BC Provincial Tournament Coordinator position, posting & hiring process was outlined for information.

Next meeting: Dec. 4th 6pm at Baseball BC Office.

Adjournment: 8:46pm