



# BC Amateur Baseball Association

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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – In Person at the Langley Signature Sandman @ 1pm

<b>Attending:</b> <i>(Virtual)</i>	Grant Butler, Ted Hotzak, Raj Puri, James MacRitchie, Robert Piasentin, Sean Sullivan, Alan McKearney, Andrew Clements, Steve Gustavson, Scott Eckardt and TJ Drennan, Tina Baker Cornett, Mike Addy, Wes Taylor, Andrew Clements, Ryan Hall
<b>Regrets:</b>	Aart Van Gorkum, Troy Carmont, Jim Maniago
<b>Staff:</b>	David Laing, Kyle Williams, Tara Lambie, Scott MacKenzie, Alan McKearney
<b>Guests:</b>	N/A

- 1. Land acknowledgement:** David L. opened with Baseball BC's current Land Acknowledgment
- 2. Call to order:** Grant called the meeting to order at 1:03pm
- 3. Opening remarks:** Grant welcomed the group to the meeting. He asked that anyone who speaks says their name first to allow others know who are speaking. Had a great 2024 season (westers and nationals). Plaque received and presented to David to put up on our Baseball BC office.
- 4. Consent Matters:** Motioned to approve all – Ryan H., Seconded by- Steve G. - Passed
  - a. Approval of past minutes
  - b. High Performance Report (pg. 9)
  - c. Governance Report (pg. 11)
  - d. BCBUA Member Report (pg. 22)
- 5. CEO Report:** Report attached on page 4., no questions or discussions at this time
- 6. Financial Update:** Report attached on page 5. Ted informed all we are tracking on budget. No questions or discussions at this time.
  - a. Portfolio Update: Alan gave a quick update on current and future sponsorships. (pg. 24)
  - b. Internal Referral Program: Alan spoke on internal sponsorship. Wanting to bring in others without the risk of conflict of interest. Tabled for a future emailed vote by the board.
- 7. 2025 Bylaw Amendment:** Attached on page 8. Robert discussed that bylaws have been reviewed. Signing authorities have been updated. Bylaw Amendment motioned by: Sean S., seconded by: Tina B. Vote - all in favour, none opposed/contrary minded – Passed. Governance committee will look at somethings on a regular to manage risk including a list of skills to ensure

each committee has someone with skills for that committee. Talks of email addresses for committees rather than using personal email addresses. This would allow for transfer of documents as positions change. Staff will come up with a list of ideas to propose to the board in the future.

8. **ITP Discipline 2025** : Kyle informed the board that ViaSport will be up and running for the 2026 season. He asked if the discipline should stay as is for now or if we wanted to look into a third-party contractor to deal with disciplinary actions. Kyle's recommendation to mitigate risk to the board would be to have an ITP. Motioned by Sean S., seconded by Robert P., Vote - all in favour, none opposed/contrary minded – Passed. Any future incidents are to be passed along to the discipline committee who will use the ITP when/if necessary.

**9. Operations/Programming**

- a. BC Minor Coaches Convention: David said this is a valuable event. Baseball BC will pay for the board's registration should they want to go.
  - i. NCCP Sessions
  - ii. Girls Baseball Session
  - iii. General Program from BC Minor
- b. 2025 Qualifiers: 15U AAA format is under discussion. No agreement has been made at this time and Kyle is working with all parties to hopefully come to an agreed upon format soon.
- c. Baseball BC Financial Assistance Program: Discussion on what are other PSO/LSO's doing, is there a maximum that we can afford to give athletes. Formal document to be handed to anyone who reaches out. Committee Chair (Andrew) who will pick 2 members from the HP Committee to assist in the decision making Motioned by: Steve G., seconded by: Tina B., Vote - all in favour, none opposed/contrary minded – Passed
- d. Baseball BC HP Committee Change:
  - i. Remove Brent Dingsdale and Anthony Pluta and add James Raymond. Motioned by: Tina B., seconded by: Andrew C. Vote - all in favour, none opposed/contrary minded – Passed.
  - ii. Pathways Document: (attached on email and available on website) note: Gender discussion. Male teams' language changed to Open, to allow females to feel more welcome to tryout for those teams. College recruitment services: pull back on the one only listed to make up an objective list for parents/athletes

**10. Strategic Plan Discussion**

- a. Grow the Game
  - i. Indigenous Self Declaration: emerging requirement from ViaSport. The hope would be that Baseball BC can go to the partners and get those numbers from them and their registrations. Robert and Ryan to look into privacy behind this declaration
- b. Evolve, Add & Enhance
  - i. Grass Roots Committee Seeding: Retention, elementary school engagement in PE classes (Baseball5) possibly Pro-D conference in school districts
  - ii. Green Arm Band: Identifying a Minor Umpire

- c. Engage, Collaborate & Partner
  - i. Newsletter discussion
  - ii. New webpage vision sharing
- d. Board and Organizational Effectiveness
  - i. BCBUA Structure
  - ii. BCBUA Alignment: Baseball BC will not look to further this unless there is direct direction from the board.

11. New Business/Business Arising, if needed

- a. BCBUA Coordinator: John Pentland will be a contractor who works alongside the BCBUA and Baseball BC to assist with clinics, admin and anything else directed by the board
- b. Japanese Historic Baseball: Possibly a way to build a park somewhere to increase the game

12. Next Meeting Dates:

2025 Q4 BOD Meeting	Monday, May 26, 2025	8pm	Virtual Meeting
2025 AGM/BOD Meeting	Monday, June 23, 2025	8pm	Virtual Meeting

13. In Camera, if needed

14. Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Tina Baker at 3:46pm