

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
December 14, 2016
Baseball BC Office
Surrey, BC**

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Attending: John Berry, Steve Gustavson, Peter Stoochnoff, Ted Hotzak, Terry McKaig, Andrew Grant, Patrick Poyner, Sean Sullivan and Serj Sangara

Regrets: Larry Seminoff, Doug Kelly, and Tim Clarke

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

Guests: None

Call to Order: 7:03pm

Presidents Opening Remark: Welcome everyone. Later BC Minor landscape will be discussed & Baseball BC will continue to support & work with all associations that want to work with us.

Minutes from past meeting: Presented to the board for review. Motion to accept by Sean Sullivan and seconded by Steve Gustavson; approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

YTD: Included in meeting package. David summarized document for the board. Some revenues and expenses still to come before March 31st. Overall, 2016 budget performance on track; Baseball BC is in good shape.

2017/2018 Budgeting: Board agreed staff will supply 1st draft for approval

In Camera (If needed): Required

BC Minor Update:

John summarized latest correspondence with BC Minor in a letter to board, which is in this meeting package; highlights discussed were that BC Minor is clear on taking own path. We can communicate with them via their secretary Val Greenwood. Ad hoc committee is finished. Baseball BC's interests are still to supply the best programming & events possible for baseball & its participants. Planning is underway for Baseball BC provincial tournaments; BC Minor participants unknown. It was agreed by board that Baseball BC should reply to BC Minor with a brief note outlining our understanding at the wind up of our meetings with their Ad Hoc committee.

ViaSport and Strategic Plan Execution:

In agenda package; it outlines areas staff will continue to work on as required. The 2016 ViaSport review indicates our score card was pretty good & a lot isn't really needed to maintain & improve the score. Most areas still needing attention will be easily attained. Will report back...

Societies Act Changes:

Legislation has changed Nov 28th, 2016. There appear to be few substantive impacts on Baseball BC; some administration structure changes must be done in transition by 2018 (Nov). An organization cannot amend bylaws until transition is complete.

UBC Facility & Program Review: Terry spoke to update board on where UBC is at with their own teams, baseball community relations/partnerships and facility updates.

UBC has 2 teams currently (1 university, 1 JrPBL with hopes of Bantam & SrPBL by 2018 & a CCBL team is even of interest in the future).

Phase 1: Stadium to break ground June 2017 & complete Feb. 2018. It is designed for multi aged leagues & dimensions & will have 1000 new seats behind home plate. Hope to host tournaments of all scopes; can house & feed teams at UBC. (Have good relations with Canadians if 2nd field is ever needed, for a major event).

Phase 2: Build baseball High Perf research building or “lab” down 3rd base side for player & coach development

Baseball Canada Convention Review:

SportsNet wants to work with baseball but not sure how; Baseball Canada is working with Sportsnet resources on coming up with something like “Home Town Hockey”. (John welcomed ideas)

Sr. Men: Victoria, BC hosting for next 2 yrs (2017 & 18)

New Bat rule which is on BBC & Baseball Canada webpage (no issues because nothing really changes from BC’s last year’s rules)

WCBA AGM Update:

Terry Butler is new President

Baseball BC / Baseball in BC – Roadmap / Pathway:

Based on guidance from board, office has worked on Association/Player Pathway options. It was suggested current layout of document shown in meeting could be revised for better clarity & that a second page should be added outlining High Perf player Pathway.

Vancouver Canadians Luncheon: January Fri 20th

BBC has table reserved & has 7 tickets still available; send David an email to reserve seat...

Baseball BC Operational Committee Updates:

High Performance: Draft is completed for review in meeting package & meeting will be scheduled in the New Year

Girls Baseball: 2017 Schedule complete & public. Committee meetings for 2017 have & are taking place. 2017 Budget on track.

Grass Roots: Shawn spoke on behalf of Grassroots with regards to its direction. In hopes of narrowing its focus, a survey will be completed and distributed across organizations to gain knowledge and feedback. The process has begun to populate the grassroots committee with people around the province that have knowledge of grassroots programming or are involved at the grassroots in their local association. Once we have the results from the survey & the committee populated, we will use the results to focus on areas that need development most.

Programming Update:

Winterball: Showed progress last year by staff going into schools initially in introductory roles with intent being liaison between school & association & training teachers on the program. This season’s kits will be here shortly & some old & some new associations are registered.

Evaluator Training: BBC is looking in to the need & planning for more NCCP Evaluators for 2017 due to increased forecasts for coach demand & NCCP certification

Just Play Ball: Great job with this program was done in East Richmond; 40 kids were given the opportunity to play baseball for free. Baseball BC will use this vision and move program into Whalley and Kamloops with support from local associations.

2017 Baseball BC Provincials: Planning & execution well underway; call for hosts sent out with a March 1st deadline. Schedule has been released to website. Kyle Williams is Provincial Coordinator...

UBC Coaching Province Wide Development Program: Terry suggests there's a need for alternative coaching clinics; UBC's baseball staff is thinking about working with local associations... Little League Canada is looking to make a shift from their past approach & replace with what academies can offer, such the Prairie Baseball Academy, UBC, etc. Baseball BC is meeting with Wayne Hobson & Steve Gustavson in this regard. There also is a feeling from the board that there is a need for pre-NCCP training or early coach guidance or development.

New Business:

BCBUA requests associations to help with recruiting candidates; can begin umpiring at the age of 12

Next meeting: Mon April 3rd 6pm is being proposed Also, an approval of the year-end financials will be needed before this meeting because the timing of the meeting is after fiscal year end; this can be done via e-mail...

Adjournment: 9:55pm