

**Baseball BC  
Board of Director's Meeting  
December 7, 2015  
Baseball BC Office  
Surrey, BC**

**DRAFT**

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

**Regrets:** Larry Seminoff, and Tim Clarke

**Staff:** David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

**Guests:** Sean Sullivan

**Call to Order:** 6:16pm

**Presidents Opening Remark:** John welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced Sean Sullivan to the meeting as the new President of the BC Baseball Umpires Association. Sean spoke a bit about his past and involvement in our sport. A straight forward agenda tonight. John also spoke to the Directors about the Bios project that is still outstanding in some cases.

**Minutes from past meeting:** (Included) Presented to the board for review. Motion to accept by Peter S. and seconded by Steve G. Approved unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

**YTD:** Included. David presented the current financial documents for the board to review.

**2015/2016 Budgeting:** David will spend some time taking a kick at preparing a new budget as a starting point and report back to Andrew and the Board.

**Sponsor Updates:** David spoke to the new Rawlings Sponsorship agreement that will come into effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>

**Office Renewal:** David presented the proposal from the landlords about a lease renewal. David spoke to the process to date and asked for guidance. It was moved by Andrew G. and seconded by Doug K. that David would be approved to negotiate renewal per the board's discussion and direction. David to report back to the board on the final agreement.

**In Camera (If needed):**

**Baseball Canada Convention Update / Board Meeting Review:** John, David and Scott attended the annual convention. It was a routine convention from a programming standpoint. The Blue Jays update did have some sad news in so much as Rob Jack had just been let go. John also spoke to the current Board at Baseball Canada with both Ray Carter and Holly Lapierre not standing again. Jason Dickson will run for President and both Jody Frowly and Ken Sharpe are considering the Treasurer and perhaps vice-president positions. Victoria was also awarded the 2017 Senior National Championships.

**WCBA AGM Update:** John updated the board on the recent WCBA AGM. A senior fine was waived for not attending a championship. No Elections were held this year. No hosting opportunities this year from a WCBA standpoint.

**Umpire Association Update:** Sean Sullivan updated the board on the 2015 BCABA programming from this past year.

**LTAD Process:** David updated the Board on the On Going LTAD document production and presented a very rough draft starting point. The Board will be given a draft before submission for any feedback. Submission due date is March 30, 2016.

**Strategic Plan Process Update:** David updated the board on the Strategic Plan creation and will use the LTAD document as the starting point. The Board will be given a draft before submission for any feedback. Submission due date is also set for March 30, 2016

**ViaSport Review Process Update:** David shared an update on the Review Process to date and offered a copy of the document to anyone who may be interested.

**Vancouver Canadians Luncheon:** Baseball BC has again purchased a table for the Vancouver Canadians Luncheon. Please see David if you're interested. Ted H., Patrick P., Serj S., John B., all confirmed to attend.

**BC Minor Update:** John spoke to the recent discussions regarding BC Minor and updated the board on the two committee meetings. A letter and attachment from Fraser Campbell had been circulated earlier. A discussion took place in camera. A response to the letter was discussed, and will be sent after board members have an opportunity to provide input. Preparations for Baseball BC provincial tournaments are continuing with dates already announced, and members and non-members able to participate.

## **Member Updates:**

**PBL:** Will have a minimum 6 team Bantam Premier League starting in 2016.

**Umpires:** A change to the umpire training process is coming for the lower levels of umpires with level 2 clinics alternating each year between a primary focus on offense and a primary focus on defense.

**Little League:** The age change in Littler League has changed again...2019 will see the complete transition completed. Hastings LL is also hosting the National Championships this year.

**Babe Ruth:** Have been contacted by several groups looking at options for affiliation and specifically was asking about the older levels of play.

**Junior: None**

**Senior: None**

## **Baseball BC Operational Committee Updates:**

**High Performance:** David updated the board on planning for 2016 and the decision to move away from a summit at the time being and to work through smaller groups to solicit feedback on possible program improvement. A brief update on the bigger program evolutions was offered as well and will be forwarded at a later date.

**Girls Baseball:** David spoke to the current Girls Program and the work being done by Scott. David also updated the board on the invitations by both Baseball Canada and the International community to participate in Female Program growth opportunities in locations like Venezuela and Cuba. Scott updated the board on the recent Girls season and the plans for 2016.

**Grass Roots:** David updated the Board on the current state of the Grass Roots committee and advised on the timeline to convene that committee. David also spoke to the work being done by Shawn on the grassroots front in preparation for 2016. Shawn spent some time walking through those plans for 2016.

#### **Programming Update:**

**BC Games:** David updated the board on the upcoming BC Games and spoke to a possible issue that may arise.

**Facilitator Training:** David updated the board on the plans for training new facilitators.

**Baseball BC Provincials:** Update regarding the 2016 championship plan.

#### **New Business:**

Andrew asked about the meeting minutes and the timing of us posting online.

John presented the Baseball Canada Volunteer of the Year award to Peter Stoochnoff from the BC Region for 2015.

**Next meeting:** Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Baseball BC Office. 7pm.

**Adjournment:** 9:25pm