

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
October 12, 2016
Sheraton Guildford Hotel
Surrey, BC**

Attending: John Berry, Peter Stoochnoff, Ted Hotzak, Larry Seminoff, Steve Gustavson, Patrick Poyner, Doug Kelly, Andrew Grant, Serj Sangara, Terry McKaig, Sean Sullivan and Tim Clarke

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

Regrets: none

Call to Order: 7:06 PM

Presidents Opening Remark: John Berry opened the meeting and spoke to the group and welcomed everyone after a busy baseball season. While challenging, it is felt that it was a successful season all around. John thanked Ted, Andrew, Patrick and Serj for their work with the BC Minor issue through the Ad hoc committee. John updated the board on the issue of Coach Downes and today's revelations. Further discussion took place on our role and jurisdiction on the matter.

Minutes from past meetings: Circulated. Motion to approve Steve G. Seconded by Peter G. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report: David reported to the board on the current financial statements and provided statements to this point in the fiscal year. David also spoke to the current A/R list as to the collection process and any collection concerns. Funding updates were provided by David to the board and were confirmed as in hand. John spoke to the Gaming conversations that were needed to ensure that our grant was delivered.

In Camera: Board discussion took place in camera.

Societies Act Update: John advised the board that we are still waiting on information regarding the society act changes needed for this November. It is believed that the transition window is two years.

BC Minor Ad hoc Update: John spoke about the recent string of meetings with BC Minor and their Ad hoc committee. It has been suggested that BC Minor will be putting three options in front of their membership at the upcoming AGM without a formal recommendation to their membership. One would be rejoining Baseball BC. Another would be to remain a non-member. A third would see only about 1500 athletes affiliated as means to access Provincials and WCBA / Nationals. Further discussion took place on the matter and included varied conversations on a number of points. John spoke to a couple of possible scenarios outlining a possible BC Minor return to some form of membership. Motion made by Doug K. to send out the scenarios circulated for tonight's meeting while adding a first one that outlines the Baseball BC wish that BC Minor returns as a full member. Seconded by Ted H. Unanimously approved. John will spearhead. John also spoke to the draft summary of the most recent Ad hoc committee meetings.

Baseball BC Provincial Championships Update: John updated the board on this past year's provincial championships. A brief report offered for each event was provided with some specifics from our feedback efforts in summary. David spoke briefly to the survey distributed by Baseball BC and the replies received.

Baseball Canada Update: John updated the board on both the 2016 Baseball Canada changes and the 2016 Championships results. A quick update on the upcoming convention also took place. David advised the board about Baseball Canada Championships coming to BC in 2017 (Victoria @ Senior).

WCBA Update: John spoke about the 2016 WCBA championships. David spoke to the fact that he went to Edmonton for the 2016 WCBA championships this past summer. John spoke to the 2017 championship host rotation and what BC will be involved with at westerns.

Baseball BC Webpage: The board approved for David to proceed with selection of a new webpage platform based on our current quotes provided.

Challenger Golf Tournament Volunteer Base: David shared the messaging from the Challenger Golf Tournament Committee in regards to needing to add new and fresh blood to the committee in order for the Golf Tournament to continue. Should you know of anyone who may be interested please connect them with David.

UBC Baseball Facility Update: Terry M. asked that we defer this topic in the interest of time to the next board meeting.

Committee Updates: Committee reports were deferred to the next board meeting given scheduling of our current working committees.

Baseball BC Programming Updates: John updated the board on the American Masters Games. David spoke briefly to the BC Games review process and our placement on probation. Serj spoke to the recently completed Just Play Ball Programming (JPB) that was offered in conjunction with The Dugout Club this past summer in East Richmond. An opportunity to assist in nontraditional programming for new athletes to our game is an idea that we can and should look to grow through the PSO; Shawn has suggested that expansion is possible into a community like Whalley and will work with the WLL people on this possibility. A community like Kamloops may also be a fit.

New Business: Terry M. issued a challenge to the board regarding the opportunity to capitalize on general interest in baseball due in some part to the Blue Jays recent success. Let's give some thought to how we can capture the record interest levels. John spoke to the board about interest in Baseball BC apparel and our interest in providing some visibility for our board. David will follow up with the board to seek interested parties.

Next meeting: December 14. 7pm. Baseball BC Office.

Adjournment: 9:55