

**Baseball BC
Board of Director's Meeting
September 16, 2015
Baseball BC Office
Surrey, BC**

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

Regrets: Larry Seminoff

Staff: David Laing, Scott MacKenzie and Shawn Schaefer

Guests: none

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Presidents Opening Remark: President Berry opened the meeting by welcoming the group. John would like to add to the agenda the following...Masters Games and Baseball BC Discipline Policy...we can insert at the end of the formal agenda before New Business.

Minutes from past meeting:

Circulated. Errors / Omission – none. Motion to approve Steve G. Seconded by Peter S. Unanimously approved.

Financial Report:

YTD: Presented and Circulated. Andrew spoke to the reporting process and scope. David spoke to the current financial documents and balances YTD. The A/R list was touched on with no concerns on collection.

Funding Updates: Gaming has been issued for the year at \$203K. ViaSport has been flowing since the start of the fiscal year in April and the total envelope will exceed budgeted monies by about 7K. 50/50 revenue was again over budget (\$21K) due to the wonderful summer weather.

Membership Fees: Motion from Andrew G to provide the Provincial Level members \$4 of Program Support. Seconded by Patrick. Unanimously approved.

Steve G motioned that Baseball BC exempt Challenger registrations from the Membership Fee. Doug K seconded. Unanimously approved.

ViaSport Investment Review: David updated the board on the upcoming ViaSport Investment Review process and the timeline as expected. David has suggested his view is we do not have anything to worry about given the distributed information. John and David will keep the board update as we get deeper into the process.

In Camera (If Needed): not needed

Board Bios and Promotion: John updated the board on the bios and promotion release. The Bios will be posted on the webpage.

BC Minor Update (if any): John advised the board about some of the information stemming from a BC Minor workshop this past weekend and the possible plans to approach Baseball BC about starting some dialogue. It was suggested that a newly struck committee from BC Minor will ask for a meeting with Baseball BC, perhaps with conditions. It was the feeling of our board that we strongly support dialogue, but preconditions or demands would not be appropriate.

Bantam Premier: John updated the board on recent meeting with some of the Lower Mainland Associations regarding a possible new approach with 15U entity. Ted also updated the board on the formalization of the Bantam Prep League from the BCPBL and outlined the technical package for the new league.

Membership Inquires & Process Update: John updated the board on some background discussions from current BC Minor organizations who may be seeking new affiliation opportunities.

Umpires Update: John update the board on recent developments within the BCBUA. John will not be running for another term with that organization. Sean Sullivan will be assuming the role of President given he is running unopposed. BC Minor and BCBUA are still working together.

Baseball Canada Update:

Convention Update: John and David updated the board on the upcoming convention scheduled for Saskatoon September 4th to 7th. John and Patrick plan to attend from a board standpoint. David will attend as usual from a staff standpoint.

Championship Update: David spoke to the results from the recent Baseball Canada championships. David also updated the board on the 13U Western Canada event and the nature of Baseball Canada fines stemming from a lack of volunteers early in the event. It was moved by Andrew G. that Baseball BC provide a Grant of \$600 to the organizing committee. Doug K. seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Selects Discipline Issue: David brought the board up to speed on the Selects insensitivity issue at the Canada Cup. It was agreed that we will ask all athletes and staff from the 2015 Selects group to perform some kind of On Line Diversity Training and then as a follow up to meet with John and David to ensure understanding of all involved.

Award Nominees: Nomination forms attached. David advised the board that staff has nominations in mind for each award category should other possible nominees not be forwarded by member organizations.

WCBA Update:

Championships Update: David spoke to the results from the recent WCBA championships.

Senior Withdrawal Fine: David advised the board that Senior received a fine for withdrawing after the deadline. We are appealing this fine

LTAD Transition Document Update: David updated the board on the upcoming project that will require us to complete our transition document. We have enlisted Andre Lachance from Baseball Canada (one of the foremost experts in the field) to assist us. David and Scott will handle from the staff standpoint.

Baseball BC Operational Committees Updates:

Grass Roots Committee Mandate: David asked the Board to give some thought to the scale of scope of this reborn committee and started with the Grass Roots definition.

High Performance: An update of the 2015 season and program was shared with the board and included highlights like a third consecutive Canada Cup win for the Selects Team to go with a Gold Medal for the WCSG Team. We also saw a slight increase in total participants this year despite the off field issues. David also advised that he is looking into the viability of hosting a summit with like-minded people in the baseball community to see what developmental and streamlining improvements can be made in our High Performance program.

Girls Baseball: A brief Girls Baseball review was offered from the 2015 program and championship season included highlights of a Gold Medal at the 14U Girls WCBA event and a Bronze at the Women's Open division. Scott and the Girls Committee will also be looking at a full program review to ensure we are looking to make appropriate improvements within the program and we will again be posting for all interested coaches in conjunction with the Baseball BC High Performance Coaching Posting for 2016 and 2017.

Programming Updates:

Fall Grass Roots: David advised the board that Shawn was actively looking for local associations that are doing fall ball at the grass roots level as we would like to see if we can be of any assistance. It is our belief that we can still make an impact in the fall for kids at this level of play.

Free Pitching Lessons & Business Plan: David presented the board with a new programming idea that will allow us to centralize pitching training for our sport in a manner similar to goaltending training in both soccer and hockey. We would look to use a franchising approach to Train the Trainer at the same time as we work with the athletes in any one association.

New Business: John updated the board on the Masters Games coming in 2016 to Vancouver. Dan Taylor of the LMBA is heading this initiative up. John also spoke to the current Discipline Policy and its use this year. We have learned some lessons from the process and will review and report back with suggested changes (If Any). We may need to also consider any possible required changes given the possibility that we may need to deal with smaller incidents and lesser needs. Patrick will review for recommended changes and report back to the board. Steve G. advised the board that Little League international has backed off of their commitment to move to a calendar year age grouping and will instead use the Aug. 31st date by the start of the 2018 season.

Next meeting: Monday Dec. 7 at 6pm at the Ricky's Country Restaurant. (Burnaby)

Adjournment: 9:22pm