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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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BCMBA Monthly BoD Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 9th · 10:00 AM

Sandman Signature, Langley BC

Call to Order: 10:05am

Attendance: R. Puri, R. Hall, A. McKearney, A. Hayes, V. Greenwood, D. Hodgens, M. van-der-Loos, N. Dhaliwal, A. Wong-de Leon, B. Dingsdale, L. Hotell, C. Lund, T. Baker-Cornett, A. Forman, D. Michaud, M. Hall, V.Vankoughnett

Absent: D. Cabalfin, M. Kelly

Administrative Director: James Raymond

Presidents Opening Remarks:

- **Acknowledgement to the seeded lands of**
- **Thanks to James and Val for setting up this in person meeting**
- Motion to accept agenda

Motioned: D. Hodgens

Seconded: M. van-der-Loos

M/S/C

Adoption of Minutes:

- February 2024 BoD Meeting
 - Motioned:
 - Seconded:
 - Tabled as not sent out

Additions to the Agenda:

- Anne - merger between Chase, Salmon Arm and Sorrento at multiple levels

Correspondence:

Secretary - Val Greenwood

1. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - 2024 National and Western dates and locations

2. Karen Morgan - New West - notice of merger 2024 between South Burnaby and New West at 18U AA / 15U A /13U AA / 13U A
3. Brandi Frehlich - Powell River - forwarded to Anne
4. **Executive Rosters:** Summerland, Chemainus, Prince George, Creston Valley, Columbia Valley, Kimberley, Nelson, Powell River, North Langley
5. Colin Frantze - letter of complaint on a coach and his practices to coaching - forward to Raj and Anne
6. Michael Braun - inquiry on host for 13U A East provincials
7. Mike Gieselman - looking for release - forwarded to Neal
8. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - 2024 National and Western Qualifiers Operations Manual
9. Don Gorman - NovaSport - Awards and merchandise - forwarded to Marketing
10. Heather Hawkins - information on best way for their website - forwarded to Jamesd
11. Meagan Siebert - Prince George contact updates
12. Amy - North Delta - looking at having tournaments posted for the Jeff Francis and 8U Summer tournament - forwarded to Abigail and Alan
13. Dusty Brown - looking for private tutor for softball - directed to Softball BC
14. Dana Milne - 18U AA - looking to form a team - forwarded to Marty Hall
15. Julia Brown - Columbia Valley Tournament
16. Sheryl - inquiry where son can play - I told her he must play in his catchment area or would need a player release form
17. Carly Jellis - Creston Valley - society confirmation and UIC David MacVicar
18. Demosphere - live demonstration for financial tools - forwarded to Marketing
19. Rahul Jinagel - looking for 26U team - forwarded to Dan Hodgins
20. Julie Brown - Columbia Valley - boundary map
21. Release form for Joseph Mendez Urquia - Cloverdale to Surrey Canadians
22. Irene Strong - looking for information on programs - directed her to the website
23. Demosphere Mobile App for team communications
24. Peter Kim - looking for 13U AAA Provincial dates - forward to Tina
25. John Perlinger - looking for clarification on 11U bat size - forwarded to Alan
26. Maureen Kremin - looking for player release - forwarded to Neal
27. Kim - President Kimberley - sent copy of constitution and bylaws
28. Heather Melenchuk - looking for insurance certificate - Anne replied
29. Heather Melenchuk - White Rock - declaration of a 13U AAA team for 2024
30. Brandi Frehlich - Powell River - new executive
31. Demosphere - forwarded to Marketing
32. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - Little League participation at the 13U AA/15U AA and 13U AAA
33. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - 18U and 15U Qualifiers

Outgoing:

- Brent Dingsdale to Cloverdale - awarding the 18U AAA provincials
- Neal Dhaliwal to Mike Gieselman - release form
- James Raymond to Presidents - NCCP training - march
- Raj Puri to Carly Jellis - secretary Creston - welcoming them to BCMBA
- Raj Puri to Dana Milne - 18U AA rule
- Neal Dhaliwal to Mike Gieselman - release form
- James Raymond to Presidents - Team BC 15U - looking for coaches
- James Raymond to Presidents - John Main Tournament registration now open

- James Raymond to Presidents - Certificate of Insurance
- Neal Dhaliwal to Maureen Kremin - approval for player release
- James Raymond to Presidents - 13U AAA meeting
- James Raymond to Presidents - rule book now available

Business Arising from Minutes: See Presidents Report

- **Board Dynamics and operating Procedures**
- **Discussion around the development of a BCMBA Strategic Plan with identification of Goals and Strategies.**
- **Safe Sport Certification**
- **Westerns and Nationals Pathways -To be covered under division reports.**
- **New Associations Update**
 - **Dino has nominated David LaCasse (Cranbrook Kootenay Region) for the vacant position on the board**

Executive Reports:

President -Raj Puri

- discussion on board dynamics and procedures
 1. look at all reports before meeting
 2. pick one (1) item from your report to highlight
- discussion on BCMBA strategic plan
- SafeSport Certification - will take a good part of the year with Baseball BC to put together the process for getting certification
- I will be meeting with Kyle to start with discipline
- all options are still open with pathways to Westerns and Nationals
- New associations include:
 1. Nelson
 2. Creston (Creston Valley)
 3. Cranbrook
 4. Golden
 5. Invermere (Columbia Valley)
 6. Kimberley
- They will become the Kootenay Zone
- for Provincials they will play zones - winner goes to provincials
- this applies to all levels
- This new group will bring in approximately 900 new players

Motion: R. Hall / T. Baker-Cornett

Motion to ratify the membership of Nelson, Creston, Cranbrook. Golden, Invermere and Kimberley on submission of documentation.

M/S/C**First VP - Ryan Hall**

- **See written report**

Second VP - Alan McKearney

- **See written report**

Treasurer - Anne Hayes

- Financials as distributed
 - Motioned: M. Hall
 - Seconded: V. Greenwood
 - M/S/C
- Convention Budget

Secretary - Val Greenwood

- **No report**

Administrative Director - James Raymond

- **See written report**

Committee Reports:**1) Rules Committee - Chair Daniel Michaud / Ryan Hall / Brent Dingsdale**

- Daniel - will be transferring up north for three (3) years, will finish term to AGM
- Rulebook is ready to go and is posted on the website

2) Player Eligibility Committee - Chair Neal Dhaliwal / Marty van-der-Loos / Dino Cabalfin / Tina Baker-Cornett

- **See written report**
- All division directors make sure that the player release forms are attached to the team rosters



- 3) **Discipline Committee** - Chair Ryan Hall / Neal Dhaliwal / Lyndsey Hotell / Tina Baker-Cornett
- **See written report**
 - A coach has been suspended indefinitely - dispute been player/parents with threats -RCMP called in
 - Baseball BC will hire an independent third party (lawyer) to investigate using SafeSport
- 4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Chair Marty van-der-Loos / Val Greenwood
- Baseball BC pushing all girls league
- 5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** -Chair Alan McKearney
- getting ready for the John Main
 - If asked to do our Provincials will they fulfill their commitments
 - \$250 per tournament for mentors
- 6) **High-Performance Committee** - Chair Chris Lund / Ryan Hall / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Marty Hall - non voting members 18U Brent Dingsdale / 15U Anne Hayes / 13U Tina Baker-Cornett
- Aaron Myette will attend camps - pitching instructor
- 7) **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** - Chair Daniel Michaud
- Nanaimo and Oceanside - if both agree then just need board approval
- 8) **Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee** - Co Chair Alan McKearney / Co Chair Raj Puri / Mike Kelly / Ryan Hall / Anne Hayes(NCCP) / Al Forman / Marty Hall
- NCCP - I am starting to review the single season rosters that are being sent to me and sending emails to all the coaches to let them know what they are missing. We filled 369 seats at the free sessions attached to the conference this year. We will be offering another set of free courses sometime in June.
 - Alan - **see written report**
 - waiting for more feedback from the conference attendees - needed for future planning
 - Is Aaron going to be asked to attend next year's conference
 - would like to see the banquet return on the Saturday night - social to get to know the new people
- 9) **2024 BCMBA Traveling Caravan** - (Mike Kelly)
- schedule is done
 - need some coaches to fill in
 - Anthony Plutto has said he will run the caravan for 2025 for the full three (3) weeks
 - \$4.00 per player is used for the coaching development (conference, caravan, NCCP etc.)

10) **Marketing Committee** - Chair James Raymond / Dino Cabalfin / Ryan Hall

- **See written report**
- **TalkShop** media to run special events
- one (1) month campaign to recruit volunteers

11) **Grassroots Committee** - Chair Daniel Michaud

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12) **Risk Management** - Chair Ryan Hall

- **See written report**

13) **Challenger Baseball Liaison** - Chair Dino Cabalfin

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14) **Website Committee** - Co Chair James Raymond/Co Chair Alan McKearney / Anne Hayes

- **See written report**
- **Sport Engine** has changed everything
- 100 pages for the teams are now unusable - will have to rebuild them
- they have no tools available on how to use
- all previous data has been moved
- Game Changer took a long time to get working

15) **Human Resources Committee** -Chair Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Al Forman / Tina Baker-Cornett

- The committee is meeting with James on Monday, March 11th, 7:00pm to have his performance review

16) **Awards Committee** - Chair Val Greenwood / Mike Kelly / Al Forman / Marty van-der-Loos

- All awards were presented at the coaches conference in February

17) **Scholarship Committee** - Chair Abigail Wong-de Leon / Lyndsey Hotell / Daniel Michaud / Chris Lund / Dino Cabalfin

- working on application
- need more money for scholarships - get sponsors

18) **Baseball BC Committee** - no report

19) **Tournaments Coordinator** - Chair Abigail Wong-de Leon

- **See written report**
- job description is done

- John Main - trophies for MVP / medals
- Chilliwack and Abbotsford are hosts

Divisional Reports:

a) 26U - Chair Dan Hodgens

- **See written report**
- meeting Monday , March 11
- tournament Labour Day weekend - 3 teams possible 4 will be entered
- North Shore player registered as 18U - wants to play on 26U with brother - must be 18 insurance covered
- declaration date is April 01
- Cloverdale wants to declare team
- Badgers (female) - will be discussed at meeting - they will be allowed to use aluminum bats - any males on the team must use wood bats

b) 18U - Co Chair Brent Dingsdale / Co Chair Chris Lund

- **18U Selects**
 - Tryouts TBD
 - Best of the West showcase Tournament May 1- 5
 - Garnett Pauliw is the head coach and joining his staff will be Michael Dagg and waiting on confirmation of Aaron Myette
- **18U College Prep** - Chris Lund
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- **18U AAA** - Brent Dingsdale
 - Meeting minutes for the preseason meeting were distributed to the 18U AAA teams/associations
 - The path to the 18U AAA Westerns has been finalized. The 18U AAA BCMBA provincial winner will be BC's representative at the 18U AAA Westerns. No BC qualifier with the BCPBL
 - The game schedule was distributed to the teams. Thanks Anne!
 - My next big task is to ramp up on Game Changer
- **18U AA** - Marty Hall
 - Karen Morgan (New West) and Peter Lei (Burnaby South) request merge for spring and summer
 - Chase and Sorrento - no numbers - release most players to Kamloops - 15U AAA also
 - eligibility Salmon Arm - number of players from Chase/Sorrento - Rule 104D - don't offer program so they are not classified as imports
 - 18U looking for Provincial host

- **16U Selects**

- Tryouts/Camp May 3 - 5 - Location TBD (working on Hillcrest Field in Cloverdale)
- Arizona/Tournament - August 30 - September 2
- Liam Goodall was selected as Head Coach (7 coaches applied)

c) **15U** - Chair Anne Hayes

- I attended both the 15U AAA meeting and the 15U AA meeting
- The 15U AAA schedule is up on the website. Many teams are scheduling games for the May 11th weekend which is supposed to be blacked out for the 15U Selects
- The 15U AA schedule will be completed once I receive all the field allocations forms

- **15U Selects**

- Tryouts/ID During Coaching Caravan - dates below
 1. Saturday April 6th in Nanaimo - 4:00pm to 6:00pm - Field to be determined
 2. Saturday April 6th in Lower Mainland - 6:00pm to 8:00pm - Field to be determined
 3. Saturday April 13th in Penticton - 4:00pm to 6:00pm - Field to be determined
 4. Saturday April 13th in Lower Mainland - 4:00pm to 6:00pm - Field to be determined
- Development Camp - May 10 - 12 in the Lower Mainland - Field to be determined
- Remind teams of the black out date of May 11th - no games to be scheduled for this weekend, if games have been scheduled they will need to be rescheduled
- development camp to be held in Ridge Meadows
- Selects Tournament - GSL Father's Day Classic Tournament in Tacoma, Washington - June 13-16
- Coach application deadline closes March 9th

- Burnaby - not enough players - extension requested to March 10th - want to merge with Vancouver Community and South Burnaby - approval granted

- **15U AAA** - Neal Dhaliwal

- **See written report**

- **15U AA** - Abigail Wong-de Leon

- **See written report**

- **15U A** - Veronica Vankoughnett

- Talked with Valen Kayaks from Newton, they are aware and received the letter to the the 2024 15U A Provincial Championships in Newton on the weekend of August 8 to August 12, 2024

d) **13U** - Chair Tina Baker-Cornett

- John Main - Victoria wants second team in tournament - will only be able to once all singles are placed
- Victorian can be put on wait list until all teams have paid
- need to look at application process

- **13U Selects**

- Regional Id Camps - April 20-21 (Interior, Island, Mainland East and Mainland West)
- Development Camp - Lower Mainland - May 10 - 12 - working with Surrey Canadians to again host at Lionel Courchene
- Selects tournament - GSL Father's Day Classic Tournament in Tacoma, Washington - June 13 - 16 - need chef
- Regional Coaches Selected for 2024

1. Island - Craig Royal - Duncan
2. Interior - Jim Langill - COMBA
3. Mainland East - Trevor Brookshaw - Cloverdale
4. Mainland West - Brent Crowther - North Delta

- **13U AAA** - Marty van-der-Loos

- **See written report**
- Cloverdale / Ladner / Prince George exhibition games in spring
- Meeting Monday, March 11th at 7:00 pm

- **13U AA** - Al Forman

- Burnaby will host provincials

- **13U A** - Lyndsey Hotell

- Surrey Canadians will host 13U A (East)
- Tsawwassen 13U A (West)

- **13U John Main Tournament** - Tina Baker-Cornett / Marty van-der-Loos

- see above

e) **11U** Chair Alan McKearney

- point for MSET tournament - two (2) tournaments on two (2) weekends is too many - allow only one (1) tournament
- having problems finding hosts - new names are confusing
- **See written report**

f) **9U** Chair Dino Cabalfin

- No report

g) Island 1 - Tina Baker-Cornett
9U / 11U /13U

Vicky Seredick is retiring from job and baseball - good luck to her

h) Island 2 - Marty Hall
15U / 18U

meeting March 21

- **No Report**

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal
18U and 15U

- no report

j) Interior 2 - Dino Cabalfin
9U, 11U and 13U

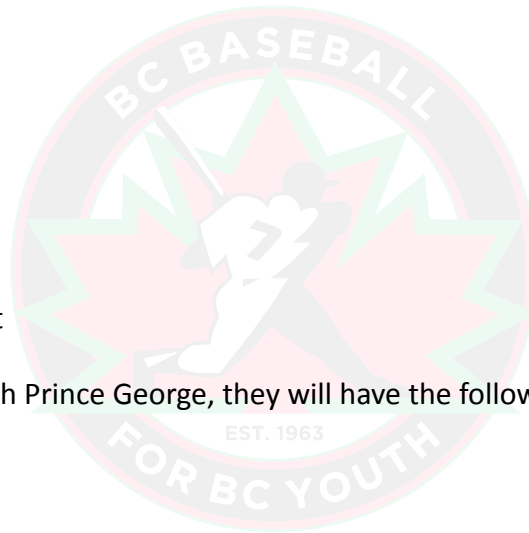
- **See written report**

k) North - Veronica Vankoughnett

- Communication with Prince George, they will have the following teams for Single Season 2024:
18U AAA
15U AA
13U AAA
- Kyle Anderson, president of Prince George will be attending the 13U AAA meeting

New Business:

- Provincial Championships
 - Hosts
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 - BCMBA Director's in Charge (Onsite during the event)
- Marty van-der-Loos
 - Scoreboards for Provincials - dry erase
 - good for about 2 years
 - estimated cost \$55 per board
 - good visibility - pitch counts



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- Directors apparel - James to send out sizing form - standard gear 1 hat/2 shirts
- Spring workshops this Tuesday and Thursday

Next Meeting:

- April, 2nd, 2024 (**Note Change in time to 8:00 PM**)

Meeting Adjournment at: 1:07 pm

- Motioned: D Michaud

