



**Softball BC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
December 09, 2023
The Coast Tsawwassen Inn**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Parkes, President
Kevin Langley, Vice President
Rachel Charles, Vice President, Finance
Scott Wheatley, Director at Large
Chad Bryden, Director - Coaching
Lavaughn Larson, Director – Minor
Al Groff, Director - Men's and Women's
Jason Ranchoux, Director - Provincial Umpire in Chief
Rick Benson, Executive Director
Haili Pettifer, Administrative Manager

Meeting called to order at 9:11AM

Land acknowledgment (Parkes)

Motion to accept the agenda as circulated (Rachel/Kevin)
Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 22nd, 2023 (Kevin/Al)
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Board Business

- Parkes updated the board on discussions how Softball BC should review motions, policies, and conflicts. Potential training at the board level to familiarize obligations.
- Standardize the flow of the committees and processes to be in review
- Committee to review the Board roles and structure
- Program Committee director responsibilities confirmed (No motion included)
- **Financial Report** (line of credit, budget.) Motion to accept (Kevin/Jason) **Carried**

Operational Business (Rick)

- Softball Canada Congress and AGM review
- Social Media Process
- ED Role posted on all platforms at Softball BC
- Coach Development (Bob Hitchcock) and Competition Development now being offered at the Provincial Level
- Data Collection of Umpires



- Risk Management (Discipline & Complaint Appeal Process review) particularly SafeSport
- Motion to change process of Complaint Appeal Process with the following amendment (Accept to an Independent Panel or ED) (Jason/Kevin) **Carried**
- Board was updated on current and projected 2024/2025 status of our insurance coverage and cost.
- Risk management processes, including waivers, screening and CRC's were brought forward, along with facility safety. Recommendations were presented to bring these to the attention of clubs and leagues as well as centralizing tracking of waivers and screening processes.
- **Action item:** - Board requested a history of insurance claims be provided to the board
- Insurance coverage when travel within and outside the country was discussed. Board was advised of the requirements from our underwriters which is in effect and the communication plan to explain this to the membership was provided.

Operational Business (Haili)

- Canada Summer Games update
- BC Summer Games update
- The Board was advised, as per previous discussions, we will mandate all member registrations to go through RAMP Interactive, beginning with the 2025 season. Initial communication plan to members was reviewed. It was stressed that we must provide a robust and fulsome messaging and support to the membership during this transition.

Minor Report (Lavaughn)

- Reported on Boys Work Group, poor turnout at last meeting, still searching for a host for 2024 Provincials
- Pro Rate Work Group – a motion is before the board for consideration of a one year trial for a process to determine pro rata spots.
- MDF – new chair Kathy Weston, and updated guidelines for applications for the funds will be available soon.
- Motion: To approve the Minor Provincial/ Western Championships hosts and dates as presented (Rachel/Kevin) **Carried**
- Motions from the Minor Advisory Council were presented,

#1 Article 7, Rule 8 –defeated

#2 Article 14.1.6 Timing - approved

Men's & Women's Report (Al)

- Motion: Dates for Men's & Women's Provincials as presented (Lavaughn/Kevin) **Carried**
- Men's and Women's Fee Increase – discussion was held regarding the communication with representatives from the Men's and Women's fastpitch community. We will be meeting with the men's group again to determine if there are areas where we can find common ground on fees. The women's group will be communicating with their leagues and clubs to share the reasons for the increase.
- A meeting is scheduled in January with the slo-pitch coordinators to review Provincial dates, 2024 membership fees and new rules from Softball Canada.



Provincial Umpire-in-Chief Report (Jason)

- Possible new process to warn coaches and spectators of ejection

New Business

- The Board was advised of a request for nomination of the 2023 President Award recipient for the Sport BC AOY banquet. **Action Item:** Recommendations were requested from Board members no later than January 18th.
- Minutes from the meeting held by the western Provinces and Territories were provided. U13 Girls Championship and an increase in Game Fees for umpires were highlighted
- Future Board meeting dates were presented, accepted were the February 9th virtual meeting. **Action Item:** Poll Directors for consensus on "in person" March & September meeting dates
- Proposals and preliminary budgets for the 2024 AGM were presented. Sites in Greater Vancouver, Kamloops and Okanagan were included.

Motion: to approve Four Points Sheraton Kelowna as the site for the 2024 Softball BC AGM (Jason/Rachel) **CARRIED**

- Documents and information from a District Boundary review conducted in 2014 were provided to the Board for information.
- A discussion was held on if and how Softball BC would recognize and/or support independent groups that provide skill development and opportunities for member participants at the competitive level. **Action Item:** Place as an agenda item for next full Board meeting.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting (Jason/Rachel) **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm