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SOFTBALL BC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2021 | 2:00 PM
by Zoom Video Meeting

ATTENDANCE & VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Please review the following in advance of the meeting

How to Use Zoom:

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool that is used for online meetings. Participants will receive a Zoom web link that will allow them to access to join the online meeting. Participants should have their computer microphone and audio enabled, and a video camera so that other participants can see them on the call (recent laptop computers include a built-in camera). For those that are new to Zoom, here is a helpful video tutorial that we encourage you to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQOE>

AGM Zoom Meeting Link:

Here is the meeting link that you will use to join the virtual meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227463220>

Meeting ID: 882 2746 3220

Passcode: 022429

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Please Be on Time:

The Zoom meeting room for the AGM will open at **1:30 PM** (you will initially be placed in the waiting room) and the AGM will begin promptly at **2:00 PM** with participants being admitted to the main room shortly beforehand. It is recommended that attendees plan to arrive no later than **1:45 PM** in order to ensure the meeting can start on time and that voting members are confirmed as being in attendance.

Voting Delegates:

Only registered Voting Members who complete and submit the AGM Registration Form will be included in the voting list and entitled to vote.

Changes to the voting list will not be accommodated after the establishment of quorum. Upon the establishment of quorum, the only change to the list will be to remove voting members who are not present at the meeting. Late Voting Delegates will not be eligible to vote.

Be Prepared to Identify Yourself:

Members **must identify themselves and voting position**. The best way to do this is to have your first and last name and your voting position (full team name may not fit) set-up on your account (Zoom video screen) as you enter the meeting. You can do so by clicking on the 'three dots' in the top right corner of your Zoom video screen and selecting the 'rename' option. **You may be asked to verbally identify yourself** so please listen for your name.

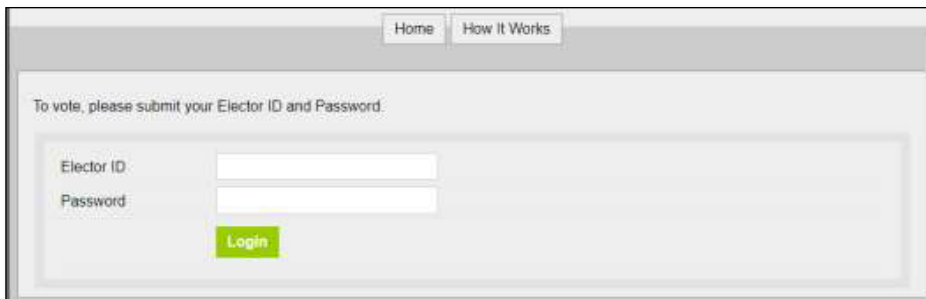
Quorum Will Finalize the Voting List:

As quorum is established, the list of all Voting Delegates in attendance will be updated to reflect *actual voting members present* (note that all members are required to register in advance and be present in the meeting). Once completed, the voting list is finalized and will not be altered.

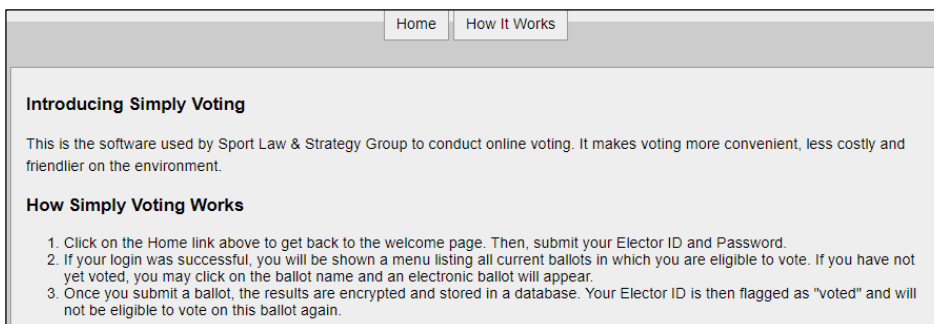
How to Vote:

Registered voting members will receive an email **each time** a motion is launched. *This will happen in real-time.* The email will be sent to the address you used to register for the AGM. The emails you receive will include an elector ID and a unique password **for each voting event**.

NOTE: the password used for any 'test' voting event is not valid for AGM voting.

A screenshot of a web application interface for voting. At the top, there are two buttons: "Home" and "How It Works". Below them, a message says "To vote, please submit your Elector ID and Password:". There are two input fields: "Elector ID" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a green "Login" button.

Voting Members must be prepared to access their email during the AGM, and enter the ID and unique password on the following website to register for each vote: slsg.simplyvoting.com

A screenshot of a web application interface showing the "How It Works" section. At the top, there are two buttons: "Home" and "How It Works". Below them, the heading "Introducing Simply Voting" is followed by a paragraph: "This is the software used by Sport Law & Strategy Group to conduct online voting. It makes voting more convenient, less costly and friendlier on the environment." Below this, the heading "How Simply Voting Works" is followed by a numbered list: 1. Click on the Home link above to get back to the welcome page. Then, submit your Elector ID and Password. 2. If your login was successful, you will be shown a menu listing all current ballots in which you are eligible to vote. If you have not yet voted, you may click on the ballot name and an electronic ballot will appear. 3. Once you submit a ballot, the results are encrypted and stored in a database. Your Elector ID is then flagged as "voted" and will not be eligible to vote on this ballot again.

The most straight forward way to attend this meeting is using a desktop computer and web browser.

If you wish to avoid switching screens, it is recommended that Voting Members have the above website (slsg.simplyvoting.com) pre-loaded on a separate device or in a separate window (recommend you use a smartphone or tablet for Meeting attendance via Zoom and use your computer for voting).

Important Tip: After the first voting event, voters can regularly 'refresh' the webpage to see their own voting results (Past Ballot *Receipts*) or, if shared, the result of the previous member votes (posted under '*Past Ballots*' near the bottom of the screen).

Voting Issues:

If any Voting Delegates experience technical difficulties issuing their vote via the Simply Voting platform, the SLSG representative will assist those Voting Members and provide instructions on how to provide their vote. SLSG will ensure that all votes are collected and counted toward the vote result.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

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Voting Delegates are required to follow these rules of procedure.

Technical Interference:

Each attendee is responsible for their electronic connection; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss, or poor quality, of an attendee's individual connection prevented them from participating in the meeting. In addition the chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of an attendee's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting.

Recognition:

Any Voting Member wishing to speak shall address the Chair (use: 'Chair', or 'Mr/Madam Chair') and identify himself/herself by **full name VOTING POSITION (e.g. Bob – Men's Rep District 6)**

For an online meeting, this may be achieved by one of the following methods:

1. **Raise Hand:** Click the 'Raise Hand' button. This button is found under the **Reactions** tab (hover a computer mouse usually at the bottom/centre of the screen to find the Reactions icon, click on it to find the Raise Hand button). Once you have pressed the button, the 'Raise Hand' icon will show next to your name. *Please wait to be recognized by the Chair, then unmute yourself* – you can also 'lower' your hand by pressing on the button again if you are finished or no longer wish to speak.
2. **Phone Raise Hand:** For any members who are participating through the teleconference option only (dialing in), you can 'raise' and 'lower' your hand by pressing Star-9 on your phone.
3. **Verbally:** By verbally requesting recognition by the Chair (once all raised hands are addressed); this is achieved by 'unmuting' their microphone and requesting recognition, ***only when the floor is available and there are no other participants speaking.***
4. **Re-Muting:** When you are finished speaking, please remember to 're-mute' yourself.
5. **Phone Mute & Unmute:** For any members who are participating through the teleconference option only (dialing in), you can mute and unmute yourself by pressing Star-6 on your phone and you can 'raise' and 'lower' your hand by pressing Star-9 on your phone.

Motions:

1. **Who Can Make a Motion:** Motions shall be made and seconded **verbally** only by Voting Members. For the purposes of an online meeting, those moving and seconding motions must be clearly recognized by **full name** by the Chair to ensure the proper recording of business.
2. **Motions in Writing:** To ensure accuracy, the Chair may request that a procedural motion or an amendment be presented **in writing** (i.e. via the CHAT function). For the purposes of an online meeting, signatures are waived via verbal confirmation of the Voting Members who moved and seconded the motion.
3. **Who can Discuss a Motion:** Any member may speak to a motion, ask questions about it, or take part in discussion. *They **must first be clearly recognized by the Chair and must avoid speaking over others***. All remarks and questions shall be addressed through the Chair.
4. **Stay on Topic:** Speakers shall confine remarks to the motion under discussion.
5. **No New Formal Motions:** Any motion that is not relevant to the business of the agenda is out of order and will not be entertained as those would be outside the scope of the notice.

Debate:

Debate shall be **limited to one minute** for each speaker. **No member may speak more than twice to the same question**, *except* by consent of the Chair, or granted by the members via a 2/3 vote without debate.

A **maximum of ten minutes will be allowed for discussion** on each resolution unless extended via member request and approval by the Chair, or at the Chair's discretion.

Be respectful when speaking and **avoid inflammatory comments or disruptive behaviour**. *The Chair reserves the right to mute participants or potentially dismiss them from the meeting* if their behaviour is unruly.

Voting:

For the purposes of an online meeting, voting will be conducted as outlined in the *Attendance & Voting Instructions* document that has been sent to Voting Delegates.

1. **Voting Options:** The motion and the voting options will be shared via an email to all voting members, and the voting platform will indicate:
Motion XXXX
 - a. **In favour**
 - b. **Opposed**
 - c. **Abstain from voting**
2. **Electronic Vote Process:** Members will be afforded several minutes to vote on the motion and the voting scrutineer will monitor the incoming votes to ensure that all votes are collected. At the conclusion of a reasonable time period or confirmation of all votes by the voting scrutineer, the voting poll will close. Voting members who are only able to participate through the teleconference option (if applicable) will be provided with the opportunity to provide their vote.
Note that once the voting poll is closed by the administrator, it cannot be reopened.

3. **Voting Results:** The results of the online voting poll may be shared with the membership at the following link: **slsg.simplyvoting.com**. If shared, voting members can regularly refresh this webpage to see vote results, as well as participate in new voting events.
4. **Technical Difficulties:** In the event that technical difficulties arise, voting may be conducted via roll call and the Chair will outline the voting process for a roll call if required.

The rules expressed herein are of a summary nature only and their application and interpretation shall be decided by the Chair of the Annual General Meeting in his/her sole discretion.



REPORTS

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS





Dear Softball BC Members

Looking back and reflecting on this past year has raised a lot of emotions and memories. The struggle to deal with the ongoing pandemic, particularly as it related to sport delivery, was difficult for all of us. Through the ups and downs of numbers of COVID cases being reported, vaccinations, the evolution of government guidelines and restrictions, our membership strove to keep things in perspective.

Sport, as a way of connecting communities, is important for our combined physical and mental health. We saw that message being repeated throughout the province and magnified during the Provincial and Regional championships. Safe sport, with inclusivity for everyone, continues to be a strategic objective of Softball BC

The number of participants who registered with their local clubs for the 2021 playing season was far greater than we had anticipated. I believe it spoke well to the planning and execution of those plans by our accumulated membership, that so many families felt safe returning to softball activities. At the conclusion of this past season, the provincial organization hosted twenty-seven championships with two hundred and forty-four teams taking part, and more than one hundred and seventy-five officials.

While a few of the programmes initiated by Softball BC had to be tabled, we were still able to resume a number of activities, including Indigenous Long-Term Development, Female Mentoring, TimBits, CANPitch, High Performance and Officiating Certification. As well, we introduced a new registration platform which will, we believe, make the process of registering faster and simpler at the same time providing more data to assist in planning.

I would like to recognize our team of professionals at the provincial office who work tirelessly to identify, create and manage these programmes as well as many others. The staff of Softball BC are a dedicated group working to support the objectives of our board and members, and I am proud to be part of this incredible team.

I am retiring at the end of this year, and so this will be the final report I present as the Executive Director. I am excited to have Barry Petrachenko taking over this role and I am confident he will move our organization forward in new, meaningful ways, surpassing current and future strategic objectives as he works with our board, staff and members.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge our board of directors for their energy and vision of the direction softball in BC is taking. The passion and dedication these volunteers show is amazing and never ending, it is motivational in itself to be associated with these directors. I thank each of you for your contributions to the organization and to the game of softball itself over this past year.

Respectfully,

Rick Benson, Executive Director



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start off with a heart of gratitude and acknowledge all of you within our Softball BC family and thank you all for your commitment to our sport over the last year. All of our Coordinators, District UIC's, Umpires, Association Executives and their volunteers/parents who have worked extremely hard to make our game great in light of the huge obstacles we had to overcome due to COVID-19. I would also like to thank our SBBC Board of Directors for their leadership and perseverance over the last year. Thank you to our Softball BC staff for the work you do for all of us and for your commitment and dedication to our sport. Without all of you creating community the way you do; we wouldn't be where we are at today in our sport. Thank you!

As you are all aware Rick Benson will be retiring from his position as SBBC Executive Director at the end of 2021 and we have hired Barry Petrachenko as our new Executive Director to carry us forward in the many years to come. Once again Barry, we welcome you to our SBBC family.

I want to take this opportunity to shed some light on Rick Benson for a moment. Rick has been an amazing leader for our sporting organization for many years and has been involved in every aspect of our sport. He has always been the utmost professional and his attention to detail is impeccable. Rick's passion for our sport and his care for our members is exemplary. Thank you, Rick for your years of humble service and for all the extra hours you have so graciously given to our BC Amateur Softball Association and thank you for your leadership and guidance when we had to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic these past 2 seasons. Truly remarkable, we will all miss you, Rick. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Our organization's finances are extremely healthy and have continued to improve in the last fiscal year. We had an excellent return in membership registrations for the 2021 season which exceeded our budgeted forecast for the 2021 playing season. Over all, we were at approximately 90% of our Pre COVID-19 2019 registration numbers. This was very nice to see as a whole in our Province, well done! Another positive note, we saw a great increase in our adult men's fastpitch registrations and adult slow pitch registrations for 2021 over 2019. Our SBBC Men's and Women's Director, Terri Boizard did an outstanding job working with these groups through out the year to increase the awareness of our men's game. Thank you, Terri, Rich Haldane, Randall Thompson and Marshall Shields for your support in growing our provinces men's program this past year!

As we moved into the spring of 2021, we weren't sure what to expect with respect to the COVID-19 travel restrictions but we were optimistic that we could have some form of season ending event/tournament for our membership within their own communities or neighbouring communities. To our extreme delight, the travel restrictions were lifted and we were given the opportunity to travel. As a sporting community were able to act quickly and schedule our regional and provincial championship tournaments for all our members. This was an amazing feat for all of us and took a considerable amount of team work to make all these events happen. I would have to say for me, that was the biggest win of the 2021 season for all of us. To be able to put these events on in such a short amount of time speaks volumes to the resilience of our membership. Thank you all for the work you did in making those events happen.

As we finish out 2021 and move into our 2022 season, I am confident we will be able to navigate through the coming months by working with our provincial government and ViaSport to continue to create "best in sport" programming for all our members and to overcome any challenges we may face as a provincial sporting body. Our goals are to continue to increase our SBBC membership in all four corners of our province in both the minor boys and girls and the adult men's and women's programs. As you are aware your current SBBC Strategic Plan will be in it's final year in 2022, therefore we will begin our pre-planning for the development of your next 5-year strategic plan over the course of the next year and will be looking to our membership for their collaboration on creating our next successful SBBC Strategic plan.

We feel it's necessary to create an education and awareness program in our sport. Our vision is softball for everyone. Our mission is to govern, lead and develop the sport of softball in British Columbia and our core value is to build a fun, fair and



safe environment for all participants to enjoy the game at any level. These vision, mission and value statements were created by all of us and we want to ensure we achieve these.

We feel we need to positively reinforce what the expectations are of our members in order to achieve these vision, mission and value statements. We as a sporting community have to ask the question, what is acceptable in our sport and how do we eliminate the unethical behaviors we have sometimes come to see in our sporting communities. It's very unfortunate that we are witnessing this, but there is no room for this negative and unethical behavior any longer and our SBBC members deserve a better game. Our goal is to raise the bar in collaboration with our members to create consistent and ethical leadership across all levels of our sport. A couple of actions we will be working on is zero tolerance for unacceptable behaviour as it relates to poor treatment of our Umpires and also the problem we have been witnessing with poaching and unethical recruitment of athletes and teams from associations. We as a provincial sporting organization will not allow this behavior as it is a black eye on our sport and is not conducive to creating a positive community environment. I'm confident we can make significant improvements and can achieve these goals through membership sport education, thereby allowing us to fully realize our SBBC vision, mission and value statements.

In closing, thank you all for your ongoing support, dedication and commitment to your softball communities. It's unfortunate we are not able to meet in person for our 2021 BC Amateur Softball Association Annual General Meeting and Development Conference. Our hope is to be able to meet in person for our Sport Leadership Meeting in early February 2022 at which time we are also tentatively scheduling the SBBC awards banquet for you all.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on October 23, 2021, via zoom for our BC Amateur Softball Association Annual General Meeting. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any items you would like to discuss. I would be happy to hear from you. Take care everyone!

Sincerely,

Graeme Duncan
President



BOARD REPORT – 1ST VP LISA PARKES

As my term draws to an end, I can certainly see why people are elected to two-year terms for these positions – having taken VP over halfway through the term when Graeme moved up to President, I feel like the year has flown by! I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as VP, working with Graeme and the rest of the Board, and Rick and all of the staff. In a group as large and diverse as ours there will always be differences of opinion on exactly how to do things, but I am proud to be part of a team where I can truly say that each and every person involved has the best interests of the game, its players, coaches, officials and volunteers as their reason for being involved.

I have learned a lot this year in terms of Softball BC's processes and procedures, and also lots about ball in different areas of the Province (with all of my softball experience to date having been on the Island). I think the needs of the game in different areas of the Province, at different levels of play, and between the female and male game are some of the challenges that the Board will need to take on in coming years. It has become even clearer to me since taking on a Board role that over the years when we've put a rule in place to deal with a one-off situation that happened in District X, it creates other problems in District Y. We have worked through a few changes to try to improve some of the rules over the last year, and I think there is a real commitment on the current Board to getting our Handbook to a place where it can be easily understood and applied – I hope that we will get there over the next year.

In terms of my time as VP, I have become a member of both the Long Term Development Committee and the Indigenous Long Term Development Committee. I have met some terrific people through both of these Committees and look forward to getting back together to continue our work now that the season is over. I am the chair of the Governance Committee and am working on creating terms of reference for this committee before the end of my term. I have also been involved in a few appeals and discipline issues over the past year; while never the most fun part of any job, I have been impressed with the fact that everyone I've dealt with through these has been respectful and responsive. Over the last year, I have learned a lot from a number of webinars on softball-related topics, including Softball BC Summit Series events on Planning for a Better Normal and Women in Softball (where I was honoured to do the introductory remarks for a session that featured a group of incredible inspirational women leaders). Finally, I was once again a member of the Softball BC COVID-19 Return to Play Task Force, working on the topic of Supporting Local Clubs in Returning to Play.

No doubt the biggest undertaking that I was part of this year was the search for a new Executive Director, undertaken by our Management Committee with support from the Board as a whole. It feels very strange to be saying goodbye to Rick later this year – he has been at the helm during my whole involvement with Softball BC, and is of course loved by pretty much everyone in the softball community. I take this opportunity to thank Rick personally for his tirelessly positive outlook and complete dedication to our game and our organization for these last many years – Rick, you will be missed! On a happier note, I also want to welcome Barry Petrachenko, our new Executive Director, to



the role. I know that the Board and staff are excited to get to work with Barry, to learn his vision for Softball BC's future and to share our thoughts and ideas with him as well.

Thanks to everyone in the Softball community for the support I've felt over the past year – and to those who have taken the time to catch me at one event or another and raise concerns or issues, thanks for that too – we can only improve if we know what we're not doing well, and I haven't forgotten about these things – they will be in my mind as we move forward.

Best,

Lisa Parkes
Vice President



VICE-PRESIDENT FINANCE REPORT

Submitted by Rachel Charles

Despite fighting through a pandemic where we saw our province shut down, Softball BC had an exceptional year financially. Conservative budgeting and utilization of various government support programmes allowed us to finish the fiscal year with a net income of \$131,839. A huge increase from our expected loss of \$9,841.

Kudos to Rick, Jennifer, and all the staff at the office for being flexible and patient as we all fought through this storm together. I don't think anyone expected for us to come out of a pandemic in a better financial position than when it started, but we all worked together to ensure our organization survived while still providing as much support to our membership as we could.

In total, we received \$193,965 in subsidy from the government's Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy programme. This allowed us to keep our staff and still offer programming in limited capacities to our members. In addition to the CEWS, Softball BC utilized the Canada Emergency Business Account loan. We received a total of \$60,000 as part of this programme and \$20,000 will be forgiven if we pay back the remainder on or before December 31, 2022.

I am looking forward to sharing more detailed financial results with you all at the AGM.



Minor Director Report

My first year as Minor Director has included a great deal of learning and some successes along the way. It was a year of becoming familiar with the different areas of the province and getting to know and understand the diverse districts in BC and how they operate. I'm always impressed by the many wonderful volunteers that we have in all areas of the province who are dedicated to the sport that we all love.

The Minor Advisory Council (MAC) has met 11 times since our 2020 AGM – we took July off because that was a very busy month for softball. At those meetings, we worked on finalizing the Minors playing in Men's and Women's, the Play at Home rule as well as a fairly lengthy process to create cohorts for A, B and C teams in case we could not have true competitions. This planning included finding multiple hosts for year-end events if cohorts were still in place to ensure we ready with plans in case that was still required. And then, surprising everyone, ViaSport ruled that cohorts were no longer necessary and we did not have to use the cohort groups that were developed.

In the end, after a lot of rescheduling and finding some new hosts, all minor championships were held successfully. The tremendous feedback from teams, coaches and players praised all of the work done by the hosts and their wonderful volunteers and to Softball BC for arranging them all. Everyone was very happy to get back to playing.

A huge thank you to Scott Wheatley, Susan Strafford and Lisa Parkes for stepping up as Softball BC reps at the provincials that needed their assistance. And a big thank you to the Minor Coordinators who supervised the events in their district. I attended several of them and was impressed by the volunteers involved...they were professional and showed they truly cared and wanted to make the events successful and fun for the participants.

I also have to thank the staff at the office, without their help and guidance, it would have been a much more difficult year. As you all know, Rick Benson our Executive Director for many years is retiring – Rick, I will miss your wise advice and having a laugh or two with you.

And, welcome to our new Executive Director, Barry Petrachenko.

In closing, I look forward to a much more “normal” year in 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Lavaughn Larson
Minor Director



Men's and Women's Director Report

In my second year as the Director for the men's and women's programs, I am proud when I look back at all that has transpired in the last 24 months.

While 2020 was a year of building relationships. We shared zoom calls and eventually ball fields with teammates and opposing teams, and we had opportunities to meet those who we had previously not had the chance to meet. The 2021 season for Softball BC was the season that we showed the province and the country that we were resilient by quickly adapting to new protocols, implementing safety measures, and keeping the organization moving forward. Many teams under Softball BC had great success, and we showed compassion to teams who had missed a season by updating them on new protocols and safety measure so that they, too, could join us on the field. However, 2021 was also the year we took a breath and sat down to listen, we listened to individuals and groups who had left us long ago and we forged positive relationships that we will continue to cultivate for years to come.

2021 brought significant milestones as we welcomed back the men, slo-pitch and orthodox. As I write this report, and the numbers are being tallied, we can celebrate that 277 teams participated in Provincials which is the best turnout in 15 years!

2022 will bring opportunities because of the work completed in the last two years, and I thank all of you who took another team or association under your wing to guide them back to the field. Thank you to the volunteers who continued to show up to coach, do field duty and all the other tasks that help teams to have beautiful fields to play on. Thank you to everyone who had the patience to listen (even to the things they didn't want to hear) and to collaborate while working to bring the teams back to the great game that we all know and love.

Thank you to the office who received our cries for help when we were stuck on registration or realized we had made a mistake. Thank you to Rick Benson who, whether he liked it or not, listened with respect to my many questions and acted as my mentor even though he never signed up for the role. Thank you to the Board for being so open minded and flexible. Finally, thank you to Barry Petrachenko for taking us on and for being so positive as our organization begins another chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

All good things,

Terri Boizard
Men's and Women's Director
Softball BC
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Member at Large Report

submitted by Scott Wheatley

I have spent much of my first mandate working on analysis of numbers, looking both for trends and opportunities.

Increasing Registration

Comparing the number of registered minor players to total number of students in these age groups, the following trends are apparent.

Based on 2019 Registrations

Sorted by District

District	KINDERGARTEN			ELEMENTARY			SECONDARY			ALL MINOR FEMALE		
	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration
1 Total	39	2423		712	20923		430	15093		1181	38439	3.07%
2 Total	52	992		291	6451		184	4253		527	11696	4.51%
3 Total	8	446		61	5090		70	3158		139	8694	1.60%
4 Total	9	961		246	8456		138	7355		393	16772	2.34%
5 Total	31	3135		465	25899		251	19365		747	48399	1.54%
6 Total	52	2431		434	19984		268	14773		754	37188	2.03%
7 Total	74	2454		551	21477		361	13806		986	37737	2.61%
8 Total	65	2780		839	24028		504	16642		1408	43450	3.24%
9 Total	10	1762		358	15590		259	10739		627	28091	2.23%
10 Total	1	550		196	5168		92	2916		289	8634	3.35%
11 Total	32	1014		202	8775		105	5425		339	15214	2.23%
12 Total	23	1445		234	12329		169	8234		426	22008	1.94%
13 Total	21	238		70	2185		39	1331		130	3754	3.46%
14 Total	51	835		396	6683		284	3878		731	11396	6.41%
15 Total	25	591		226	4972		152	3841		403	9404	4.29%
Grand Total	493	22057	2.24%	5281	188010	2.81%	3306	130809	2.53%	9080	340876	2.66%

Sorted by Penetration high to low

District	KINDERGARTEN			ELEMENTARY			SECONDARY			ALL MINOR FEMALE		
	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration	Registrations	Students	Penetration
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2 Total	52	992		291	6451		184	4253		527	11696	4.51%
15 Total	25	591		226	4972		152	3841		403	9404	4.29%
13 Total	21	238		70	2185		39	1331		130	3754	3.46%
10 Total	1	550		196	5168		92	2916		289	8634	3.35%
8 Total	65	2780		839	24028		504	16642		1408	43450	3.24%
1 Total	39	2423		712	20923		430	15093		1181	38439	3.07%
7 Total	74	2454		551	21477		361	13806		986	37737	2.61%
4 Total	9	961		246	8456		138	7355		393	16772	2.34%
9 Total	10	1762		358	15590		259	10739		627	28091	2.23%
11 Total	32	1014		202	8775		105	5425		339	15214	2.23%
6 Total	52	2431		434	19984		268	14773		754	37188	2.03%
12 Total	23	1445		234	12329		169	8234		426	22008	1.94%
3 Total	8	446		61	5090		70	3158		139	8694	1.60%
5 Total	31	3135		465	25899		251	19365		747	48399	1.54%
Grand Total	493	22057	2.24%	5281	188010	2.81%	3306	130809	2.53%	9080	340876	2.66%

Complete chart by FSA is available

Conclusion

The number of students registered in softball compared to the number of students overall is quite staggering. Overall, only 2.66% of school-aged children participate in one of Canada's most successful sports. Our challenge post pandemic is to set a goal to increase our registration of school-aged players significantly. We have an opportunity using this knowledge to geo target membership initiatives into these age groups.

Provincials, attendance by District

Average 2016 to 2021 (not including 2020)

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U12B	4.83	1.00	0.00	1.17	3.50	2.17	5.17	3.83	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00	1.67	1.83	27
Attended Provincials	2.83	0.50	0.00	1.50	2.33	1.50	2.83	2.50	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	1.83	1.33	19
District % of Prov Teams	59%	50%		129%	67%	69%	55%	65%	120%			60%		110%	73%	70%

Total Teams		
Island	6	22%
Lower Mainland	19	72%
North	1	3%
Interior	1	3%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	%	Var
Island	3	4	↓	21%
Lower Mainland	14	13	↓	86%
North	1	1		0%
Interior	1	1	—	6%

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U14B	5.83	2.17	0.00	1.17	3.17	2.50	6.50	3.17	1.50	0.50	0.00	0.83	0.00	1.83	1.67	31
Attended Provincials	2.50	1.33	0.00	0.83	1.50	1.33	2.67	1.50	1.00	0.67	0.17	0.83	0.00	1.17	1.17	17
District % of Prov Teams	43%	62%		71%	47%	53%	41%	47%	67%	133%		100%		64%	70%	54%

Total Teams		
Island	8	26%
Lower Mainland	20	65%
North	1	3%
Interior	2	6%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	4	4	↓	24%
Lower Mainland	10	11	↓	64%
North	1	0	↑	5%
Interior	2	1	↑	11%

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U16B	5.00	2.00	0.00	0.83	2.67	2.33	6.17	3.83	1.33	0.17	0.17	0.83	0.00	1.83	2.00	29
Attended Provincials	2.33	1.50	0.00	0.50	1.50	1.50	2.67	1.83	1.00	0.17	0.17	0.67	0.00	1.17	1.33	16
District % of Prov Teams	47%	75%		60%	56%	64%	43%	48%	75%			80%		64%	67%	56%

Total Teams		
Island	7	24%
Lower Mainland	20	67%
North	1	3%
Interior	2	6%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	4	4	—	0%
Lower Mainland	11	11	↓	66%
North	1	0	—	4%
Interior	1	1	—	8%

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U19B	2.50	1.33	0.00	0.67	3.33	2.17	5.67	2.33	2.17	0.17	0.33	0.67	0.00	1.17	1.67	24
Attended Provincials	1.67	0.83	0.00	0.50	1.83	2.00	2.50	1.67	1.83	0.00	0.33	0.50	0.00	1.17	1.50	16
District % of Prov Teams	67%	63%		75%	55%	92%	44%	71%	85%			75%		100%	90%	68%

Total Teams		
Island	4	16%
Lower Mainland	17	70%
North	1	3%
Interior	3	11%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	3	3	—	16%
Lower Mainland	11	11	—	70%
North	1	0	—	3%
Interior	2	2	—	14%

B Summary

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
All Ages	18	7	0	4	13	9	24	13	6	1	1	3	0	7	7	111
Attended Provincials	9	4		3	7	6	11	8	5	1	3			5	5	67
District % of Prov Teams	51%	64%		87%	57%	69%	45%	57%	83%	100%	0%	79%		82%	74%	61%

Total Teams		
Island	25	22%
Lower Mainland	76	68%
North	3	3%
Interior	7	6%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	13.50	14.96	↓	20%
Lower Mainland	45.67	46.10	↓	68%
North	2.50	1.92	↑	4%
Interior	5.67	4.35	↑	8%

More than 5% above average
 Less than 5% below average
 Note: District 11 had one U16B team in 2015 and the team played U19B in 2016 & 2017

Average 2016 to 2021 (not including 2020)

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U14C	10.67	5.17	0.67	5.00	5.00	5.67	6.67	8.67	7.00	4.83	2.00	6.00	0.17	6.00	2.67	76
Attended Provincials	2.67	1.00	0.17	1.00	0.83	1.33	1.33	1.67	1.83	0.50	0.67	0.83	0.00	1.33	0.83	16
District % of Prov Teams	25%	19%	25%	20%	17%	24%	20%	19%	26%	10%	33%	14%		22%	31%	21%

Total Teams		
Island	16.5	22%
Lower Mainland	39.7	52%
North	6.2	8%
Interior	13.8	18%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	3.8	3.5	↑	24%
Lower Mainland	8.3	8.3	↓	52%
North	0.8	1.3	↓	5%
Interior	3.0	2.9	↑	19%

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U16C	7.50	3.50	0.50	4.00	4.67	5.17	4.67	6.67	5.17	2.67	2.33	3.33	0.00	4.00	2.17	56
Attended Provincials	2.33	0.50	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.33	1.67	1.83	1.67	0.50	1.50	1.17	0.17	1.00	0.67	16
District % of Prov Teams	31%	14%	0%	25%	21%	26%	36%	28%	32%	19%	64%	35%	#DIV/0!	25%	31%	29%

Total Teams		
Island	12	20%
Lower Mainland	31	56%
North	3	6%
Interior	10	18%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	2.8	3.3	↓	18%
Lower Mainland	8.5	9.1	↓	53%
North	1.3	1.0	↑	8%
Interior	3.7	2.9	↑	23%

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
U19C	7.33	4.67	0.50	3.67	3.17	5.50	5.67	7.00	5.50	3.17	1.00	3.67	0.00	3.17	2.33	56
Attended Provincials	2.83	1.00	0.00	0.83	0.67	1.83	2.00	2.17	2.17	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	1.00	0.83	16
District % of Prov Teams	39%	21%	0%	21%	21%	33%	35%	31%	39%	0%	50%	14%		32%	36%	29%

Total Teams		
Island	13	22%
Lower Mainland	31	54%
North	4	7%
Interior	10	17%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	3.8	3.6	↑	24%
Lower Mainland	9.3	8.8	↑	58%
North	0.5	1.1	↓	3%
Interior	2.7	2.8	↑	17%

C Summary

District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
All Ages	25.50	13.33	1.67	12.67	12.83	16.33	17.00	22.33	17.67	10.67	5.33	13.00		13.17	7.17	189
Attended Provincials	7.83	2.50	0.17	2.83	2.50	4.50	5.00	5.67	5.67	1.00	2.67	2.50		3.33	2.33	49
District % of Prov Teams	31%	19%	10%	22%	19%	28%	29%	25%	32%	9%	50%	19%		25%	33%	26%

Total Teams		
Island	41	21%
Lower Mainland	102	54%
North	13	7%
Interior	34	18%

Attended Provincials	Actual	Ideal	% Prov	Var
Island	11	10	↑	22%
Lower Mainland	26	26	↓	54%
North	3	3	↓	5%
Interior	9	9	↑	19%

■ Less than 5% below average
■ More than 5% above average

Description

Areas in red, represent districts underrepresented at provincial championships. However, overall, when analysing districts, the number of teams represented at provincials' generally balances with the total teams from the area attending. For this analysis I broke the province into four regions. Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island, Northern BC and the Interior. Overall, I have calculated the total number of teams in each of four areas of the province and what percentage that represents overall.

Another question I wanted to ask of our data is, do the best teams in the province attend provincials. This is only possible to analyse for B teams participating in the Lower Mainland League. Based on the posted standings available from the Lower Mainland Softball League's website, I was able to analyse data from the years below. For example, in 2015, eight of 12 teams attending the U12B provincials placed in the top 12 teams meaning four teams with weaker win loss records attended when strong teams didn't.

Teams attending provincials placing at the top in the standings

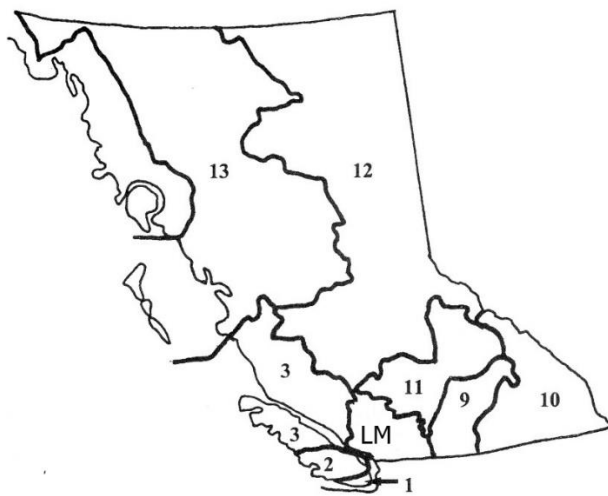
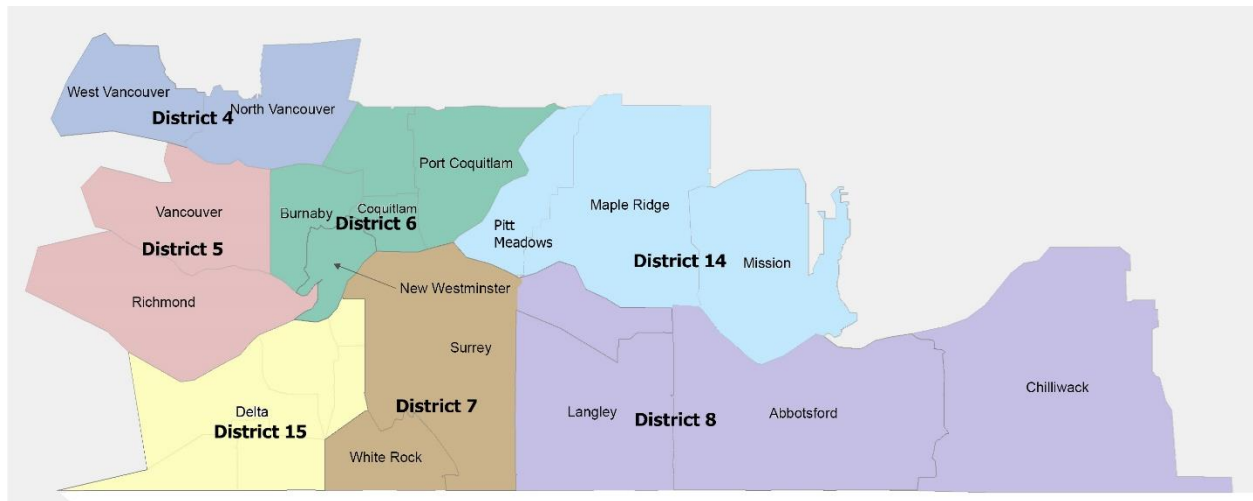
	2015	2016	2018	2019
U12	67%	75%	83%	64%
U14	58%	73%	89%	90%
U16	54%	54%	89%	64%
U18(9)	70%	78%	45%	82%

Conclusion & Recommendation

If it is the will of the members to have the best teams attending Provincial Championships, then we should restructure how we select the teams attending. My recommendation is to broaden playdowns into a regional selection process. The goal being that each region of the province sends their best teams to a provincial. This would mean districts with more teams have an equal opportunity to send a team.

I recommend that playdowns should be held in 5 zones. Island, North, Interior and Lower Mainland divided into two equal areas. The number of teams from each area to be represent, in proportion, the number of teams by percentage they represent in the province. Teams shouldn't get a free pass to the provincials in my opinion.

District Maps



Hosting of Provincials – Elevating the Participant Experience

Working with the Provincial UIC we have also spent time building a series of tools for associations to use when hosting provincials. I will have those available in the New Year.

I propose that in 2022 we test a new provincial format with an emphasis on preplanning electronically for at least one provincial championship.

Coaches meeting – one week in advance via zoom.

Team documentation to be sent electronically a minimum of 5 days prior to the start of the provincial.

Schedule prepared by Softball BC

Scoreboards and schedules pre-populated with team names prepared in time for printing of any programs.

Playoff rankings calculated utilizing electronic assistance.

Thank you.



Provincial UIC Report

Well it has been a busy year!

We ran 9 complete level 1 certification clinics (45 separate 1-hour sessions), 6 complete level 1/2 refreshers (12 sessions) and evaluated 9 instructors for the instructor/evaluator ranking needed to be a lead clinician. We registered 126 new Level 1 umpires.

The plan was to do separate mechanics sessions but the government opened softball earlier than expected so it was training on the go! Some had attended the evening mechanics sessions held throughout the lower mainland so they weren't totally green.

The online format worked well and will be continued. We will have an opportunity to better manage the mechanics portion of the clinic. I am also working with Softball Canada regarding the online workbook that is being developed. I would like everything to be electronic so we are not dealing with paper!

I had the opportunity to supervise at 4 events this year, 3 as UIC and 1 as a board rep. At each tournament, multiple people made a point of thanking us for everything we were doing and had done. It was appreciated the people had noticed the amount of work by everyone to get Provincials up and running, especially with a short turnaround. I also received favourable comments on the umpires!

Knowing I would be short of umpires in Kamloops I reached out to the lower mainland DUICs to see if they had a younger umpire I could take with me (the condition was they travel with me so no extra costs were incurred). Langley stepped up and I took Amy Clegg, Mason Clegg and Xiggy Barthe to Kamloops to work the U16C girls provincial. Amy is 15 and the other 2 are 13! They all performed very well and had a great time! I would like to create more opportunities for umpires to travel (potentially looking at them traveling with teams) to help cover the provincials not in the lower mainland).

I would like to give a huge shout out to the DUICs, umpire co-ordinators and umpires who managed to get all the games covered under very tough circumstances (districts at the same time as provincials, fewer than normal registered umpires). Some umpires worked all game slots at some tournaments. Not an easy task!

We have several DUICs stepping down this year. I would like to thank all of them for their service and I know we can count on you to continue to support our program.

Shawn Miller
Jennifer Goepel
Kiera Hamm

Brad Lyon
Chris Hardman



We have filled most spots (there are still a couple of vacancies).

Shawn Brandt – District 2
Paul Muirhead – District 8
Jason Ranchoux – District 9
Trevor Stoyko – District 10
Calvin Holman – District 15

Welcome!

We had 4 umpires try for their full Level 3 this year and I am pleased to say they were all successful.

Paul Muirhead
Nicola Janzen
Jeffery Scott
Jim Sutton

Congratulations to all.

Another huge shout out to the office staff with a special call out to Haili who handled to roll out of the new registration system and all my questions.

We will be spending the offseason on recruiting. We need all organizations to promote umpiring as we get most of our umpires from the players. Umpiring makes them better ball players!

Respectfully submitted,

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DISTRICT REPORTS



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District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	Victoria Saanich- 3 women's Victoria Women's- 10 Men's- 4
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	Only challenges were from each municipality and the speed at which they opened up. Victoria released certain restrictions before Saanich so some parks fans were allowed on the bleachers others weren't. Other than that everything ended up opening and it was a great season
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	Teams came together and merged to form a team so people could play Hyacinth park held a successful C/D provincial championship Everyone was excited to put the pandemic past them and play some good ball
How will your District prepare for 2022?	Continue to promote the sport and encourage teams and players who didn't play due to Covid to come back

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	There were a few teams that didn't play because of the pandemic. I did are hoping Covid is coming to an end and that it will encourage these teams and players to get back out.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	The Victoria Saanich league hosted in provincials that a lot of teams from the Victoria league participated in. They are hoping that will attract some of the more competitive teams over and open up spaces for more beginner teams in the Victoria league
Tell us one good memory from 2021	WE PLAYED! Lots were sceptical if a season was happening. But did! And all 3 leagues made an A+ effort to have a safe and successful season

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

I'm not sure if much happens and if it does, What exactly happens between the leagues. This is my first year as district coordinator. I know each team shows appreciation for all coaching staff and some give them special volunteer prizes. Hosting provincials volunteers got a free meal or beer (they got to choose) as a thank you. The Saanich mayor also sent a thank you note out to all Saanich parks who worked hard to get a season going

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

A Covid free season that can start in April/May so teams can prepare for provincials

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

Balance out the leagues if we can. Might be a hard goal and may be a few years in the making but it would be nice for the women's leagues to merge or something even out. I would also like to work with the B teams in the Victoria league who are moving up to B this year to help support them and make them feel excited about the level of play

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021? 14

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? There was not a significant decline.
What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?

Future Plans

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District	1

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	U19C provincial championship Senior C/D women's provincial championship
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	Everyone who participated learned and grew this year.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	New members of the district 1 team got to know each other and are working together.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Registration is down because of Covid.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Shorter season, retaining umpires was difficult but we are working on ideas for recruiting and retention. Some associations are talking amongst themselves to compare pay rates for umpires to make sure they're offering comparable compensation.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Covid, we didn't have a lot of information from the government, we were allowed to play very quickly with very little warning. Some of our district play downs were scheduled for the same weekend as one of our provincials at the suggestion of softball BC, in the future, districts and provincials need to be held on different weekends so we don't face umpire shortages and scheduling issues. The district UIC is supposed to be available for all play downs and provincials, impossible for them to be in 2 places at once and can cause major issues if any protests occur since the district UIC is usually on the protest committee.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

We are talking with associations to hold winter gym sessions for umpires.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

To work more closely with each association in district 1, being available for their meetings and discussions around play downs and provincials.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Supervising my first provincial, U19C, with the knowledge from the Instructor & evaluator course I was able to share some knowledge and give a different perspective. I learned a lot and hope I helped.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021? 4

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved? Few challenges, none that weren't resolved

What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021? We had lots of younger kids and all associations were well represented

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? No significant decline in registration

What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?

Tell us one good memory from 2021 Being able to watch ball again

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area? Every association does their own recognition

Future Plans

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	There are 2 associations in my District, both in Nanaimo. A men's league and a women's league.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	Most teams came back this season which was great to see.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	<p>In the men's league all 3 teams registered with Softball BC this season. It has been many years where they haven't.</p> <p>In the women's league 3 of 6 teams registered with Softball BC. Hopefully next season more women's teams will join. They also haven't registered with Softball BC in many years.</p> <p>The 3 women's teams all went to Provincials in Victoria. Nanaimo Wheatsheaf's won Sr. C. Nanaimo I'd Hit That won Sr. D; and Oceanside CVI Rage was 3rd in Sr. D.</p>
How will your District prepare for 2022?	I'm hoping that more teams will see how much fun and the success the 3 women's teams had and register with SBC.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	No, teams actually registered with SBC after many years away.
Tell us one good memory from 2021	Having teams wanting to join SBC again.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative? Promote the game of Softball and encourage more teams to register.

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District	2

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	None that I know off
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	None
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	Very slow in my district, hoping next year will be better.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Ball was very spotty on all levels so there were decreases in umpires.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	I dont know of up coming chaneges.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Hopefully COVID goes away and we can get back to a new normal and ball will return.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	None
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What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

As I am stepping down as DUIC I do not have any goal directly but I will be here to assist and help anyway I can with the new DUIC.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Finally a senior provincial slo-pitch event was held in BC. I am hoping that this will be a regular thing that comes back each year.

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District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	None
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	A good group of new umpires this year made for lots of training but lots of good energy. 2 umps worked provincials.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	Retired an umpire of 55 years. Dwaine Turcotte started umping in 1966 and decided to call it a day. He's well loved in our district and will be missed.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Lost a high percentage of my level 2 teens. The Covid season of 2020 led them to pursue other interests, as well as high school obligations. This year saw a number of new recruits so we're pretty heavy to L1 now.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	With low returning umps we put out an email appeal within the association which resulted in about 12 recruits.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?	To retain and develop the new recruits. To recruit additional young and mature umps.
And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season	Seeing brand new umps over one the intimidation f the first game and realize umpiring is really fun.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021? 2

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?

Our district faced some challenges with COVID-19. There was less access to indoor practice space over the winter. This meant teams which normally practice over the winter found their practice time severely reduced or even cancelled altogether. As COVID-19 restrictions eased in the spring, softball activities slowly returned to normal. By June, all challenges related to COVID-19 had disappeared.

What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?

Because of the uncertainty around what softball would look like, one of our associations started its program with skills programs that started early in April. The benefits were numerous; players at all age categories and levels were able to return to softball activities; the emphasis on skills meant that players who had not played at all in the previous season were able to relearn the basics before games began; it was possible to have a smooth transition to games once the COVID-19 restrictions eased to allow game play.

How will your District prepare for 2022?

Our district has already begun to prepare for 2022. Tryouts for the B program are currently underway in both associations. Our District is aiming to increase communication between our associations so that we can learn from each other and support the programs throughout District 5 for the benefit of our coaches, umpires, and players.

District Registration

Tell us one good memory from 2021

Our district hosted a U12C Regionals, U12B Provincials, and U19A Provincials. There were many great moments. For me, though, the best moment was when one of the U12C coaches came to let me know how much FUN their team had at the Regionals. They didn't win anything but it was the first time their players had ever been at a tournament and the girls had enjoyed every minute. It was a great reminder that softball is about playing the game, making friends, and having fun.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

My goal for 2022 is to continue the work that was started in 2021 to bridge the gap between our associations by increasing communication and by sharing best practices between the clubs. The long term goal is to improve training for our coaches, training and support for our umpires, and to build a sustainable model for expanding the softball program in our district for players of all skill levels.

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	Richmond Girls Softball, Steveston Softball, Men's League
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The season had to be pulled together very quickly. Other than that it was smooth.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	<p>This district had four women's teams, all from Richmond. All four teams competed at the provincials in various levels and three of the four teams were medal winners. The provincials for A, B, and Intermediate A were all held in Richmond this year. The A provincial only had two teams, so it was a best of three series. It was held at the same time as the Minor U19A provincial, which was good exposure because several players and parents asked about women's ball and how to join. Richmond Girls Softball Association is very happy to host the women's A and B provincials and would like to continue doing so.</p> <p>This district had 31 men's teams, all new to District 5 this year. Many of these teams did not play in District 5, but were all registered under an umbrella association in the district.</p>
How will your District prepare for 2022?	Hopefully it will be a fully normal season next year.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021?	There was a major increase in registration in District 5 this year.
What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

We are very happy to hold the women's provincials every year. Holding the women's A with the U19 A will help to promote the adult game to the graduating players.

Tell us one good memory from 2021

The provincials went well. The medals and sweatshirts were a big hit. It was nice to feel normal at the ballpark.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

We hold a Christmas party each year.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

I'm not planning any major initiatives for next year.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

To recover from the pandemic and hold a normal season.

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District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	U12C Girls Region 2 Regional Championship 12B Girls Provincial Championship U19A Girls Provincial Championship Intermediate A Women's Provincial Championship Sr. B Women's Provincial Championship
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	15 year old Umpire Dana Edamura, from the Vancouver Minor Softball Association, earned the Gold Medal Plate Umpire assignment at the U14A Girls Provincial Championship in Cloverdale BC.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	Cat Wheatley Tournament was a huge success in Richmond. RGSA has supported the family with this tournament for many years.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Registration was down as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was especially true among the senior level. However there was a dramatic increase in first year umpire registration.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Vancouver Minor Softball has a unique pay structure aimed at giving umpires an incentive to stay and be available. The more games their umpires work, the better the incentive they get. Richmond Girls Softball Association has hired a new Association UIC who works hard with youth umpires to help them grow their game and have fun in the process.

Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?

Communication with Vancouver Minor Softball was a challenge from the get go. I have reached out multiple times but got no response from them until just before the season started asking what they can do to get their umpires ready. They had issue last year with umpires registering for games but not getting games in. As a result they told their umpires not to register this season until the season was given the green light. This did cause a panic of registration and clinic requirements.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Winter umpire clinics were a success for RGSA this past winter. We ran a bunch of drills in the gym that showed up in all 24 umpires who participated when they were on the field this season. There is a plan to do this again in January.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

I would personally like to establish a better relationship with the Vancouver Minor Softball Association, where they can actually reach out and tell me what support they need for their umpires. Having one of their umpires reach the penultimate assignment at the U14A Girls Provincial tells me that they are not giving their umpires enough credit.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Getting the season going, while a huge challenge, was all sorts of fun. Tournaments were held with great success in Richmond. It was great to work these games and help our youth umpires develop there games.

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District	6
Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	4 Associations Burnaby Coquitlam Port Coquitlam New Westminster
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The Challenges faced by many were off season training due to the closure of gyms. The late start and extension of the season was difficult for many families due to vacations. It all worked out and people adapted and enjoyed the season
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	Many positive outcomes for D6, Everyone worked hard together and supported one another and we had a great season. Sharing resources and doing what was in the best interest of the kids and getting them all out playing again.
How will your District prepare for 2022?	Preparations are now underway now that Tryouts have ended for the associations with Rep. Burnaby and New West both have Fall Ball programs this Fall and are promoting the sport at the grass roots level. D6 will continue with Umpire and Coaching training to prepare for 2022 and many have off season plans to promote the sport. Such as Try It events and Softball clinics and camps.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021?	Overall the registrations were up in 2021. Approximately 15% higher than 2020.
What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	739 players in District 6 53 Teams

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

All the associations do a great job in promoting the sport. A lot of time is spent promoting the grass roots. Hosting and promoting events within their respective cities. These include participating in parades, city run sports events and promotions and all running successful Timbit programs.

Tell us one good memory from 2021

For me it was when we were told the girls could play games finally and the return of competitive play and the Provincials. the great part was seeing the kids so happy to be playing.

Biggest Congratulations go our to the Poco Ravens U19B for winning Gold this year. It was the teams third time winning Gold and was so nice to see them do it in their final year.

Personally for me was watching the Oakey's at the U17B Provincials, a brand new team and watching them battle back for Gold in he Silver division. The team had so much heart.

Titans 09A winning Silver at their Provincials was so nice to see, they worked so hard for it.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

I usually hand out the District awards that SBC provides but we haven't had them since Covid. I would like to bring it back as so many people work so hard to make the sport happen in all the communities.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

This year we are hoping for a Spring start to the season and getting back to a normal routine. Poco did a big tournament for all the U8/U10 teams in the District. It was a great event and I am hoping we continue that and many more like it. The kids enjoyed it and was a great way to end the season

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

My goals are to support the associations and work with them to make our sport better. I want to continue to promote the grass roots of Softball and reaching more kids to try the sport.

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District	6
Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	14 8 Women's and 6 slo-pitch teams
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The changes that came out over the season were challenging for teams. Some teams played but others choose to sit the season out. Frustration as to when or if the provincials were going to happen.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	eventually teams were able to play some games and those that chose to participated in Provincials.
How will your District prepare for 2022?	We have to find out how many teams will be coming back to play. From there encouraging teams to register.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	Yes there was a decline in teams registering. Working with teams to come back and try to find new players.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	associations will work with teams to keep them involved in the 2022 season.
Tell us one good memory from 2021	We were able to get teams out on the field to play.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	working on getting teams back and having them play.
What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?	My goal is to work with associations on supporting teams to participate in coming back to play.

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District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	- B District playdown weekend @ Mundy Park; - C District playdown weekend @ Squint Lake
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	A number of D6 umpires were invited to umpire at various provincial Championships, including 2 young female umpires that got started during the 2020 covid seasons. Each of these umpires represented District 6 proudly and performed well on the field!
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	All of the associations in District 6 worked collaboratively to support their umpires by paying a Covid premium, and to do their best to share their umpires resources to ensure ga.es got covered.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	While umpire registrations were indeed impacted by COVID-19, overall the associations within D6 worked hard to recruit & retain umpires again this season. Overall, umpire registrations were down this season, again, largely due to COVID-19 and the ongoing pandemic.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Associations in our district realize that the shortage of umpires has been made worse through this pandemic, so not only have they paid their umpires more these past 2 seasons, they have also worked together to share their umpire resources.

Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?

Likely many associations and districts across the province, our D6 associations were not fully prepared to go when the government & health officials gave us the green light to play ball. As such, we were not able to properly conduct mechanic sessions with our new and newer umpires. To help alleviate this, we did manage to hold a couple of mini mechanic clinics near the beginning of the season to cover the very basic positioning, signals, etc.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

- Resumption of winter clinics;
 - mini mechanic refresher courses
 - visiting secondary school to recruit
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And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Watching two young female umpires from District 6 work hard & learn at our district playdowns, and then have them each proudly represent us at their very first provincial Championships!!

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Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	1 association ran their league, teams from 4 associations in the district registered Adult teams.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The main challenge was the late start. Teams struggled to get organized and recruit players in time to start.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	Fraser/Delta Women's league had 23 teams, ran for 5 weeks of games and held a league tournament with 13 teams.
How will your District prepare for 2022?	Continue to keep up communication with returning teams and encourage teams moving up from minor ball to join an Adult league.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	There was actually an increase this year, because teams from other districts whose leagues were not running joined our district. As well a number of teams registered out of our district in order to play games with teams in the same park as per the Return to play policies.
Tell us one good memory from 2021	I was thrilled that there were good numbers for the Provincial Championships. I thought the short season would lower the number of teams attending a lot and was happy that was not the case.

Future Plans

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?	To attend more tournaments and league games of the teams in my district to get to know the coaches and players better. And to encourage and recruit teams coming out of minor ball to join an adult league.
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District	7
Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	5 -Cloverdale, Fleetwood, Surrey Storm, South Surrey White Rock, White Rock Renegades
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	The biggest challenges for us this year was off-season practice facilities as all our school gyms were not available. We were able to find some other facilities, but not enough to match what we had with the schools
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	Registration numbers were better than expected, lower than 2019, but not as much as was predicted. Also, good numbers at the younger age groups
How will your District prepare for 2022?	Just starting to plan for 2022 now, we are hopeful that covid won't have as much an impact as the last two seasons

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	A slight decline, we are just starting plan for how we attract new players for next season, and also bring back some that have missed the last two seasons.
Tell us one good memory from 2021	Best memory for this season was the U16A provincials at Softball City. We had rain on the Saturday morning and the fields were not playable. It was great to see coaches and parents step up to help get the fields playable again.
What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?	We have a yearly volunteer recognition night to acknowledge everyone's effort.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	Still in the planning stage
What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?	Work with our associations to find ways to increase registration.

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District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	U14A Girls Provincial U14A Girls Provincial B Districts C Districts Pride & Power Several other minor-level tournaments
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District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Uncertain
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	As always, we have been trying to recruit umpires and promote the game of softball.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Covid-19

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	Uncertain
What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?	A successful season

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District	8

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	Men's provincials FP, u19b provincials, u14c provincials
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	Three young officials travelled with Susan to the interior for provincials.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	We had quite good numbers for umpires despite the Covid season. We had lots of youth engagement and we had several new leaders begin their leadership journey.

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	We had several new umpires and no significant drop in the upper levels.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Langley, North Langley, and Abbotsford continue to do excellent jobs of promoting umpiring to their athletes. They all continue to get significant buy-in from the players.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Covid was the biggest challenge from my perspective but that isn't controllable at the moment.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Paul and I will discuss the winter sessions and continued umpire recruitment. I'd like to get Chilliwack on board with umpire recruitment, but I'm not sure that their fastpitch program is big enough to support a genuine umpire program.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

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And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

I enjoyed being at the districts in Langley this year. It was the first tournament for me since 2019 and it really felt like we were back in the swing of things, despite it being the heat wave of 35+ weather.

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District	9
Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021? 6

What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?

We really only have one large Association (Kelowna with close to 200 players) so the restrictions were difficult on the remaining 5 Associations when they were only allowed to play within their Association. Most Associations had to have games involving differing age categories which made it less competitive for the older aged team.

Umpire availability was also an issue at times. Being that this was the second year under CoVid-19 Restrictions, many umpires did not register as in 2020, there were not very many games available for umpires to make back their registration fees. In D9, umpires are responsible for their own registration fees which becomes an obstacle if there are only a handful of games in a particular Association and travel is required. This is especially an issue with younger umpires.

With the pushing back of District Playdowns and Provincials, D9 found that it was difficult for teams to get players out to District Playdown Games and Provincials. Either players found that work became their number 1 priority or families made alternate plans as soon as the restrictions were lifted such as travel.

D9 also saw two coaches demonstrate very poor sportsmanlike conduct on the diamonds this year. Both incidences took a toll on our D9 Minor Coordinator. Our D9 Minor Coordinator stepped down prematurely due to the stress these two coaches placed on him. I do see the challenges these two coaches have on volunteers in our District and do not see anything positive coming out of the District until both gentlemen either change their attitudes or leave the game.

Last, the new rules for U12C Regionals was a contentious issue for our Associations. To this day, we do not understand why Softball BC changed the U12C rules 2/3 of the way through the season on a year in which the U12 age group moves to U13 for the following year. It did not seem that anyone was consulted after speaking with from the Lower Mainland and Kamloops region.

What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?

I would like to think that Associations and coaches were forced to work more closely together than in past years. Every Association works on their own with little to no consideration to other D9 Associations. We hope that Associations will continue to work together for the betterment of the game.

How will your District prepare for 2022? D9 has seen the start up of Women's Fastball in 2021. We also see that the Men's Fastball League in Kelowna and Orthodox League in Lake Country have now joined Softball BC. We are excited about this opportunity to promote youth Fastball to these parents. With any luck we will be able to get more players, coaches, volunteers, and umpires.

2022 is an opportunity for Softball to grow membership. Everyone has been doing less the past two years. Parents are going to look for organized sport to get their children active again. We believe there will be a large increase of new players up to and including the U15 age group.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021?

Registration has declined from pre-pandemic.

What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?

We do have one Association (Westside Minor Fastball) who has increased their registration. We will be determining what their strategy was and try to duplicate it across other Associations. D9 would like to set up clinics in the North and South Okanagan starting February to get prospective players out to try the sport. At the same time, we would like to have two clinics for coaches as we have not had any in the past two years. Now that we have adult Softball BC members in D9, social media will be a key to promote the sport. As for umpires, we would like to host three free umpire clinics to players. We do believe that there are players who will be interested but just need to learn more about the opportunities.

What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

Social Media
Pre-Season Indoor Winter training where players can bring friends

Tell us one good memory from 2021

Sorry to say this, but the final day of ball was exciting. 2021 was so much work with everchanging restrictions and schedules, always having a positive attitude to ensure players and parents were not getting discouraged. It was a trying time for volunteers, parents, and players.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

This is something I do not think we do enough of. We really rely on Associations to acknowledge their executive, coaches, and other key volunteers

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Initiatives:

grow Umpire and Player membership
work closely with the D9 Men's and Women's Coordinator to help promote the sport in D9

Events:

D9 always wants to host a Provincial Championship
Would like to work with UBCO Heat softball team to do events throughout the District
Three "Come Try Umpiring Events"
Two Community Coaching Clinics

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

As a District Representative, I really want to work on providing a team approach to growing our District. I will seek out opportunities for Associations to partake in such as Umpire Training, events with UBCO Heat, funding availabilities, etc.

Our goal will be to grow the player membership by 40% from 2021, add 20 new Community Trained Coaches, and increase registered umpires by 10, Success will greatly rely on D9 Associations working together.

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District	9

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	U12 REGIONALS U16B PROVINCIALS MASTER MEN C AND B TOURNAMENTS FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	NONE
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	WE SURVIVED COVID AND MADE THE BEST OF A VERY DIFFICULT SEASON!

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	D9 had a reduced number of registered umpires this year, (20 from a normal of about 30) and with the help of a few umpires from throughout the province for a couple tournaments we managed well. Hopefully our 2022 season will bring us back to normal operations a non-existent threat of Covid 19!
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	My concerns going forward, as with most district UIC's, is a critical shortage of new umpires to help share what has become an unsustainable work load. We in D9 will continue to do our best and put more pressure on our associations to help with ongoing recruitment drives. I have tried going outside of Softball to recruit new umpires but have realized that promoting from within (players/coaches/parents) has had the most success.

Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?

As we are all aware, the 2021 Softball season commenced a few weeks later than normal but we all managed to pull it off, including many tournaments and Provincial playoffs. Kudos to our SBBC office staff for the many extra hours and days of work to make this happen. District 9 managed to hold 7 back to back tournaments including the U12 regionals, 16B Provincials and Master Men's Provincials.

Jason Ranchoux will become our new D9 UIC for the 2022-23 seasons. Our senior crew here works well together and we will all pitch in where we can to help Jason and ensure Ball in D9 will be successful going forward. Jason and I will be working closely with our D9 associations on recruitment and expectations going forward next season.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Continuing our drive to get associations to bring forward more potential umpires.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

Passing on the torch to Jason Ranchoux

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Working a well organized U12 Regionals and seeing the enjoyment and love for ball on the athletes faces.

UIC for the 16B Provincials was a great experience as well.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	3
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	The players were able to practice and plays games giving the players to return physical and social activities
How will your District prepare for 2022?	The associations teams are holding try outs for the 2022 rep teams in September. In door winters practices will be taking place as permitted. Coaching clinics will be held as permitted.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	There was approximately 30% decrease in registration from the 2021 due to the uncertainty of league play. District 10 is confident the registration will increase for the 2022 the opportunity of a regular softball season.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	The associations promote softball through social media, local newspapers and the schools
Tell us one good memory from 2021	Watching the players return to the field for team practices
What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?	District 10 volunteers have been acknowledged at the D10 annual fall meeting prior the Covid 19

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

To bring the East and West Kootenay teams together for a game day.

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

To give every child / youth who is interested the opportunity to explore the sport of softball.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	District 12 had 5 associations playing in 2021
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	People not wanting to travel or not being permitted to travel due to Covid was our biggest obstacle.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	A lot of kids came out and played ball which was a welcome relief after 2020. As well, several of our associations sent teams to Provincials and they did quite well. For several teams, it was their first foray into Provincials and they seem to be hooked on it now,
How will your District prepare for 2022?	The plan is to encourage as much off season development as possible, if the current Covid restrictions get lifted. Our weather makes it difficult to play ball outside so we need indoor facilities for the winter.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	There was a noticeable decline in registrations for the 2021 season. This is attributable to Covid 19 and the restrictions surrounding it. Our leagues are in recovery mode right now, the main, immediate goal is getting those younger players back in 2022 who didn't play in 2021 or 2020.
Tell us one good memory from 2021	The crack of a bat and the laughter of the players after a year of silence were wonderful sounds.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	BC summer Games will be the big event in District 12 in 2022
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What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

My goal remains the same, grow the game. Although geography is a big obstacle in my district, there is a plan to get some inter-league games going during 2022. In 2021 there was an attempt to get a new association up and running in Fort St. John but Covid put those plans on hold so we'll be pursuing that as well.

There are some coaching clinics to be caught up on as well as some pitching clinics.

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District	12

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	District Play-off for U16C Girls - best of 3 games.
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	Minor Fastball played approximately one half of the season with an extreme shortage of Umpires.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	Two adult Men's tournaments in Prince George

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Umpire registration was about the same as last year which is about 20% of the 2019 and before level.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Associations are trying to promote fastball with great difficult as health regulations change as do the opinions of the public.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Over the last 10 years, District 12 has lost most of the experienced officials. There has also been a drop in registrants - minor and senior. The registration costs have steadily increased. The pay for minor ball championships has remained the same for 10 years - should be increased.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Invitational tournaments in Prince George and Quesnel.
One (possibly two) Memorial Men's Tournaments in Prince George in July.
Native Nationals in Prince George on August long weekend (50 or more teams)

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

Qualify as Deputy UIC during a championship.
Continue the recruitment begun this past summer.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Getting on the diamond after being off for 21 months - I missed the players and the Umpires.

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District	14
Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	two
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	in the circumstances the district did very well
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	more lip players registered
How will your District prepare for 2022?	the best we can . all depends on imposed restrictions

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	yes we did not have the numbers but with some of the restrictions removed we are instigating going back to pre ovoid levels
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	just trying to get info through the schools
Tell us one good memory from 2021	the teams playing without the restrictions imposed earlier
What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?	hopefully a get together to recognize them all

Future Plans

**What new initiatives or events are
planned for your District next year?**

don't know yet until we know where we will be in this pandemic

**What is your goal for 2022 as a District
Representative?**

trying to increase membership safely

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District	14
Program	Senior

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	None in the Women's and Men's classification. We only had one team that practiced from June to September as there were no other teams to play and they didn't have a full team committing.
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	Other than teams not wanting to commit due to not everyone having their shots and still not feeling safe to gather, there were no real issues to overcome. Our Parks and Rec was right on task with everything that we needed.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	With the one team practicing it showed other players that it was ok for them to come out and practice as long as they followed all protocols. With keeping in touch with all the other teams and keeping them up to date with what is happening, they are looking forward to coming out for 2022 season as long as the numbers of the variant stay down.
How will your District prepare for 2022?	I will continue to keep all the teams informed regarding updates from the health department, Softball BC, as well as, the Parks and Recreation department so that they can make an informed decision on how their team is going to move forward.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	We had not Women's or Men's teams register in District 14 this year. I will be keeping in touch with Tanya from the North Fraser Women's League and my teams in the Golden Ears Women's league to make sure the word is getting out that we will at this point be playing in 2022. This year we will be using Facebook as well as the RMMSA site to advertise for new teams and players. I will be contacting Sally to see if there are any teams that are graduating out of the minor league that will be coming up into the Women's leagues.
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What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

Ridge Meadows is mainly looking after the minors, Tanya Dawes looks after the North Fraser Women's league and is waiting to hear what the circumstances are with the Delta Variant. She will let us know more after their AGM. Mission has only minor teams at this point they haven't had a Women's team since before Covid started. Again I will find out more once they have their AGM.

Tell us one good memory from 2021

I was fortunate enough to be the Softball BC Representative for the Women's Intermediate A and Women's B Provincials in Richmond again this year, where I had the pleasure of working with Derek Hipwell who was my co-representative trainee. Best trainee ever! We had a great time in the sun watching some amazing ball

This year as well, I was honored to be the Representative for the Men's Provincial in Abbotsford.

It was so amazing to see the Men's game back in a SBBC Provincials. Other than being very cold for their weekend the spirits were high and the level of play was amazing. Just seeing the comradery and sportsmanship on and off the field was awesome, nothing but good feed back from all the players and coaches. This brought back a lot of good memories.

What does your District do to for volunteer recognition? How do you acknowledge the countless hours spent by executives, coaches and other key volunteers in your area?

There were no teams or volunteers in Women's or Men's ball this year. Usually in the Women's division each team looks after recognizing their coaches and volunteers.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Nothing to report until the leagues have their AGM

What is your goal for 2022 as a District Representative?

To try to get the boys game back on the field, as well as to help the leagues grow in numbers.

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District	14

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	Region 3 U12 C Regional Championships U12A Provincial Championships both were held by the Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	Although short of umpires this year, we had 4 new umpires join our ranks. They worked hard and learned a lot putting them in a good position to continue in their development next year.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	With the opening up of the Return to Play the sounds of laughter, the crack of the bat, and the cheering of parents was a glorious welcome back to the game we enjoy. What was missed from the year before was the younger players and their cheers and songs from the bench, these never get old. :)

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	The number of umpires registered this past year was down significantly as one association did not open at all. We did get 4 new umpires which helped but the senior umpire numbers were down creating challenges to cover the higher age and level games.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	With the loosening up of the restrictions we will again have umpire clinics for new umpires in the new year. The softball academy at Garibaldi Secondary is looking to begin again to offer more opportunities for players who want to continue developing more at a competitive level. Or to become a better player in a sport they enjoy.
Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?	Similar to other districts, umpires was the biggest challenge. Also the scheduling of provincial championships - having many on the same weekend means that the number of available umpires is stretched thin.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

none I am aware of

What is your goal for 2022 as a District UIC?

To get out more and be able to mentor the younger umpires, there are some with great potential. I was not able to get out much this year as I was at the field working every night.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

Working with the young umpires I had at the U12A provincials and watching them grow over that weekend. They made me proud taking the feedback provided and excelling in their game management.

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Program	Minor

District Highlights

How many associations in your District participated in 2021?	All
What challenges did your District face with COVID-19? Was there anything that could not be resolved?	No, issues were the same as all around the province.
What are some of the positive actions that came out of your District in 2021?	District 15 had a successful 2021 season, even though limited games were available to be played, the kids and coaches did their best to keep the kids playing. D15 held the U14B provincials, and was extremely happy with the turnout and the ability to hold them successfully. We are looking forward to 2022 and hopefully returning to a more "normal" year.
How will your District prepare for 2022?	We are setting up for indoor training, and the hope of a regular 2022 season.

District Registration

Overall, was there a significant decline in registration in your District in 2021? What plans are in place to attract new players in 2022?	No, registration was comparable.
What are associations in your district doing to promote softball? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?	Social media, clinics, etc.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?	Unknown at this time as DFA is building a new executive team.
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District	15

District Events

What events were held in your District this year? (Tournaments, Provincial or Regional Championships, Westerns/Canadian Championships etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B District playdowns; - U14B Girls Provincials - DFA Fall Classic (37 A/B teams across four divisions)
Were there any notable achievements made by members of your District this year?	Our local association's UIC, David Bailey, helped to organize a group of local DUICS, allocators, etc., from across the region to come together through Zoom to collectively help address the ongoing umpire shortage made even worse by the pandemic. Specifically, he helped to spearhead a campaign to share our umpire resources wherever possible.
What other good things happened in your district this past season?	<p>We were able to share our umpire resources with Richmond, and vice versa, which enabled us to cover all games with at least one umpire, and 2 in almost all cases!</p> <p>Further, we built upon this by bringing together a diverse crew of young umpires to work at the U14B Provincial Championships, many of whom reassembled a few weeks later in Richmond at the U12B provincials. This allowed many of these umpires to forge new friendships and to also continue to grow & develop their umpire mechanics and overall mechanics.</p>

District Registration

Tell us about umpire registration in your district this year. Was there an increase in certain Levels? Were there any decreases?	Umpire registration was definitely down this season, especially at the lower levels, with only a couple of new umpires signing up.
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What are associations in your district doing to promote softball and umpiring? Who is doing something new and exciting? What are they doing?

In addition to the umpire sharing group, David Bailey, who also serves as the Richmond minor (RGSA) UIC/assignor, was able to share our DFA umpires with Richmond (and vice versa). This saw a number of younger / newer umpires come out and help us by working games all over Delta.

Tell us about the challenges your district faced this year. What can Softball BC do to help with those challenges?

Our local association did not offer any COVID-19 incentives to umpires, whereas a number of other associations offered either a special one time Covid premium to attract umpires, or just upped their rates across the board. With the soaring cost of gas, less new & returning umpires, and no pay increases, some local umps chose either not to come back, or even chose to do games elsewhere.

Future Plans

What new initiatives or events are planned for your District next year?

Working with associations in Districts 5 & 7 to possibly co-host winter clinics.

As well, a pay increase for umpires next season will be presented to the DFA executive for consideration later this fall.

Additionally, Delta Fastpitch will seek to host another Sr / U19A tourney to help bridge the gap between minor & adult, and also to give local umpires the chance to work 3 & 4 umpire systems for an entire weekend tourney.

And finally, tell us about your favorite memory or event from this past season

My favourite event from this season here in District 15 is (will be) our DFA Fall Classic tourney, which will see two of our local parks buzzing with activity & people, bustling with 37 teams from all over BC playing a total of 74 games over the 3 days!!



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APRIL 30, 2021



**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association
Financial Statements**

For the year ended April 30, 2021

**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
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To the Members of British Columbia Amateur Softball Association:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of British Columbia Amateur Softball Association (the "Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at April 30, 2021, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at April 30, 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Society Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a consistent basis with that of the previous year.

Surrey, British Columbia

September 10, 2021

MNP LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
Statement of Financial Position
As at April 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Assets		
Current		
Cash	134,343	14,992
Accounts receivable	15,392	37,787
Inventory (Note 3)	8,206	7,916
Prepaid expenses	7,722	7,610
	165,663	68,305
Capital assets (Note 4)	10,569	16,431
Restricted term deposit (Note 5)	100,000	100,000
	276,232	184,736
Liabilities		
Current		
Bank loan (Note 6)	-	85,000
Accounts payable and accruals	53,442	60,945
Government agencies payable	7,400	7,596
Deferred contributions and unearned revenue (Note 7)	141,584	129,228
	202,426	282,769
Long-term debt (Note 8)	40,000	-
	242,426	282,769
Commitments (Note 9)		
Net Assets		
Endowment	100,000	100,000
Unrestricted	(66,194)	(198,033)
	33,806	(98,033)
	276,232	184,736
Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors		
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Director	Director	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
Statement of Operations
For the year ended April 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Revenue		
Membership fees	214,995	463,256
Grants and other	255,704	243,933
Programs and entry fees	30,600	122,791
Clinics	11,890	66,035
General	56,068	44,091
	569,257	940,106
Direct expenses		
Clinics	1,373	58,822
General	57,231	62,324
Tournaments and events	109,523	231,364
	168,127	352,510
Excess of revenue over direct expenses	401,130	587,596
General and administrative expenses		
General and administrative	83,137	122,814
Miscellaneous	707	-
Meetings and events	1,728	83,282
Membership and associations	18,125	47,625
Professional fees	19,544	17,310
Salaries and benefits	339,970	300,875
Travel	45	36,139
	463,256	608,045
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before government assistance	(62,126)	(20,449)
Government assistance <i>(Note 10)</i>	193,965	27,083
Excess of revenue over expenses	131,839	6,634

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**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended April 30, 2021

	<i>Endowment</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Net assets, beginning of year	100,000	(198,033)	(98,033)	(104,667)
Excess of revenue over expenses	-	131,839	131,839	6,634
Net assets, end of year	100,000	(66,194)	33,806	(98,033)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended April 30, 2021

	2021	2020
Cash provided by (used for) the following activities		
Operating		
Excess of revenue over expenses	131,839	6,634
Amortization	8,354	-
	140,193	6,634
Changes in working capital accounts		
Accounts receivable	22,395	(1,505)
Inventory	(290)	2,790
Prepaid expenses	(112)	1,223
Accounts payable and accruals	(7,503)	3,787
Government agencies payable	(196)	2,371
Deferred contributions and unearned revenue	12,356	52,442
	166,843	67,742
Financing		
Long term debt	40,000	-
Decrease in bank indebtedness	-	(15,326)
Repayment of bank loan	(85,000)	(35,000)
	(45,000)	(50,326)
Investing		
Purchase of capital assets	(2,492)	(2,424)
Increase in cash resources	119,351	14,992
Cash resources, beginning of year	14,992	-
Cash resources, end of year	134,343	14,992

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

1. Incorporation and nature of the association

British Columbia Amateur Softball Association (the "Association") was incorporated on April 26, 1950 under the authority of the Society Act of British Columbia. The Association is registered as a not-for-profit organization and thus is exempt from income taxes under Section 149(1) of the Canadian Income Tax Act ("the Act"). In order to maintain its status as a registered not-for-profit organization under the Act, the Organization must meet certain requirements in the Act. In the opinion of management, the requirements have been met.

The purpose of the Association is to promote, govern and build the sport of softball throughout the Province of British Columbia.

Impact on operations of COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Since March 2020, the outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus, specifically identified as "COVID-19", has resulted in a widespread health crisis that has affected economies and financial markets around the world. Governments worldwide have enacted emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures, which included the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine period and social distancing, have caused material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. The Association was required to limit certain of its activities due to the provincial sport restrictions and thus experienced decreased revenues. Some of this decrease was supplemented with COVID-19 relief funds. The extent and duration of the impact of COVID-19 remains unknown, it is anticipated that this outbreak may cause supply chain disruptions, staff shortages, and increased government regulations, all of which could negatively impact the Association's operations and financial condition.

2. Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for Not-for-Profit organizations ("ASNPO") set out in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook - Accounting, as issued by the Accounting Standards Board in Canada and include the following significant accounting policies:

Inventory

Inventory consists of coaching materials, prizing and rulebooks and is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined by the weighted average method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business.

Capital assets

Purchased capital assets are comprised of office and computer equipment and are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution if fair value can be reasonably determined. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, capital assets have been recorded at nominal value.

Amortization is provided using the straight-line method. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining life of the lease. Office equipment is amortized over five years, while computer equipment is amortized over three years.

Revenue recognition

The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets.

The Association recognizes registration fees, and program and clinic revenue, over the period of registration or program and clinic delivery. Registration fees paid in advance are recorded as unearned revenue and recognized as income over the registration term.

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Measurement uncertainty (Use of estimates)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues over expenses during the reporting period.

Accounts receivable are stated after evaluation as to their collectability and an appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts is provided where considered necessary. Provisions are made for slow moving and obsolete inventory. Amortization is based on the estimated useful lives of the capital assets.

These estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary they are reported in excess of revenues over expenses in the periods in which they become known.

Long-lived assets

Long-lived assets consist of capital assets. Long-lived assets held for use are measured and amortized as described in the applicable accounting policies.

When the Association determines that a long-lived asset no longer has any long-term service potential to the Association, the excess of its net carrying amount over any residual value is recognized as an expense in the statement of operations. Write-downs are not reversed.

Contributed materials and services

Contributions of services are recognized in the statement of operations when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the services are used in the normal course of the Association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased. If such contributions do not have a fair value that can be readily determined, the contributions are not recognized in the financial statements.

Government assistance

Government assistance relating to loans is recognized at the time of the grant date when a portion of the loan agreement is forgivable and the Association continues to meet certain requirements specified at the time when the loan agreement was granted.

Government assistance relating to subsidies is recorded as revenue in the period to which the subsidy applies once there is reasonable assurance that the Association will meet the eligibility criteria, the government support will be received and the amount to be received is measurable.

Financial instruments

The Association recognizes its financial instruments when the Association becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are initially recorded at their fair value.

At initial recognition, the Association may irrevocably elect to subsequently measure any financial instrument at fair value. The Association has not made such an election during the year. All financial assets and liabilities are subsequently recognized at amortized cost with transaction costs and financing fees added to the carrying amount of the financial instrument.

**British Columbia Amateur
Softball Association**
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For the year ended April 30, 2021

2. Significant accounting policies *(Continued from previous page)*

Financial asset impairment

The Association assesses impairment of all of its financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost. The Association groups assets for impairment testing when available information is not sufficient to permit identification of each individually impaired financial asset in the group. Management considers whether the issuer is having significant financial difficulty; whether there has been a breach in contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments etc., in determining whether objective evidence of impairment exists. When there is an indication of impairment, the Association determines whether it has resulted in a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows during the year. If so, the Association reduces the carrying amount of any impaired financial assets to the highest of: the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by holding the assets; the amount that could be realized by selling the assets; and the amount expected to be realized by exercising any rights to collateral held against those assets. Any impairment, which is not considered temporary, is included in current year excess of revenues over expenses.

The Association reverses impairment losses on financial assets when there is a decrease in impairment and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized. The amount of the reversal is included in excess of revenues over expenses in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Inventory

	2021	2020
Coaching materials	3,216	2,738
Prizes	2,675	2,675
Umpire materials	2,315	2,503
	8,206	7,916

The cost of inventories recognized as an expense and included in direct expenses amounted to \$1,755 (2020 – \$19,835).

4. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2021 Net book value	2020 Net book value
Office and computer equipment	17,282	10,261	7,021	7,561
Leasehold improvements	14,011	10,463	3,548	8,870
	31,293	20,724	10,569	16,431

Amortization of \$8,354 (2020 - \$7,908) has been recognized as an expense and included in general and administrative expenses.

5. Restricted term deposit

The endowment contribution is subject to externally imposed restrictions to be maintained permanently. Investment income earned on the endowment fund is unrestricted. Management has invested the endowment funds in a cashable GIC term deposit. The term deposit earns interest at 0.10% and has a maturity date of January 21, 2022.

**British Columbia Amateur
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6. Bank loan

The Association has access to an operating loan to a maximum of \$200,000 (2020 - \$200,000), bearing interest at the financial institution's prime rate plus 2.05% and is due on demand. The bank loan is collateralized by the restricted term deposit as described in Note 5, and a general security agreement. As at April 30, 2021, the amount outstanding was \$NIL (2020 - \$85,000).

7. Deferred contributions and unearned revenue

Deferred contributions represent contributions from funding agencies that are externally restricted for the performance of services. Recognition of these amounts as revenue is deferred to periods when the specified expenditures are made.

Unearned revenue represents registration payments received in advance and are recognized into income over the registration term.

	<i>Deferred & Unearned Revenue as at May 1, 2020</i>	<i>Current Year Funding Received</i>	<i>Current Year Revenue Recognized</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
Province of British Columbia Grants	90,466	257,230	(235,704)	111,992	90,466
Unearned revenue	38,762	54,891	(64,061)	29,592	38,762
	129,228	312,121	(299,765)	141,584	129,228

8. Long-term debt

During the year, the Association received a \$60,000 loan under the Canada Emergency Business Account ("CEBA") program funded by the Government of Canada. The CEBA loan is non-interest bearing, can be repaid at any time without penalty and is valid until December 31, 2022. Up to 33.33% (maximum \$20,000) of the loan will be forgiven if repaid by December 31, 2022.

Government assistance received relating to acquiring the CEBA loan was recorded as described in the significant accounting policies note. The Association anticipates they will meet the loan forgiveness requirements.

9. Commitments

The Association has entered into various lease agreements with estimated minimum annual payments as follows:

2022	23,286
2023	2,512
	25,798

10. Government assistance

In March 2020, the Government of Canada announced the introduction of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) to support employers that have been affected by the pandemic and to protect the jobs Canadians depend on.

The subsidy covers a percentage of an employee's wages (to a maximum) for employers of all sizes and across all sectors who have suffered a drop in revenues. The Association has applied for and received assistance from the CEWS program in the amount of \$193,965 (2020 - \$27,083).

11. Remuneration

During the year, the Association had no employees that were paid more than \$75,000 (2020 - nil). No directors received remuneration for their contribution to the governance or operations of the Association (2020 - nil).

12. Financial instruments

The Association, as part of its operations, carries a number of financial instruments. It is management's opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency, credit, liquidity or other price risks arising from these financial instruments except as otherwise disclosed.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. Changes in market interest rates may have an effect on the cash flows associated with some financial assets and liabilities, known as cash flow risk, and on the fair value of other financial assets or liabilities, known as price risk. The Association is exposed to interest rate price risk on its bank indebtedness and bank loan.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Association will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Association enters into transactions to purchase goods and services on credit and borrow funds from financial institutions, for which repayment is required at various maturity dates.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Association's main credit risk relates to its accounts receivable. The Association believes that there is minimal risk associated with the collection of these amounts. Accounts receivable are widely distributed and the Association performs regular credit assessments and provides allowances for potentially uncollectible accounts receivable.



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ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2021



2021 SOFTBALL BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BY-LAWS RESOLUTION FORM

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: September 23, 2021

****MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE SOFTBALL BC OFFICE BY MIDNIGHT****

ONLY MOTIONS SUBMITTED ON THIS FORM AND FULLY COMPLETED WILL BE ACCEPTED
MOTIONS MUST BE TYPED – NO HANDWRITTEN MOTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR BY-LAWS ONLY

Submitted by: Board of Directors District: _____

Seconded by: _____

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

Part 3, Meeting of members, Section 10

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

Each of the Society's District Members may have up to eight (8) voting delegates at meetings of the Members. Districts are only entitled to voting delegates if they have duly registered teams of the same category as the vote held. The district boundaries will be as per the official map kept in the business office of the Society.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion – State whether Revision, Addition, Deletion)

Revise:

Each of the Society's District Members may have up to ten (10) voting delegates at meetings of the Members. Districts are only entitled to voting delegates if they have duly registered teams of the same category as the vote held. The district boundaries will be as per the official map kept in the business office of the Society.

RATIONALE

Increase the maximum number of voting delegates a District may have to reflect slo-pitch delegates for Men and for Women

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

2021 SOFTBALL BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Seconded by: _____

REFERENCE: (Article and Subsection)

WHEREAS; (Article as currently written)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion – State whether Revision, Addition, Deletion)

RATIONALE

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS



2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Virtual
October 23, 2021

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Quorum
2. Meeting Procedure: Chair Graeme Duncan
3. Agenda
4. Approval of 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes
5. Business arising from the Minutes
6. Directors Reports

RESOLUTIONS TO THE FLOOR

7. Notices of Motion 'to amend the By-Laws'
8. Notices of Motion 'New Business'
9. Notices of Motion to 'Softball Canada & Western Canadian Softball Association'
10. Notice of Motion: Special Resolution for Borrowing
11. Awards and Recognition of Members

ELECTIONS

12. Adjournment

END OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New Business

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS

WHEREAS:

1. A general power is hereby conferred on the Directors of the Society for the 12 months immediately following the date of this resolution, and the Directors are authorized to cause the Society to borrow money pursuant to any loan, credit or facility agreement and to issue debentures and any additional security, documents or agreements creating a mortgage, charge or security interest on any real or personal property of the Society with respect thereto.
2. The Directors of the Society be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the borrowing contemplated in the Loan Agreement, including authorizing the granting, execution, and delivery of all documents required by the Bank, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to the Directors including, without limitation, debentures, general security agreements and mortgages and any other loan security documents in favor of the Bank."



ELECTION

OF DIRECTORS
& OFFICERS





British Columbia Amateur Softball Association
Election of Directors and Officers

In accordance with the Handbook of the Constitution: Part 5 – Directors

Position	In Nomination	From
Vice-President	Parkes, Lisa <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of Vice-President by the deadline of September 23, 2021, Lisa Parkes is recognized in the position by acclamation.</i>	District 1
VP, Finance	Charles, Rachel <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of VP, Finance by the deadline of September 23, 2021, Rachel Charles is recognized in the position by acclamation.</i>	District 15
Provincial Umpire-in-Chief	Susan Strafford <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of Provincial Umpire-in-Chief by the deadline of September 23, 2021, Susan Strafford is recognized in the position by acclamation.</i>	District 6

Directors take office after the adjournment of the 2021 Annual General Meeting



2020 MINUTES



BCASA Annual General Meeting Attendance 2020 (Virtual)

Board of Directors

President	Jake DeWitt
1 st Vice-President	Vacant
VP, Finance	Rachel Charles
Director of Coaching	Mike Renney
Minor Director	Merv Sandrel
Senior Director	Terri Boizard
Provincial Umpire-in-Chief	David Brewer
Member-at-Large	Ian Kellow

Softball BC Staff

Executive Director	Rick Benson
Member Benefits Coordinator	Lesley Rowe

Voting Delegates

Al Charlesworth	Lisa Hayton
Al Groff	Lisa Parkes
Amanda Kennedy	Margaret MacDonald
Andy Ferguson	Marty Tilt
Annie Perez-Leon	Melissa Caton
Ashley Vukovic	Mike Samuel
Barry Riva	Nelson Hughes
Baukje Edamura	Ren Manlolo
Bill Kazulin	Ron Loch
Brad Snyder	Scott Wheatley
Bre Hokanson	Shaun Myall
Chris Young	Shalyn Linklater
Craig Holyhead	Sheldon Bank
Dave Clayton	Stan Zelmer
Deb Tidy	Stefanie Caplette
Deb Vinters	Stew Spencer
Derek Hipwell	Suzy Parker
Diane MacPherson	Susan Strafford
Elizabeth Lee	Tammy Klym-Wolfe
Eric Kurpiela	Teresa Allen
Geoff Watt	Tracy Sherlock
Greg Timm	Phil Ransome
Harv Wiens	Doug Allin
Jacquie Gendron	
Jacquie Huser	Observers
Jason Ranchoux	
Jeff Clegg	Dave Maandag
Jeff Harper	Laurier Norbert
Jennifer Goepel	Laura MacMillan
Karl Kurpiela	Nicholas Allen
Ken Edwards	Derek Thompson
Keresna Bradley	Graeme Duncan
Kiera Hamm	Kevin Langley
Kris Walushka	Joni Frei
Kyle Dennedy	Kim Proctor
Lavaughn Larson	Jennifer He
Lisa Brown	Jackie Desilets

2020 SOFTBALL BC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Virtual Conference via Zoom

October 24, 2020

2:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Roll Call & Quorum = 67 Voting Delegates
2. Meeting Procedure: Chair Jake Dewitt
3. Agenda Reviewed
4. Approval of the 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes
5. Business arising from the 2019 Minutes – none heard.
6. Directors Reports Presented

RESOLUTIONS TO THE FLOOR

7. Notices of Motion ‘to amend the By-Laws.’
8. Notices of Motion ‘New Business’
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ELECTIONS

12. Adjournment

End 2020 Annual General Meeting

**Softball BC
2020 Annual General Meeting**

Note: Any proceedings at this Annual General Meeting do not take effect until this meeting is officially concluded.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS
**‘To Amend the By-Laws of British Columbia Amateur Softball Association;
BY-LAWS: (Requires at least 2/3 majority of votes cast.
Abstentions not given a negative vote)’**

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1 BY-LAW

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors

MOVED BY: Mike Renney

Seconded by: Susan Strafford

REFERENCE: NEW

WHEREAS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
ADDITION

ARTICLE XIII - INDEMNIFICATION

13.1 Will Indemnify – The Society will indemnify and hold harmless out of the funds of the Society each Director, the Senior Manager, and any individual who acts at the Society’s request in a similar capacity, their heirs, executors and administrators from and against any and all claims, charges, expenses, demands, actions or costs, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, which may arise or be incurred as a result of occupying the position or performing the duties of a Director or and any individual who acts at the Society’s request in a similar capacity.

13.2 Will Not Indemnify – The Society will not indemnify a Director or any individual who acts at the Society’s request in a similar capacity for acts of fraud, dishonesty, bad faith, breach of statutory duty or responsibility imposed upon him or her under the Act. For further clarity, the Society will not indemnify an individual unless:

- a. The individual acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Society, and
- b. If the matter is a criminal or administrative proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, the individual had reasonable grounds for believing that his or her conduct was lawful.

13.3 Insurance – The Society will, at times, maintain in force such Directors and Officers liability insurance.

RATIONALE:

To ensure Directors and Senior Manager of the Society, when, in carrying out their duties in good faith and with the best interests of the Society from financial loss due to judgements or actions against them. As well to define that a Director, or Senior Manager, who acts in bad faith, fraudulently or dishonestly, will not be protected by the Society through insurance coverage.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Director's Liability Insurance annual premiums, currently.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2 BY-LAW**SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors**

MOVED BY: Jake Dewitt

Seconded by: Mike Renney

REFERENCE: Article 4.9 g)

WHEREAS:

4.9 To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:

g) For the Director of Coaching, be an NCCP Competition Introduction Certified Softball Coach with a minimum of two years' experience.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**ADDITION**

4.9 To be eligible to serve as a Director, an individual must:

g) For the Director of Coaching, be an NCCP Competition Introduction Certified Softball Coach with a minimum of two years' experience. During the term as Director, be precluded from servings as a Learning Facilitator.

RATIONALE:

Learning Facilitator are paid sub-contractors to Softball BC. As the Director of Coaching, it would minimally create a perception of conflict to have the Director of Coaching receiving remuneration for services to Softball BC and it's Membership in a program they oversee. As the Program Director assigns the Learning Facilitators, the Director of Coaching could legitimately or be perceived to be, providing undue influence on the Program Coordinator as it pertains to clinic assignments or remuneration opportunities.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3 BY-LAW**SUBMITTED BY: Board of Directors**

MOVED BY: Jake Dewitt

Seconded by: Mike Renney

REFERENCE: Article 6.4

WHEREAS:

6.4 – The Director of Coaching shall assist the President and the Board in the discharge of their duties, They shall promote and direct the development of coaching at all levels of Softball.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
REVISION**

6.4 The Director of Coaching shall assist the President and Board in the discharge of their duties, they shall promote and direct the development of coaching at all level of Softball. The Director of Coaching will assist Staff in overseeing the delivery of the NCCP.

RATIONALE:

Softball BC, as a member of Softball Canada, is mandated to follow the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP). The Director of Coaching would therefore be expected to support and follow the NCCP.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CARRIED

New Business

(Moved by: Rachel Charles Seconded by: Jennifer Goepel)

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS WHEREAS:

A: The Constitution of the Society Part 9 - Borrowing Powers state:

"The Society shall exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Society Act with the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the Board of Directors holding office at that time. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution."

B: The Society may from time to time borrow money and grant security by way of debentures if its members authorize it to do so by special resolution;

C: The members of the Society wish to confer on the directors of the Society a general power to borrow money on behalf of the Society and to issue debentures and other loan and security and documents; and

D: Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement"), between from the Royal Bank of Canada (the "Bank") to the Society, the Society proposes to obtain credit facilities from the Bank.

"BE IT RESOLVED as special resolutions that:

1. A general power is hereby conferred on the Directors of the Society for the 12 months immediately following the date of this resolution, and the Directors are authorized to cause the Society to borrow money pursuant to any loan, credit or facility agreement and to issue debentures and any additional security, documents or agreements creating a mortgage, charge or security interest on any real or personal property of the Society with respect thereto.

2. The Directors of the Society be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the borrowing contemplated in the Loan Agreement, including authorizing the granting, execution, and delivery of all documents required by the Bank, in such form and containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to the Directors including, without limitation, debentures, general security agreements and mortgages and any other loan security documents in favor of the Bank."

CARRIED

Motion to Softball Canada #1

Constitution and By-Laws

Moved by: Jason Ranchoux

Seconded: Susan Strafford

REFERENCE:

Article 8.2 Page 223

WHEREAS'

A special meeting of the association may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or upon the written requisition of members who hold five percent (5%) of the votes of the Association, and twenty-one (21) days prior, written notice shall be given to the membership of any Special Meeting, and such notice shall set forth the entire business to be conducted at the meeting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Revision:

A special meeting of the association may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or upon the written requisition of members who hold ten percent (10%) of the votes of the Association....

RATIONALE

Under the current model, any individual Province or Territory would have enough votes to call for a Special Member Meeting without needing support from the Softball Canada Board of Directors or another P/T. This could lead to frequent special members meetings, which would be potentially costly and time consuming. With a 10% threshold of votes a P/T would require support from at least one additional P/T or from a board member, thus reducing the possibility of abuse of this privilege. As well, a majority of the Softball Canada voting board members would be required if the Special Member Meeting were initiated by the Board.

CARRIED

British Columbia Amateur Softball Association

Election of Directors and Officers

In accordance with the Handbook of the Constitution: Part 5 – Directors

<i>POSITION</i>	<i>IN NOMINATION</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>ELECTED</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Duncan, Graeme</i> <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of President, by the deadline of September 24, 2020, Graeme Duncan is recognized in the position by acclamation</i>	<i>District 9</i>	<i>Acclamation</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Langley, Kevin</i>	<i>District 6</i>	<i>Lisa Parkes</i>
<i>VP, Finance</i>	<i>Parkes, Lisa</i> <i>Charles, Rachel</i> <i>As there were no other nominations for the position of VP, Finance, by the deadline of September 24, 2020, Rachel Charles is recognized in the position by acclamation</i>	<i>District 1</i> <i>District 15</i>	<i>Acclamation</i>
<i>Director of Coaching</i>	<i>Allin, Doug</i> <i>Frei, Joni</i>	<i>District 9</i> <i>District 3</i>	<i>Frei, Joni</i>
<i>Minor Director</i>	<i>Larson, Lavaughn</i> <i>Sandrel, Merv</i>	<i>District 7</i> <i>District 8</i>	<i>Larson, Lavaughn</i>
<i>Men's & Women's Director</i>	<i>Boizard, Terri</i> <i>As there were no other nomination for the position of Men's & Women's Director, by the deadline of September 24, 2020, Terri Boizard is recognized in the position by acclamation</i>	<i>District 1</i>	<i>Acclamation</i>
<i>Director-at-Large</i>	<i>Parker, Suzy</i> <i>Renney, Mike</i> <i>Wheatley, Scott</i>	<i>District 6</i> <i>District 6</i> <i>District 15</i>	<i>Wheatley, Scott</i>

New Directors take office after the 'Motion to Adjourn' the 2020 Annual General Meeting

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Chair Jake Dewitt acknowledge the following Award Recipients

50 YEAR CLUB

- Suzy Parker
- Nelson Hughes
- Bob Buchan

Directors Awards to Recognize Contributions towards the Return to Play in 2020

- Al Charlesworth (nominate by Ian Kellow)
- Janna Little (nominated by Terri Boizard)
- David Bailey (nominated by Susan Strafford)
- Marg LeSage (nominated by Merv Sandrel)

District Representatives of the Year

- Tracy Sherlock, Men's & Women's Coordinator of the Year
- Elizabeth Lee, Minor Coordinator of the Year
- Jennifer Goepel, District Umpire-in-Chief o the Year

END OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING