



**Softball BC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2022
Coast Tsawwassen Inn, Tsawwassen, BC**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisa Parkes, President
Kevin Langley, Vice President
Rachel Charles, Vice President, Finance
Scott Wheatley, Director at Large
Lavaughn Larson, Director, Minor
Susan Strafford, Director, Provincial Umpire in Chief
Al Groff, Director, Men's and Women's
Barry Petrachenko, Executive Director

Regrets:

Chad Bryden, Director, Coaching

Meeting called to order at 9:06am on Sunday, October 23, 2022

Lisa Parkes welcomed the group and congratulated the new members of the Board. The successful planning and delivery of the AGM by the staff was acknowledged.

Motion to accept the agenda (Strafford/Langley)

Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 2022 Board of Directors meeting (Larson/Charles)

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes of the September 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

- None

Board Business

- Lisa Parkes updated that she will be working on the list of Roles and Assignments for Board members over the coming month and is seeking input as to any specific areas of interest that Board members may have.
- Lisa Parkes provided a summary of the past discussions by the Governance Committee regarding structure and governance and noted that materials will be provided to the new members of the Board to assist them in familiarizing themselves with the topics and issues addressed in the past year.
- Lavaughn Larson reviewed motions that have received endorsement by the Minor Advisory Council:
 - **Motion** that, since the U19C female category was changed on a one-year trial to U20C for the 2022 season to allow players born in 2002, 2003 and 2004 to participate, the SoRs be adjusted to reflect the age group of U20 for the C classification, including new, additional wording: *Exception: a player who was registered on a U19A team in the previous year will be excluded from participation on a U20C classified team in the following year. Also a collegiate player in the previous or current year will be excluded from eligibility to participate on a U20C team.* (Larson/Langley) **Carried**



- **Motion** that Article 8.5n) be adjusted to include the addition (in red) to article 8.5 n. c) iii. as follows: A player that declines an invitation to be a pick-up for a team within her or his District may subsequently accept an offer to be a pick-up for another team within her or his District but may not be a pick-up for any team outside her or his District for any Provincial Championship that season. **Pick-up players are not position specific. If a team needs to pick up a player, they must ask everyone who is eligible in their own district first if they are willing to be a pick-up (this means that all players must be asked to be a pick-up and not just a specific position before a team can go out of district).** (Modifications to the current pick-up form should include two signatures for out of district pick-ups.) (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
- **Motion** that Article 8.6e) be adjusted to allow ties during round robin play (Charles/Strafford) **Carried**
- **Motion** that Article 8.6.g) iii) be adjusted to set out that a five run maximum rule shall apply in half innings up to and including the 5th inning. Subsequent innings shall be open. (Langley/Groff) **Carried**
- **Motion** that Article 8.7.c.viii. be adjusted to set out that Two umpires per game will be paid by Softball BC. (Groff/Langley) **Carried**
- **Motion** that SOR Article 7, Rule 5 be adjusted as follows: Maximum of 5 runs per half inning ~~and open after 3 complete innings~~, section 8.7.c.ii. to read: A five run maximum rule shall apply in all half innings ~~including the 3rd inning. Subsequent innings shall be open.~~ (Charles/Strafford) **Carried**
- **Motion** that SOR Article 7 Rule 5 - The Game be adjusted to delete: ~~No time limit in effect for all medal games~~ and to add after 8.7.c.ii / before 8.7.c.iii: TIME LIMITS: No new inning after 90 minutes. Time will start on the first pitch, and a new inning is deemed to start on the umpire's "out" call for the third out on the home team. (Langley/Charles) **Carried**
- **Motion** that the reference at the end of SoR 8.6 be adjusted from 8.8 to 8.7. (Langley/Groff) **Carried**
- Al Groff reviewed motions that had received endorsement by the Men's and Women's Advisory Council:
 - **Motion** that Team Registration to Softball BC through the online process is to be complete and confirmed for women on June 15 and men on June 30 (Groff/Strafford) **Carried**
 - **Motion** that Men's and Women's fastpitch teams must submit their provincial entry fee to Softball BC no later than 1 month before the championship unless there is the ability of the host to accommodate a late registration. (Langley/Wheatley) **Carried**
 - **Motion** that Teams intending to participate in their Provincial Championship are required to notify their Men's and Women's Coordinator of their intent no later than one month before the Provincial Championship. Failure to do so could result in the team not being eligible to attend the championship if space is not available due to venue restrictions. (Strafford/Larson) **Carried**
 - **Motion** that Article 11.1 be deleted(Charles/Langley) **Carried**
 - Several other motions were discussed and directed back to the MaW Advisory Council for further review.
- Rachel Charles reviewed the financial report included in the meeting materials.
 - **Motion** that the Financial Report be received (Strafford/Wheatley) **Carried**
- Meeting Schedule
 - It was agreed that the next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held December 3 in person.

Operations

- Barry Petrachenko reported on office operation and staffing.



- The draft Operational Plan was reviewed and input from Council meetings during the AGM was discussed.

Other Business

- Kevin Langley noted his role as Chair of the Lower Mainland Softball Committee and that he does not believe this creates any conflict of interest moving forward.
- A suggestion was made that consideration be given to methods to intensify the hosting of NCCP Clinics.
- It was noted that the MaW Advisory Councils discussed the desire to access registration data as a recruitment tool. Methods of providing such information will be investigated.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am (Charles/Strafford)