



**Softball BC Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
March 11-12, 2022  
Sheraton Gateway Hotel - Langford, BC**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Graeme Duncan, President  
Lisa Parkes, Vice President  
Rachel Charles, Vice President, Finance  
Scott Wheatley, Director at Large  
Joni Frei, Director, Coaching  
Lavaughn Larson, Director, Minor  
Susan Strafford, Director, Provincial Umpire in Chief  
Terri Boizard, Director, Men's & Women's  
Barry Petrachenko, Executive Director

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**Meeting called to order at 6:03pm on Friday March 11, 2022**

Graeme Duncan welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Motion** to accept the agenda (Strafford/Wheatley) **Carried**

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the February 2022 Board of Directors meeting (Charles/Parkes) **Carried**

**Business Arising from the Minutes of the September 2021 Board of Directors Meeting**

- Competition Review Committee – Scott Wheatley requested input and recommendations from the Directors on goals of this committee. Discussion took place regarding the role that Softball BC should play in guiding league play, that Article 14 requires review, and that a review should be undertaken of the relationship between Softball BC and existing non-member District associations.
  - **Action:** Scott Wheatley to coordinate a notice to the membership regarding the requirements of Article 14.2, specifically the reporting of tournament results and information, to include the promotion of results by Softball BC

**Board Policy Committees**

- Finance Committee: Rachel Charles reviewed the February 2022 financial statements, including the proposed 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Operating Budget and an overview of the budgeting processes instituted for the coming year and future years
  - **Action:** Joni Frei and Rachel Charles to provide a registration report on the CanPitch and CanHit programs
  - **Motion** to approve the 2022-2023 Operating Budget as presented (Frei/Strafford) **Carried**
  - **Motion** to accept the finance report (Parkes/Wheatley) **Carried**
- Nominating Committee: Terri Boizard reviewed the need for the Board to conduct succession planning, with consensus being reached that members of the Board should provide input to Terri throughout the year as to prospective candidates for positions on the Board of Directors.



- Governance Committee: Lisa Parkes reported on upcoming action items for the committee, including the development of a Terms of Reference for the group. The draft of the 2022 Handbook is nearing completion and once finalized work will begin by the Governance Committee on a review of the complete book for 2023.

## Operations

- Management Committee: Graeme Duncan reported on the process of meeting with staff members to evaluate the onboarding of the Executive Director.
- Office and Staffing: Barry Petrachenko reported on recent activities at the office, sought input for candidates for the Provincial Advisor position, noted that the D&O Insurance Policy has been renewed, reviewed the clothing allowance for volunteers and Board Members and updated on a recent Website issue that caused an outage but has been rectified.
- Provincial Championships: Terri Boizard and Lavaughn Larson updated on the list of events and teams and new offerings included in the Men's and Women's list.
- Boy's Fastpitch Workgroup: Graeme Duncan reported that the next meeting of the committee is being planned.
- Slo-Pitch Committee: Terri Boizard reported on the recent meeting of the committee and the planning process that is being undertaken.
- Long Term Development Committee: Graeme Duncan sought direction from the Board as to the next steps for the committee, and the consensus was to wait until the fall to plan future meetings.
- Indigenous LTAD Action Plan Committee: Joni Frei reported on recent meetings, highlighting the programs under consideration by the group.
- Championships Review Committee: Graeme Duncan sought direction from the Board as to the makeup of the committee and the desired timing of the report by the committee to the Board.
- Awards and Recognition Committee: Scott Wheatley reviewed a list of awards and outlined his plans/timelines for the selection of recipients.
  - **Action:** Scott to work with staff on the process and promotion relating to the awards
  - **Action:** Directors to provide input to Scott on the criteria and awards listing supplied in the meeting materials
- Minor Advisory Council: Lavaughn Larson reported on discussions at the March 8, 2022 Council meeting. The details and rules for the U11 Celebration of Softball were reviewed as submitted
  - **Motion** to approve the U11 Celebration of Softball rules (Charles/Strafford) **Carried**Super Mite U11 league play in the Lower Mainland was reviewed, and it was noted that twenty such teams have been playing and practicing since September 2021.
  - **Motion** that the "Super U11" teams in the Lower Mainland and Victoria be permitted to play by modified U13C rules for the 2022 season (Larson/Frei) **Carried**Lavaughn reviewed the structure of a new program in Victoria, which is an academy program that is registering through Beacon Hill Minor Baseball and Softball Association.  
Lavaughn updated on SOR 7.2 h), the review process that was undertaken and provided background as to why this rule change came about within one year of it being implemented by Softball BC.
- Men's and Women's Advisory Council: Terri Boizard reported on the upcoming plans and meetings for the Council.



- Umpires Advisory Council: Susan Strafford updated on the clinic delivery process and recruitment issues facing the umpire group.
- Western Canadian Softball Association: Graeme Duncan reported that the next meeting of the group is set for March 23, 2022
- Softball Canada: Barry Petrachenko reported that Mike Branchaud has been named the next CEO for Softball Canada.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:28pm(Charles/Strafford)**

**Graeme Duncan call the meeting back to order at 9:03am on Saturday, March 12, 2022**

### **Planning and Strategy**

- Structure Review: Graeme Duncan led discussions reviewing the areas of the Softball BC operations that require attention or are posing challenges to meeting strategic goals. A review took place of the structure reorganization documents that were provided to the Board, and consensus of the Directors was to move forward with the planning required to bring forward a proposal for a new governance structure to the membership at the 2022 AGM. The plan is to include the testing of aspects of the plan over the next few months
- Strategic Plan Review: The need for updating the plan was reviewed, and it was noted that the development of the plan is closely tied to discussions on the governance structure.
  - **Motion** to table the review of the strategic plan to the next meeting (Frei/Larson) **Carried**
- Board Meeting Schedule: Graeme Duncan reviewed the current schedule and sought input on any adjustments. It was agreed that a meeting focused on governance and strategy be planned for April 22-23, 2022
- Result of Email Poll Vote – U20 Female Recommendation from the Minor Advisory Council: Lavaughn Larson noted that this poll vote resulted in the passing of the motion so the motion has to be read into the minutes of this meeting.
  - **Motion** that a one year trial be instituted such that the U19C Female Category will change to U20C for the 2022 season to allow players born in 2002, 2003 and 2004 to participate. Players born in 2002 would be eligible to participate in either U20C or Women’s teams. Note: Players born in 2003 or 2002 can currently play in Women’s without parental consents (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm (Strafford/Charles)

## **U11 Celebration of Softball for 2022**

The intent is to create a fun, year-end participation event for U11 players and teams that will engage both parents and players to continue playing softball.

### Format

- 3 game round robin and single knock out playoff. Teams seeded into groups of 8 for playoffs based on round robin results. Maximum 16 teams per event. One umpire per game.

### Rules

- U11 Celebration rules final updated rules attached.

### Registration

- Registration fee \$225 per team to cover costs of umpires and prizing for all players
- Teams to register with Softball BC

### Host Requirements

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies required but social event/meal not necessary
- Fun activities required, such as face painting, dragon races, balloon tosses, etc.

### Softball BC to provide:

- Prizing for all player participants – t-shirts were recommended
- Trophies for the final two teams in each single knock out grouping if budget allows.
- Payment for one umpire per game
- Game balls if available from sponsor (11" softcore)
- No grant for hosts

### Current Hosts

District 1 and 2 – Sooke June 24 to 26

District 4, 5 and 6 – North Vancouver June 24 to 26

District 7 (and possibly 8) – Cloverdale June 17 to 19

Districts 9, 10 and 11 (Kamloops) - working on hosts and dates (or possibly combine?)

Districts 12 and 13 – Prince George June 10 and 11

Districts 14 and 15 – not able to host this year

## U11 YEAR END CELEBRATION RULES 2022 – final March 6 2022

- 1) Game time: no new inning after one hour and 30 minutes.
- 2) Softball BC rules shall apply in all cases not covered below.
- 3) This is a no protest tournament.
- 4) Base Path: 45', pitching distance 35', 11" soft core ball
- 5) Format: 3 game round robin with all teams seeded into single knockout playoffs in groups of 8.
- 6) Scoring: 2 points for a win, 1 for a tie, 0 for a loss. Runs and bases touched are to be counted.
- 7) Ties in round robin to be broken by: a) winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with; b) run differential totals maximum +7 and -7 per game; c) total bases touched for or against, maximum +30 and -30 per game; d) if still tied, then a coin toss.
- 8) In single knock-out playoff games, extra innings must be played until a winner is declared.
- 9) Teams must start with 9 players, but may play with 8 players due to injury. The 9<sup>th</sup> batter is NOT automatically out. If a player arrives late, they may be added to the bottom of the line up. A player who leaves the game may not re-enter that game.
- 10) Teams who do not have 9 or more players may pick-up or combine with another team up to a maximum of 12 players from their own district.
- 11) Teams will bat the complete roster and will have unlimited substitutions
- 12) Maximum of 4 runs per innings with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> innings being open.
- 13) Mercy Rule: 15 runs after 3 complete innings, 10 runs after 4 complete innings or 7 runs after 5 complete innings.
- 14) Pitchers may pitch up to 2 innings per game. One pitch is considered an inning.
- 15) All players must play at least 2 innings per game on defense.
- 16) Stealing: Base runners may steal one base on any legally pitched ball when it has left the pitchers hand. Runners may not advance to home on a steal, passed ball or wild pitch. Players who leave before the ball leaves the pitchers hand will be called out for leaving early.

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- 17) Overthrows: Runners advance one base only on an overthrow.
- 18) Sliding is allowed.
- 19) Bunting is permitted.
- 20) No dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike. Batter is out and may not run to 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 21) Infield fly rule is not in affect.
- 22) Walks are permitted but no intentional walks.
- 23) A coach may use a courtesy runner for the catcher to allow that catcher to suit up for the next half inning.
- 24) Pitchers must wear an infield protective mask.
- 25) All catchers must wear full catchers gear, including shin guards (with knee coverage), chest protector, helmet or skull cap and mask, throat protector, and pelvic protectors (jocks or jills).
- 26) Batters and base runners must wear helmets with straps done up from dugout to dugout.
- 27) All teams must wear their full matching uniforms with the shirts completely tucked in with hats or visors worn properly.
- 28) Anyone (Player, Coach, or Parent) receiving pitches before or during a game must wear a mask with a throat protector.
- 29) Coaches must wear closed toe shoes. Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 30) Umpires must be respected. The head coach, or in their absence, another coach shall be the responsible for the conduct of the team's attendees. An ejection of the coach may result if the behaviour is seen to be disruptive and disrespectful.
- 31) The goal is for all teams to have a positive experience and most of all to have fun!