



**Softball BC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2023
Video Conference**

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Joni Frei, Chief Program Officer
Terri Boizard, Chief Operations Officer
Barry Petrachenko, Executive Director

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm on Thursday, January 19, 2023

Lisa Parkes welcomed the group.

Motion to accept the agenda (Groff/Langley)
Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of December 2022 (Stafford/Langley)
Carried

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

- Kevin Langley updated that a motion has been drafted to address privacy issues relating to the player pickup process, and that it will be finalized once details of the registration software (RAMP) are considered/reviewed.

Board Business

- Lavaughn Larson reviewed motions brought forward for consideration by the Minor Advisory Council, noting that they had been supported unanimously by the Council:
 - **Motion** that Article 8.2 d) ii) be adjusted to read: All "B" classification team rosters and Executive rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 15th of the current year. All "C" classification team rosters are to be uploaded and marked confirmed May 31st of the current year. Additions/deletions under extraordinary circumstances will be determined by the designated Minor Coordinator up to and including June 5th of the current year. After June 5th, only the Minor Director may authorize additions/deletions to an approved roster. (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
 - **Motion** that Articles 8.6 j) and 9.7 e) be adjusted as follows:



- **8.6 j.** If two teams who have submitted their Letters of Intent for a Western or Canadian Championship are knocked out at a provincial at the same point in the championship (for example, tied for 6th, or tied for 8th) and one or the other team will attend the Championship in the last available spot, the two teams will have a playoff game to determine which team will attend the Championship.
 - **9.7 e.** If two teams who have put in their Letters of Intent for a Western or Canadian Championship are knocked out at a provincial at the same point in the championship (for example, tied for 6th or tied for 8th) and one or the other team will attend the Championship in the last available spot, the two teams will have a playoff game to determine which team will attend the Championship. (re-number the rest of this section) (Larson/Groff) **Carried**
- Lavaughn Larson provided an update that head-to-head tie breaker guidelines for championships are being reviewed as a result of decisions made at the Softball Canada AGM
 - Al Groff provided an update that the Men's and Women's Advisory Council are working through motions that will be brought forward for consideration at a future meeting.
 - Rachel Charles reviewed recent discussions with the Softball BC Insurance provider, informing of an additional 20% increase in premiums for the upcoming season, and that work is underway to adjust the system of invoicing members for insurance fees in order to protect the organization from the shortfall that results when insurance premiums increase after members have been informed of the fees to be collected by Softball BC.
 - Lavaughn Larson reviewed the incentive that was put in place last year to support the registration of Boy's teams and noted that it resulted in an increase from 29 to 47 teams registered.
 - **Motion** Motion that a 5% discount be offered to the membership on team registrations (exclusive of insurance fees) for any minor association registering a Boys team for the 2023 season (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**

Operations

- Barry Petrachenko reported on the development of the Operational Plan.
- Lavaughn Larson outlined discussions by the Minor Coordinators regarding their desire to create a Pro Rata Task Group to investigate options for the process of team bids to Provincial Championships
 - **Motion** that the Terms of Reference for the Pro Rata Task Group be approved as circulated (Larson/Groff) **Carried**
- Barry Petrachenko outlined the options for the location of the 2023 AGM and received direction to contract the Coast Inn Tsawwassen for the event

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm (Charles/Strafford)