



**Softball BC Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 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

Lisa Parkes called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Motion to accept the agenda (Strafford/Wheatley)
Carried

Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 11, 2023 (Langley/Larson)
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

It was clarified that the VP of Finance, Minor Director and MaW Director will develop a recommendation regarding the process of the Championship Hosting Fee for implementation in the 2024 season.

Board Business

- The results of poll votes conducted via electronic mail were confirmed:
 - **Motion** that SoR Article 8.6 i) be deleted. (Larson/Langley) **Carried**
 - **Motion** that Special Operating Rule 8.6 h) iv) be adjusted as follows: 8.6 h. iv. SEEDING will be based on win/tie/loss record (2 points for a win, 0 for a loss, 1 point for a tie)
 - To break a tie: Winner of head-to-head against all teams they are tied with;
 - * In order to use this criterion, all subject tied teams must have played each other and one team must have defeated all the remaining teams they are tied with to be ranked higher.
 - * if more than two teams are tied for any seeding position based on win/loss/tie record the head to head criteria (a) shall be applied repeatedly before proceeding to b)
 - If still tied: Run differential totals (score differential limit up to +7 runs or -7 per game). e.g., Team A = 10 Team B = 6 Results (10-6) Team A credited with +4 Team B credited with -4



If still tied, use total bases touched for or against (score differential limit up to +30 or -30 per game) e.g., Team A = 30 Team B = 20 Results (30-20) Team A credited with +10 Team B credited with -10

If still tied, a tie breaking game will apply if a spot in seeding for the knockout shall result in one team being eliminated. Otherwise broken by a coin toss.

NOTE: Winning team in a forfeit is credited with 7 runs and 30 bases touched and losing team is credited with -7 runs and -30 bases touched

(Larson/Wheatley)

Carried

- **Motion** that the Comox Valley Baseball Association be accepted into the Softball BC membership and deemed a Recognized Minor Association per the Softball BC Handbook, effective for the 2023 season. (Larson/Langley) **Carried**

- Lisa Parkes updated on the process underway to identify individuals interested in serving on the Governance Committee.
- Lisa Parkes outlined plans to utilize a skills matrix in seeking out potential members of the Board of Directors in future elections.
- Lavaughn Larson reported on activities of the Minor Advisory Council. The MAC has reviewed their Terms of Reference, and the key items were outlined, including a suggestion for a streamlined approach to reviewing motions.
 - **Motion** That the adjustments to the motion process in the Minor Advisory Council Terms of Reference be approved as circulated (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
- Lavaughn Larson outlined a request from the True North Softball Association seeking approval for the formation of All Star team programming. The request was ruled out of order, with a letter to be sent to the applicant to clarify the Softball BC position.
- Al Groff reported on developments in identifying Softball BC Reps to Provincial Championships, that the MaW Advisory Council has completed their review of the Handbook and that revisions to their Coordinators Manual are nearing completion.
- Susan Strafford outlined issues pertaining to the processing of umpire payments through Softball City, noting a desire for cash payments to be made at the complex.
 - **ACTION** Staff to investigate solutions and provide an update to the Umpire in Chief.
- Rachel Charles reviewed the financial report as circulated and responded to questions regard bad debts and the RBC Emergency Loan repayment.
 - **Motion** That the Financial Report be received (Strafford/Wheatley) **Carried**
- Rachel Charles circulated and reviewed a budget summary draft. Discussion took place regarding the viability to hold the 2023 AGM virtually, with the topic to be added to the agenda of the next meeting.
 - **Motion** That the preliminary budget be approved (Charles/Groff) **Carried**
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors was set for May 11, 2023 via Video Conference

Operations Report

- Lisa Parkes reported on discussions held at a recent meeting of the Western Canadian Softball Association, outlining a request to support the inclusion of a Girls U13B Western Canadian Championship.



- **Motion** That Softball BC support a Western Canadian U13B Championship beginning in the 2024 season. (Larson/Langley) **Carried**
- **Lisa Parkes left the meeting, switching to an intermittent phone connection. The Chair was assigned to Kevin Langley.**
- Barry Petrachenko Reviewed the Operational Plan Report and highlighted the goal of moving to universal adoption of a standard registration system by all member associations.
- Lavaughn Larson outlined a recommendation from the Boy's Fast Pitch Work Group to include teams from the Yukon in the Boy's Provincial Championships in Prince George.
 - **Motion** That teams from the Yukon be eligible to participate in the 2023 Softball BC Boy's Provincials (Larson/Strafford) **Carried**
- Lavaughn Larson reviewed a membership inquiry from Hope Minor Softball
 - **Motion** that the membership application of Hope Minor Softball be approved (Larson/Charles) **Carried**
- Lavaughn Larson provided an update on motions regarding U11 programming. Motions to create "Community" and "Rep" divisions at U11 have gained the endorsement of the MAC and are posted on the website.
- Barry Petrachenko and Terri Boizard updated on the work of the Umpire Culture Work Group.
- Scott Wheatley reported that the work of the Awards and Recognition Committee is set to proceed as the season gets going.
- Lavaughn Larson reported that the work of the Competition Review Committee has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm (Strafford/Charles)