

**Minutes from Umpire Advisory Council Meeting
January 25th, 2018
Holiday Inn, Cloverdale**

Attendance

Board of Directors:

Chair: Dave Brewer
Vice Chair: Kyle Dennedy

Staff:

Executive Director: Rick Benson

Committee Members: Craig Holyhead, Carl Kurpiela, Geoff Bowering, Teresa Erickson, Jenn Goepel, Kyle Dennedy, Harry Lawson, Brad Snyder, Frank Driedger, Carlyle Kreiger, Geoff Watt, Nick Allen, Marni Bodnarchuk

7:05 PM – Call to Order

Quorum Present, silent roll call taken

Chair's Opening Remarks:

Acknowledged the historical territory the meeting was taking place on and recommended the attendees follow this protocol when conducting training clinics and meetings.

Motion No. 1: (K. Dennedy/J. Goepel)

“To accept the Agenda with powers to add”

CARRIED

Motion No. 2: (G. Watt/J. Goepel)

“To nominate Carlyle Krieger as vice-chair for one year

CARRIED

New Business

- Review terms of reference for the advisory council
- Confirmed it is the responsibility of the council to review the Softball BC member handbook and make recommendations to the board of directors when changes are required
- Confirmed it is the responsibility of this council to review, specifically special playing rules as they may be applied to minors, seniors and for provincial championships.
- Council members held a discussion on timelines they would follow in order to make recommendations to the board.
- It was agreed by members of the council (without a formal vote being taken) that they would use the following timeline as their guide
 - 1) First meeting of the calendar year to determine what motions would be forwarded to fellow councils (minor and/or senior) for input and guidance from those councils. These motions would be sent to the chair of each council with enough time for them to be distributed at the

- minor/senior leadership meetings. (staff were asked to ensure the umpire leadership meetings were scheduled a minimum of two weeks before minor or senior leadership meetings)
- 2) Second advisory council meeting would be scheduled on or around May 15th to review and discuss potential motions, and hear feedback from fellow councils.
 - 3) Third meeting would be scheduled on or about August 15th to finalize motions for submission to the board of directors.
 - 4) Chair or vice chair of the advisory council will present all approved motions from the umpire advisory council to the board of directors at their scheduled September meeting.
 - 5) Final meeting would take place during the annual general meeting and conference to determine rule interpretation where necessary and discuss new business.
- 2019 umpire member fee increase was discussed. Chair provided background for the increase, including an increase by Softball Canada for 2018, additional funds for the McDonald/Thoms bursary fund
Action item - staff was requested to report back on the McDonald/Thoms bursary fund assets and how they are accounted for.
 - Terms of reference were reviewed, and it was moved that the following sentences be revised
 - a) **There will be no fewer than two (2) meetings annually, but not more than four (4) meetings, of which two are to be held, one during the Softball BC AGM and one in the month of February to read:
There will be no fewer than two (2) meetings annually, but not more than four (4) meetings, of which two are to be held, one during the Softball BC AGM and one in the first two months of the calendar year.**
 - b) **Proxys are not permitted to read:
Proxies are permitted**

8:15 PM – Meeting Adjourned