



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

April 18, 2021

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D4 Bre Hokanson, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Kevin Langley, D8 Deb Vinters, D9 Sheldon Bank, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Phil Ransome, D12 Andy Ferguson, D14 Chris Young

Regrets: D15 Ed Selinger

No response: D3 Eric Kurpiela, D13 Jordie Edmonds

1. Call to order 6:05 p.m.
2. Quorum was established
3. Approval of agenda – moved Deb/Kevin/all in favour
4. Approval of the March 23 minutes – moved Kevin/Deb/all in favour
5. Business arising from minutes
 - ◆ Motion Play at Home for 2022 will be presented to Board of Directors week of April 19
6. Cohorts – addition of 2 B teams from District 10 and one from District 12 to be added. It was decided to hold off changing the cohorts at this time due to travel restrictions and PHO orders. The teams were added to the groupings for now but B cohorts will be revisited when PHO orders change.
7. Softball Canada motion regarding age changes/pitching distance was approved. Discussion regarding any changes MAC may want to put forward specifically for BC?
 - D1, D2, D4, D5, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11, D12 said to make all changes
 - D6 - keep ages the same for Rep and C but keep pitching for C as is now
 - D14 - suggested staying as is for C teams, change for Rep

It was agreed that coordinators would canvass their associations and another discussion would take place at next meeting.

8. New business
 - a. discussion regarding extending season & COS (only if needed)
 - D1 Bill – flexibility required as some will go right through summer and some not – COS yes
 - D2 Al – a handful of teams would continue
 - D4 Bre – yes to COS but tough to extend because soccer takes over fields
 - D5 Baukje- Richmond and Vancouver have permits through to August – need to know by June if a summer season to proceed
 - D6 Liz- yes, park permits through to Labour Day – rep want competition
 - D7 Kevin – if season extended, associations need to know to possibly change tryout dates and need info sooner than later

- D8 Deb – hard to extend the season as parks are gone
 - D9 Sheldon – extend is okay in D9, teams want provincials – move them to August or September
 - D10 Margaret – numbers are lower, all want provincials
 - D11 Phil – Kamloops would extend, others would fold
 - D12 Andy – would play as long as kids want to in D12
 - D14 Chris – we lose our fields; soccer takes over so can't extend
- b. Coach exemptions – fee? Nine districts thought the fee should be removed entirely – it's a one-time exemption and the cost should not prohibit people from coaching. Three districts thought there should be a lesser fee once COVID is over. No fee during COVID.

9. Round table

- D1 Bill – good to see teams on the fields, all doable if a bit frustrating
- D2 Al – all good over here
- D4 Bre – hoping we come to something soon
- D5 Baujke – nothing to report
- D6 Liz- not too much, happy to be out there, go with the flow
- D7 Kevin –teams are out, Surrey cancelled all weekend permits to end of May
- D8 Deb – doing OK, all just want to play
- D9 Sheldon – finally out on fields, trying to follow all rules, players/coaches want the sport to happen
- D10 Margaret – we're finally out on fields and upping registrations
- D11 Phil – still doing registration, Ashcroft and Kamloops okay
- D12 Andy – fighting for registration, boys only 6 registered
- D14 Chris – nothing here, just waiting

10. Next meeting will be **Sunday May 16 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned

7:05 p.m.