



Minor Advisory Council Minutes September 28, 2021

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Kevin Langley, D8 Deb Vinters, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D14 Chris Young

Guests: Graeme Duncan, President and Barry Petrachenko, Executive Director

Regrets: D12 Andy Ferguson

No response: D3 Eric Kurpiela, D4 Brody Hokanson, D13 Jordie Edmonds

Districts 9, 11 and 15 are currently vacant

1. Call to order 6:40 p.m.
2. A quorum was established with 8 of the 12 minor coordinators present representing 31 votes.
3. Introductions to guest observers Graeme and Barry.
4. Agenda was adopted – moved Deb/second Bill/all in favour
5. Minutes from August 31st were approved – moved Kevin/second Bill/all in favour
6. Business arising from August meeting
 - Pick Up motion - Article 7.5 B Pick-ups - rewritten for clarity by Lisa Parkes was brought to the floor by Bill and second Deb/all in favour. After discussion regarding the motion, it was approved unanimously. (We will also need to look at 8.3 C in the boys' section.)
7. Motions
 - a) Article 7.2 a) Registration – Recognized Minor Association – moved to floor Bill, second Liz. After discussion, it was approved unanimously.
 - b) Article 7.6 d) Provincial Championship format - Time limits – moved to floor by Bill, second Liz. After some discussion, there was an amendment to the motion. The amended motion was moved by Kevin, second Liz and the amended motion was approved unanimously.
 - c) Article 7.6 g) iii) Provincial Championship format – Modifications Run Limits – moved to floor by Lavaughn, second Kevin and after discussion was approved unanimously.
 - d) Article 7.2 f) Registration and 7.5 iii a) Pick-ups – moved to floor Kevin, second Bill. After much discussion the motion was amended to only a motion regarding 7.2 f) because the Pick-up rule 7.5 B was already approved so no need for duplication of motions. The amended motion was moved to the floor by Kevin, seconded by Bill. The vote was 24 for and 7 against, therefore the motion passed. The amended motion includes revisions to the new ages for 2022.
 - e) Article 8.2 C Registration and 8.3 C. xiii a) Pick-ups – this motion was tabled to allow for time to discuss with some of the coaches of the boys' teams.

Lavaughn explained that the motions that passed would now be put on the Softball BC website for 15 days to allow the membership to comment on the motions. Once the 15 days are complete, the motions will come back to the Advisory Council for a final vote at the next meeting.

8. District Qualifiers, Regional and Provincial dates for 2022 – there was some discussion about the issue of umpire availability especially during the Canada Cup because the dates may coincide with District Qualifiers. It was suggested that District Qualifiers may have to be held earlier than usual to ensure coverage.
9. Minor Development Fund – Chris Young let everyone know that some travel cheques have not cleared yet and that he now has access to account information. The funds collected for 2021 have not been transferred from the office yet. At this time, there is \$11,000 in the fund. Chris will provide a draft budget at a meeting in the near future. Deb will help Chris to access all of the accounts with Royal Bank. If anyone has any ideas on how to spend the funds, please let Chris know.
10. New Business
 - Chris (District 14) told everyone that the Mission association may fold. They had 58 Learn to Play last season but only had six volunteers at their AGM.
 - Liz (District 6) explained to everyone about the issues in her district involving an association (TriCity) that has caused devastation to both Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam. Everyone expressed concern over this issue and it was noted that politics often cause issues.
11. Round Table – D1 Bill reported that his district is having a face-to-face meeting with all 14 associations on November 18th after a very long time without meetings.
 - D2 Al said everyone was behaving – no formal meetings but discussions with the presidents.
 - D5 Baukje had nothing to report
 - D6 Liz is having a president's meeting next Sunday. Since there could be some tension, Lavaughn suggested she would attend as an observer.
 - D7 Kevin noted they had a district meeting to discuss the motions and meetings will continue.
 - D8 Deb has had a few zoom meetings and will be meet again before AGM.
 - D10 Margaret said they are having a meeting at the beginning of November.
 - D14 Chris reported that Ridge Meadows had their AGM in person and Kim Brooks is president.
 - Graeme - said he would email Chris regarding some ideas for the MDF. Also, Softball BC is working to get rid of some bad behaviour in our game and that our focus is on growing coaches and good members. He also asked that if there are issues that need to be addressed, please contact us and that we will listen with open ears.
 - Barry – was impressed by the level of care that you all have and wanted to ensure support for this group.
12. Next meeting – October 19th 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.