



Minor Advisory Council Minutes

April 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Chris Topping, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D12 & 13 Andy Ferguson, D14 Chris Young

Regrets: D11 Yvonne Dymterko

Absent: D3 Guy Adams, D4 Houtan Maleki, D7 Shannon Maion, D15 Gord Johnson

1. Call to order 7:05 p.m.
2. Approve agenda with items to add – moved Baukje/second Bil/ all in favour
3. Approve March 27 minutes – moved Margaret/second Kathy/all in favour
4. **Business Arising:**
 - Article 8.1.22 – 3 applications for waivers received – one approved, two denied
 - Teams in District – need to hear from D3, 12, 13 - registrations not complete is D12 or D13, and D3 not in attendance
 - District Playdowns - dates were confirmed where known.
5. **New Business**
 - Registration update please – is your district up/down/same from last year? Moved to round table for comments.
 - Minor Development Fund Update (if any) – Kathy Weston – Cranbrook received \$500. There is a meeting of the committee next week to look at 5 or 6 new applications.
 - Reminder – all minor A registrations are due in Ramp by May 1st, all B registrations due May 15th and all C registrations on May 31st.
Discussion was had about when coordinators had to approve rosters by. It was suggested that coordinators ask associations to have rosters uploaded or assigned and marked confirmed a week before the deadline to give coordinators time to approve and make any corrections, etc. See article 8.3.4 for deadlines for changes and amendments.
 - Confirmation of teams willing to attend provincials are required to Lavaughn by June 5th absolute final. **If possible, please be prepared to confirm at our next meeting on May 26th.**
 - Pro Rata spots will be determined using the new wheel system by June 10th – spots will be communicated by Lavaughn to the coordinator on the Friday of the District Playdown. If there are categories/classifications that will not require playdowns or if a district receives pro rata spots so that all their teams will attend provincials, Lavaughn will notify the coordinator as soon as the wheel system is completed.

- Insurance update – the office is preparing a comprehensive document for the membership on exactly when teams are insured or need their own insurance as well as when umpires are insured or not. This will be communicated this week.
- NCCP Training for Westerns. New this season is U13B girls Western in Manitoba. The WCSA requires that the coaches for all Westerns must have Comp Intro Certified NCCP training. Softball BC will ensure that training is available for any coaches who still need the training. Teams can also pick up coaches as needed.
- Boys issue discussion – District 1 – Sooke has a U11 boys team – they are first year players but playing in the league with U11C girls teams has been problematic because the boys are stronger than the girls. D1 will adjust and play this team with the U11 Rep division.
- Yellow Card System – Umpire Incident reports. Who receives them? Lavaughn will confirm with Jason, our provincial UIC.
- New insurance documents are required for parks and indoor facilities by May 1st. Lavaughn will follow up with office.
- Lavaughn will send new tournament/championship round robin score tally sheets to assist with recording the information needed for the new rules for seeding. (Article 8.7.11) Thanks to Barry Riva, Scott Wheatley, and Kathy Weston for their work on this.
- There was discussion about what would happen if a team put a player on the field who is not rostered with Softball BC. The player would not be insured. The player would be illegal, and the coach could be disciplined for playing an illegal player. (As an aside, if the association was aware and condoned this activity, the association could be at risk of being Not in Good Standing with Softball BC.)

6. Round Table:

D1 – everything is well underway. Increase of 6 ½%. Last year 135 teams, this year 144.

D2- about the same as last year, maybe a little more. Alberni is registering a U13 team from Tofino and a U11C team from the Ditidaht First Nation.

D5 – down in the older divisions but up in the younger divisions. Not all in yet but close to last year.

D6 – about the same or close to last year. There has ben a shift in teams in associations with some way up and some way down.

D8 – 136 teams not including the new association in Hope who thought they might have 20 kids but have 74 registered. District is substantially up from last year.

D9 – up 12% from last year by 117 players. There are 13 U15C teams this year in that district!

D10 – up about 20 players. Cranbrook has baseball and softball and are keeping all U7 and U9 players in baseball because the registration is cheaper.

D12 & 13 – not final yet but steady. Should be about the same as last year except Prince George Boys who only have 34 registrations. Season starts a week tomorrow.

D14 – up a little bit from last year. They are getting ready for Summer Games in Maple Ridge.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.