



Minor Advisory Council Minutes August 20, 2024

In Attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D4 Houtan Maleki, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Chris Topping, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Yvonne Dymterko, D14 Chris Young, D15 Gord Johnson

Absent: D2 Al Charlesworth, D3 Guy Adams, D12 &13 Andy Ferguson

1. Call to order 7:01 p.m.
2. There was a quorum with 37 votes represented by 11 Minor Coordinators
3. Agenda approved – Moved Bill/second Chris T/all in favour
4. June 27 minutes approved – moved Bill/second Gord/all in favour

Business Arising:

- Pro Rata Task Group final meeting August 14. Report and motion attached. This item was tabled to our next meeting so that Coordinators would have time to consult with their member associations.
- U11 Rep Working Group – initial meeting was held August 13. All coordinators agreed that an event for the U11 Rep group is needed. The group agreed that the format should be a 3-game round robin with single knock out playoffs in groups of 8. Advertising of specific dates to register will encourage teams to get their registrations in and let them know that the cap is 16 teams for each event. Bill suggested that it may be difficult to find a host on Vancouver Island due to lack of diamonds.

New Business:

- Changes to deadline dates for registrations? Further discussion required. Houtan will craft a motion after discussion and input from other Coordinators.
- It was suggested that a fee should be changed for changing rosters once the final deadline has passed (depending on the reason). There was discussion that coaching exemptions are just allowing pick ups for district playdowns and that they are being exploited to circumvent the NCCP coaching rules.
- Do registrations dates need to be amended for boys' teams? This was tabled until Andy could be in attendance or will be part of the handbook review.
- Teams that need to move up a category or classification for 2025 if more than 6 returning players
U15C Enderby Storm - will move up to U17C, U17C Fleetwood Lightning - will move up to U20C, U20C Chilliwack Force- many players will go to Women's teams, U13B TriCity Titans – Nguyen – moving to u15A, U15B Okanagan Elite – moving to U17B, U17B Ladysmith Chargers – moving to U19B, U19B Vancouver

Wildcats 05 – final year moving to Women's.

- District Minor Coordinators election year. Eight coordinators agreed to stay on for another term. Two will not. The others will confirm before the deadline.
- Attendance at AGM - Nine Coordinators will attend. Two are a maybe. One is no. Three still to confirm.
- Delegates to the AGM are primarily chosen by rotation in larger districts. Some are funded by the association and/or district but not all. Some smaller districts are not able to find delegates to attend.
- Fall Ball –Coordinators will email Lavaughn about where fall ball is happening in their districts. There was a question about insurance coverage for new players at Fall Ball or tryouts. Lavaughn will find out.
- Handbook items to review and make recommendations/motions – the following agreed to work on this activity – Houtan, Baukje, Shannon, Kathy and Chris Young. Andy and Yvonne agreed to work on the boys section. Lavaughn will send the documents to the group and set up zoom meetings as appropriate.
- BC Summer Games items to review and make recommendations – Liz, Kathy, Margaret and Chris Young agreed to participate. Lavaughn will send the documents to the group.
- Pro Rata Portal – tabled to next meeting
- Growth Delay and Age Brackets – tabled to next meeting

Information:

- All changes to Special Operating Rules must be submitted and processed prior to December 1st to allow for timely production of the handbook. Please let your associations know.
- Minor Development Fund Update – Kathy explained about the requirement for Softball BC to include the MDF in the financial reports and to consider it as a restricted fund. The SBC office will electronically transfer funds to recipients once agreed to by the MDF committee.

Motions

- Article 7 - Minor Fastpitch Rules - Rule 8 – Stealing This motion was moved to the floor by Chris T/ second by Gord. After considerable discussion, the motion was unanimously defeated at first reading. Lavaughn will let the movers of the motion know.

Round Table:

- Discussion about if the Pride 06 team should be moving up because they merced most of the games at provincials except the final game. It was mentioned that the coach is no longer with Pride but is moving to Titans and is recruiting for the team and causing trouble.
- Discussion about reclassification for teams (specifically Enderby U15C) and the group agreed that if teams are reclassified, appeals should not overturn those decisions. Perhaps appeals should not be permitted in the case of a team winning a provincial.
- Question about a U15A team who won provincials two year ago and want to move back to B because they did not do well at A. Yes,they can.

Next meeting: Wednesday September 11 at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:18 p.m.