



Minor Advisory Council Minutes September 11, 2024

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D3 Guy Adams, D4 Houtan Maleki, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Chris Topping, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D12 and D13 Andy Ferguson, D14 Chris Young, D15 Gord Johnson

Absent: D2 Al Charlesworth, D11 Yvonne Dymterko

1. Call to order 7:03 p.m.
2. A quorum was established with 41 votes and 13 districts represented
3. The agenda was approved with one correction- moved Baukje/second Gord/all in favour
4. Approve August 20 minutes moved Shannon/second Margaret/all in favour

Business Arising:

- Pro Rata Motion: To continue with the Pro Rata Wheel as the ongoing method of determining pro rata spots that are available. Moved Baukje/second Bill. Discussion followed with one district suggesting that if a district gets one pro rata, the remaining teams should be removed. Motion was called with 37 votes in favour, 3 votes no and 1 vote abstained. Motion passed.
- U11 Rep Year-end Events – proposal will be submitted to the Board at the September meeting. Lavaughn will send to the group.
- Do registrations dates need to be amended for boys' teams? Andy suggested that yes, the deadline needs to change for the boys team and will write up a motion. Possibly June 15 is more realistic.
- Handbook Review Committee will meet on September 19. Baukje agreed to set up a Google Doc's app for the group to work from.
- There was a lengthy discussion about Coaching Exemptions and how some coaches circumvent the NCCP requirements. It is difficult for coordinators or board reps at championships to determine if the credentials presented are what the coach should have. It was suggested that associations should be responsible to ensure that their coaches are trained appropriately and that the details for each coach should be in Ramp (possibly a data base of information). The MAC will recommend changes and possible fee for exemptions.

New Business:

- Pick Up Portal – the discussion was that this is way too public to be a Softball BC sponsored Facebook page and is not moderated to ensure that those using it are eligible and following the rules in the handbook for Pick Ups. The vote was 39 no and 2 votes yes.
- Growth Delay and Age Brackets – it was determined that this is already being done at the association level with minor coordinator approval. There were 41 votes (unanimous) that

there is no need for a formal policy. These situations are already being dealt with at the local level.

- 20 Game Rule – Some felt that the number of games was too much and allowing 20 games for more than one team was not the intent of the motion. There were 2 exemptions requested from D8, 1 was approved, 1 was not but it turned out the player did not play 20 games in total anyway.

Motions for first vote:

- **Article 8.6.13** Classification Change – moved Liz/second Kathy. Some discussion followed. The vote was 37 yes, 4 no. Motion passed the first vote.
- **Article 8.6.9.b.** Host team not to attend district playdowns – moved Liz/second Chris T. After considerable discussion, there was an amendment put forward by Chris T/second by Chris Young. The vote on the amended motion 26 no, 6 yes, 6 abstained. The amended motion was defeated.
- **Article 8.3.4** Minor Registration Deadlines – moved Houtan/second Bill. After considerable discussion, this motion was tabled to the next meeting.
- **Article 8.3.2.1** Combined teams registration fees and **Article 8.3.6.7** Less than 60 players combined C team registration fees. Moved Chris T/second Margaret. These two motions were voted on together as they were basically housekeeping. All in favour. Both motions passed the first vote.

Round Table: There was discussion about U11 travel teams being formed in some areas. These are not registered as official teams, but teams made up of players from several teams who want to try out a higher level of competition. Further discussion required.

Next meeting: Tuesday October 1, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:30 p.m.