



Minor Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D4 Houtan Maleki, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Jeff Snowdon, D8 Deb Vinters, D9 Chris Topping, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Yvonne Dmyterko, D14 Chris Young, D15 Paula Kolisnek

Regrets: D12 & D13 Andy Ferguson

Absent: D2 Al Charlesworth

1. Call to order 6:33 p.m.
2. A quorum was established with 11 of 14 associations in attendance with 38 out of a possible 47 votes
3. Agenda approved – moved Bill/second Liz/all in favour
4. Minutes from February 23 approved – moved Bill/second Liz/all in favour

5. Business arising:

Motion Article 8.6 i. AWARDS: Has been approved by the board of directors and will be removed from the 2023 handbook.

Motions brought forward for third vote

- a) **Article 8.6 h. iv. a) through d) Tie Breaking rule** – This was posted on the website Feb. 24 and no comments were received. Call for third vote was moved Jeff/second Houtan/all in favour. This motion will be brought to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.
- b) **2022 Age and Distance Chart Female (page 20 2022 Handbook) – change the pitching distance for U17C and U20C to 43 feet.**
This was posted on the website Feb. 24 and several comments were received. Lavaughn read the comments. There was much discussion regarding the timing of this motion with most saying that it was too close to the start of the season not giving pitchers enough time to adjust. Some felt it would be okay at U20C but not U17C. It was also commented that in some areas, the U20C were already pitching at 43' last season. It was suggested to amend the motion or to deny the motion at this time, however, the group decided to table this motion until August of 2023.
- c) **Western Canada Softball Association:** possibly adding a U13 female Western Canadian Championship for 2024



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- Eight of the 11 coordinators in attendance agreed with this idea. Three coordinators abstained. They all agreed that BC should send U13B teams to this event.

 - d) **Hosts still needed for the following** – no applications have been received.
U13C Regionals Districts 1, 2, 3 - Bill will talk to Sooke to see if they are willing to host. No one in Districts 2 or 3 is willing.

 - e) **Minor Advisory Council Terms of Reference discussion about updates to TOR**
The only suggested change was to the timing of motions and the number of times that the council must vote on the same motion. The group also felt strongly that a Leadership meeting in person in February was beneficial to everyone. Lavaughn will draft a revision.

 - f) **Amended motion 8.5 I regarding pick up forms & rosters** – discussion, call for second vote. Moved Jeff/second Liz/all in favour. This motion will be posted on the website March 19.

 - g) **Motion article 8.1 p. under definitions (formerly Minor Structure) revised to read Classifications** – discussion, call for second vote. Moved Deb/second Liz/all in favour. This will be posted on the website March 19.

 - h) **Motion – New article 8.2 Minor Structure (removing this from definitions) to allow for rep and community (C) teams in the U11 category, etc. and moving 8.2 f. it this article.** There was significant discussion regarding this motion.
Two amendments were suggested: under 8.2 a) add the words “U11 Community teams will be classified as C” and 8.2 b) iii) 2. Delete the words “and will de-emphasize eh competitive aspect of the event.” The amended motion was moved Paula/second Deb/all in favour. A second vote was called for the amended motion. Moved Paula/second Jeff/all in favour. The amended motion will be posted on the website March 19.

Next meeting: Sunday April 2nd 6:30 p.m.

MAC meeting adjourned at: 8:00 p.m.