

**Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2020**

Attendance

Board of Directors:

President:	Jake Dewitt
1 st Vice-President	Graeme Duncan
VP, Finance:	Zeone Andrijaszyn
Umpire-In-Chief:	Susan Strafford
Senior Director:	Terri Boizard
Minor Director:	Merv Sandrel
Director of Coaching:	Mike Renney
Member-at-Large:	Ian Kellow

Staff:

Executive Director: Rick Benson

6:30 PM – Call to Order

Quorum Present, silent roll call taken

President's Opening Remarks:

Jake welcomed everyone to the online meeting, remarked on the chaotic times we are facing.

Motion No. 1: (S. Strafford/Zeone Andrijaszyn)

“To accept the Agenda with powers to add”

CARRIED

Motion #2 to postpone approval of February meeting minutes until next full board meeting
Moved by Graeme Duncan, seconded by Merv Sandrel – approved unanimously

New Business

Update on Softball Canada guidelines was provided, including information on the suspension of activities until May 1st. Next update is scheduled for April 15th for continuation of suspension of activities by Softball Canada. The board was advised Softball BC has agreed to follow the guidelines and timing set out by Softball Canada when determining our own plans. On June 1st, Softball Canada will decide if the 2020 Canadian Championships will proceed as planned or not.

Update on Western Canada Softball Association was provided by Graeme Duncan. A meeting was held on April 7th and the board voted to not take action on the 2020 Western Championships at this time. Further it was agreed by the directors to follow Softball Canada timelines for determining return to play for the Western Championships. Western meetings will be held every two weeks until further notice, to coincide with Softball Canada meetings.

The board was presented with scenarios for resumption of play with June 1st date, September 1st date and no season for 2020. Discussion was held on return to play dates and length of a playing season, as well as the likelihood of various provincial championships being held this year.

Financial forecasts were presented by Zeone Andrijaszyn, showing the different scenarios and how it would impact the financial health of the organization. The VP of Finance and ED provided updates on public funding and subsidies, grants and financial assistance available. It was acknowledged that, with no revenue from member fees, the association would suffer dramatic setbacks in our efforts to become financially sustainable and could potentially see catastrophic financial setbacks endangering the ability of the association to continue to function.

After discussion and review of financial forecasts and information at hand from member and other sport associations

Motion # 3 if any part of the 2020 season is played, full fees will be collected for all registered participants taking part. If the 2020 playing season is cancelled, a sanction fee will be developed for all participants taking part in approved softball activities before a sanction will be granted.

Moved by Graeme Duncan, seconded by Terri Boizard – approved unanimously

The full formal fiscal 2021 budget was presented by the VP Finance. The budget had been developed prior to the COVID-19 crisis and reflected the forecast of the PSO for a full season and a continuing full year. The budget remains as the foundation for our planning, with revised forecasting being implemented as extraordinary conditions continue to impact our ability to fund the operation of the organization.

Motion #4 To accept the proposed budget for fiscal 2021 as presented, with the understanding continuing forecasting and adjustments will be made by the ED and VP Finance as required.

Moved by Zeone Andrijaszyn, seconded by Susan Strafford – approved unanimously

It was agreed by the board that a provincial online meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th to update clubs and high level volunteers on Softball BC's plans for managing the 2020 playing season and beyond.

Roundtable Discussion

Men's and Women's Director – kudos to all those who took part in the Leadership meetings in February. The spirit of cooperation and working as a team was strengthened. Director is looking forward to return to play as soon as it is safe for our members

Provincial Umpire-In-Chief – facilitated the first online umpire clinics for new and returning umpires, in order to assist in completing registration and training. Softball Canada is very interested in how this was achieved with an eye to rolling it out to other parts of the country

Minor Director – echoed the Men's and Women's Director on the Leadership meetings and the spirit of cooperation shown by all participants. Added he has been in communication with members of the youth community who are anxious for direction and guidance on how to proceed.

Director of Coaching – recognized the passing of Bryan Sask, our Master Coach Developer and the loss for our organization. Joni Frei, who had been mentoring under Bryan, will become the new provincial MCD.

Executive Director – acknowledged the work the team at Softball BC offices has done through the crisis, and the need for strong leadership and guidance in the return to play protocols when the time arrives to resume playing.

VP Finance – meeting with Royal Bank was very positive, they appreciate the detail and consistency in managing our financial affairs. Advised the board we will be moving to electronic online bank transactions while staff are working remotely

1st VP – Nothing to add beyond his report

Member-At-Large – Nothing to add

Motion #5 Move to adjourn

Moved by Susan Strafford, seconded by Mike Renney- approved unanimously