

**Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting
June 29, 2020**

Attendance

Board of Directors:

President:	Jake Dewitt
1 st Vice-President	Graeme Duncan
VP, Finance:	Rachel Charles
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

7:00 PM – Call to Order

Quorum Present, silent roll call taken

President's Opening Remarks:

Welcomed Rachel Charles to the role of VP Finance, and that the board was sending their best wishes to Zeone who was battling health issues.

Motion No. 1: (G. Duncan/I. Kellow)

“To accept the Agenda with powers to add”

CARRIED

Motion #2 (S. Strafford/M. Renney)

to approve June 11 meeting minutes

CARRIED

No business arising from those minutes

Correspondence received from Canadian Amateur Sport Society requesting support for their bid for 2021 Slo Pitch Canadian Championships

Registration Update

Benson provided update on team and member registration. Numbers are higher than had been initially forecast which is positive. Status is still fluid as rosters and team registration will stay open until August 21st.

Provincial Championships

Update on championships. Provincials have officially been cancelled, but a season end event is being planned tentatively. The event has been coined a “Covincial” Suggested format to be running regional events in three centres, Okanagan, Lower Mainland, Victoria over three weekends in September. Number of games and cost TBD, depending on participation. Discussion took place, it was agreed the proposal for minor and adults would go forward, dependent on the sport sector guidelines and member interest.

Budget Update

Benson presented an update forecast for fiscal 2021 budget, reflecting member registrations and revised expenses. Renney queried if the facilitator clothing had been included in fiscal 2020 actual, and if not, that it be reinstated for fiscal 2021.

New Business

A) Softball Canada Age Change Proposal

Benson presented a proposal from Softball Ontario for changes to age categories to go into effect for 2021 playing season. Softball Canada had sent out the proposed changes to solicit feedback from the provinces and territories. Questions were brought up specifically on U20 female as a three year category in minor, and generally on additional information being requested for pitching distances, ball size, base path and fence measurement before the proposal should be discussed. Direction from the board was to bring these concerns forward at an upcoming national ED meeting.

B) Safe Sport

Directors were reminded that, as a condition of our provincial core grant funding, all board members and identified staff were required to complete the Commit to Kids training prior to September 30th. Benson highlighted new measures being considered by the provincial government in order to ensure organized sport provided a safe and welcome environment to all participants. A discussion took place on the importance for province wide full compliance with Safe Sport measures, including criminal record checks, Respect in Sport, Rule of Two and other measures being planned.

C) Z. Andrijaszyn resignation from Softball BC board

The board reluctantly agreed to accept resignation letter from Zeone

Motion #3 (G. Duncan/M. Sandrel)

CARRIED

D) Appointment of Rachel Charles to the Softball BC board

Rachel Charles was enthusiastically welcomed by the board to the position of appointed VP of Finance. The term of the appointment will be in effect until the end of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Motion #4 (T. Boizard/S. Strafford)

CARRIED

ROUNDTABLE

Boizard brought forward the discussion of slo pitch. With the potential for the Canadian Championships being held in Surrey in 2021, how do we use this event to attract more slo-pitch teams to Softball BC. Discussion was held on how to improve our infrastructure to accommodate competitive slo pitch with trained umpires and tournament directors.

Action Item: - Boizard and staff to work on a plan for feasibility of recruiting other disciplines to Softball BC

Motion #5 (R. Charles/T. Boizard)

to adjourn the meeting

CARRIED