

**Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting  
September 22nd, 2020 Zoom Meeting**

**Attendance**

***Board of Directors:***

President:	Jake Dewitt
VP, Finance:	Rachel Charles
Umpire-In-Chief:	Susan Strafford
Senior Director:	Terri Boizard
Minor Director:	Merv Sandrel
Director of Coaching:	Mike Renney

***Staff:***

Executive Director: Rick Benson

***Absent:***

Member-at-Large: Ian Kellow  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

7:00 PM – Call to Order

Quorum Present, silent roll call taken

**President's Opening Remarks:**

Congratulated all the hosts, participants and organizers on the Celebration of Softball weekend. Dewitt attended the Kelowna event, and remarked on how well run it was, congratulated the directors, Sheldon Bank and Nelson Hughes

**Motion No. 1: (T. Boizard/M. Sandrel)**

“To accept the Agenda with powers to add”

CARRIED

**Motion #2 (M. Sandrel/T. Boizard)**

to approve August 23rd meeting minutes

CARRIED

No business arising from those minutes

Correspondence sent to ministers of sport for provincial and federal government, acknowledging sport aid grant from heritage Canada

Endorsement sent to two applicants for Softball Canada Ethel Boyce Bursary

**Executive Director Report**

Benson provided a written report to the board on the provincial office activities since August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were no questions from the directors.

Verbal update on Celebration of Softball events around the province was provided

Board was informed of the indefinite postponement of the NAIG announced by ISPARC

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Benson provided a financial update, outlining government grants received from Heritage Canada, Provincial core funding six month payment. An overview of expenses and revenue from the previous month was reviewed. Fiscal 2020 year end audited reports were not available for this meeting, but will be distributed to Directors at the next meeting, and included in the pre-AGM report. Directors were provided with income statements for month end. There were no further questions from the directors.

### New Business

#### A) Softball BC AGM

Discussion was held on the format and need for committee meetings around the AGM weekend  
Committee chairs were polled for meetings, and the following committees will have individual meetings on the same weekend

Minor Advisory Council

Senior Advisory Council

Umpire Advisory Council

Indigenous Long Term Development Committee

#### B) MOTIONS

By-law addition motion to include indemnification for directors and senior manager was brought forward

#### Motion #3 (M. Renney/R. Charles)

**CARRIED**

(to bring this motion to the Softball BC AGM for addition to by-laws)

#### C) SOFTBALL BC Annual Awards

A discussion was held on recognition of members by annual award. The board felt the traditional awards would not be appropriate this year, however volunteer recognition was deserved given the challenges faced this year. Each director was asked to bring names of individuals deserving of special recognition to the next meeting. Upon board acceptance, these individuals will be recognized at the virtual AGM through a special category called "Director's Awards"

**Action required** – each member of the board is to submit a name or names at the September 30<sup>th</sup> board meeting for a vote to have the individual (s) recognized with a Director Award

#### D) Naming Annual Awards

A recommendation was made to the board to consider recognizing certain annual awards after extraordinary individuals within the organization

#### Motion #4 (R. Charles/T. Boizard)

**CARRIED**

To rename the Volunteer of the Year award as the Zeone Andrijaszyn Memorial Award

#### Motion #5 (M. Renney/S. Strafford)

**CARRIED**

To rename the Coach of the Year award as the Bryan Sask memorial Award

### E) Special Resolutions and Motions

Over the past month, a special resolution to sanction try-outs and specify timing was introduced and passed by email

A motion to accept the resignation of Graeme Duncan as First VP in order to run for the position of President at the 2020 AGM was received and approved by email

#### **F) Hall of Fame and Special Recognition**

Nomination to the Hall of Fame was received for John Green in the category of Athlete. The nomination was approved by the HoF Nominating Committee

#### **Motion #6 (T. Boizard/S. Strafford)**

**CARRIED**

To induct John Green into the Softball BC Hall of Fame in the Athlete category

Nomination to the Hall of Fame was received for Rick O'Connor in the category of Sponsor. The nomination was approved by the HoF Nominating Committee

#### **Motion #7 (M. Sandrel/S. Strafford)**

**CARRIED**

To induct Rick O'Connor into the Softball BC Hall of Fame in the Sponsor category

Nomination for Special Recognition of Zeone Andrijaszyn was initiated by Ann Holmes and seconded by Jackie Dugger. The nomination was supported by the HoF Nominating Committee

#### **Motion #8 (M. Renney/T. Boizard)**

**CARRIED**

To induct Zeone Andrijaszyn into the Softball BC Special Recognition category

#### **ROUNDTABLE**

Sandrel – recognition of the Celebration of Softball, respectful of guidelines and the hard work done to make it happen

Charles – No comments

Strafford – recognition of the work done by a handful of umpire allocators and recruiters, in particular David Bailey and Jen Goepel

Boizard – Celebration of Softball, the continued improvement in relationships between adult and youth groups has been noticeable

Renney – Both the Team BC ID camp and the following weekend Celebration were large events, run safely, within guidelines and for the betterment of the sport

Dewitt – Celebration was an important event for teams to look forward to and as a close to the 2020 season

#### **Motion #9 (R. Charles/T. Boizard)**

to adjourn the meeting (8:30 PM)

**CARRIED**