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Minor Advisory Council Minutes **October 2, 2023**

**In attendance:** D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D4 Houtan Maleki, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Kathy Weston, D9 Chris Topping, D11 Yvonne Dmyterko, D12 & D13 Andy Ferguson, D14 Chris Young

**Absent:** D10 Margaret MacDonald, D15 Gord Johnson

1. Call to order 7:06 p.m.
2. A quorum was established with 39 votes in attendance and 12 districts represented. A coordinator joined a bit later so the number was then 42 votes and 13 districts.
3. Agenda was approved. Moved Andy/second Bill/all in favour.
4. September 11 minutes were approved. Moved Shannon/second Bill/all in favour.

Business arising:

1. These motions were posted on the website and sent to associations for feedback by October 1st. Second vote was required.
2. Article 8.1.20 and 9.1.24 Start Time – one email received concerning confusion with members. Moved Baukje/second Liz/all in favour. Motions passed unanimously.
3. Articles9.7.1.1 and 9.7.1.4 removal of both articles – no feedback. Moved Shannon/second Baukje/all in favour. Removal of both articles passed.
4. 2023 Age and Distance Chart – pitching distance to 43’ for U17 and under – no feedback. Moved Bill/second Andy/all in favour. Motion passed.
5. 2023 Age and Distance Chart - pitching distance U20 – enthusiastic support from D1 and D12 - no other feedback. Moved Shannon/second Andy/all in favour. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Articles 8.1 and 9.1.17 Electronic Devices – no feedback. There was discussion as to why scorekeeping apps were allowed in the dugout and optional wording. Moved Shannon/second Chris/28 votes in favour/8 votes abstained/6 votes no. Motions passed.
7. Minor Development Fund – some discussion was had and motions to come to the AGM.
8. Tryout Expectations/Rules - Nothing to report currently. Tabled to next meeting.

New Business:

1. First vote for the following motions:
2. Article 14.1.6 Timing of Regionals and Provincials. An amendment was proposed to the wording as follows: Minor provincials would be held in July. Dates will be proposed by the Minor Director and approved by the board, and then announced by October 1st of the year prior to the provincials. Amendment moved by Baukje/second Kathy/all in favour. Amended motion passed unanimously.
3. Article 7 Rule 8 Overthrows. There was much discussion about the wording and review of the Softball Canada wording. Moved Houtan/second Bill/39 votes in favour/3 votes abstained. Motion passed unanimously.
4. These motions were tabled to next meeting.
5. Article 8.1.21 Pick-up Player (new under definitions).
6. Article 8.6.11 Multiple Provincials.
7. There was some discussion about Article 17 but it was tabled to the next meeting.
8. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of a provincial host team attending district playdown qualifiers. Suggestion was that the district could make a ruling although the handbook currently reads that the team would have the choice.
9. There was discussion about why the U13B run ahead rule is different from the others.

Next MAC meeting at the AGM on October 20th 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.