



Revised Minor Advisory Council Minutes January 20, 2021

In Attendance: Bill Hawkins D1, Al Charlesworth D2, Bre Hokanson D4, Baukje Edamura D5, Liz Lee D6, Kevin Langley D7, Deb Vinters D8, Sheldon Banks D9, Phil Ransome D11, Andy Ferguson D12, Chris Young D14, Ed Selinger D15

Absent: Eric Kurpiela D3, Margaret MacDonald D10, Jordie Edmonds D13

Observer: Graeme Duncan, SBC President

Special Guests: Joni Frei, Director of Coaching, Jackie Desilets, Program Coordinator, Susan Strafford, Provincial UIC

1. Call to order 6:33 p.m.
2. Welcome to our newest member – District 1 coordinator Bill Hawkins
3. Quorum established
4. Agenda approved - Moved Kevin/Deb
5. Minutes of December 16 approved – Moved Kevin/Ed
6. Business arising from minutes - Amended Motion Play at Home for 2022 – not available for this meeting - is deferred to next meeting
7. Special Guests Joni Frei and Jackie Desilets
 - **Coaching exemptions:** Discussion about the coaching exemption request updated last year which required a \$100 fee for coaches requesting an exemption.
 - Kevin and Chris suggested that the fee should be removed and not penalize coaches.
 - Joni agreed that the fee was not beneficial to keeping coaches and will pursue with the SBC Board.
 - Jackie reminded everyone that the exemptions, if granted, would only apply to BC Provincials and not Westerns or Nationals.
 - **Coaches Clinics:** Jackie shared a presentation from Softball Canada on protocols for Coaches training (copy attached to email).
 - Coaches clinics are being scheduled and are listed on the SBC website. Jackie explained that some have had to postpone or cancel due to COVID but hopefully many will continue as long as COVID restrictions are followed. Safety restrictions will result in smaller groups of coaches.
 - Hosts must pay for 10 people in advance. Sheldon suggested that eliminating the up-front fee might result in more clinics being held and we do need more clinics to be available.
 - Joni said that the Softball Canada working group is discussing changes to clinics to possibly be one day virtual and second day in person but not available yet. Multi-sport NCCP online training is available on the Locker at coach.ca. The e-learning is excellent and Joni recommended that coaches take some of the training that is available now. Everyone can create an account on Coach.ca and there are good leadership modules available as well.
 - Any questions, please contact Joni at 1-250-575-8705 or directorofcoaching@softball.bc.ca or Jackie Desilets at programcoordinator@softball.bc.ca
8. **Planning for 2021 – If no COVID restrictions in place**
 - Recommended that District playdowns be planned and hosts obtained
 - Provincials – most provincial dates and locations are filled except U14C girls and no confirmation regarding the boys' divisions currently slated for Williams Lake
 - Regionals: need host for U12C regional in Region 4 – districts 9,10 and 11 (Kamloops has declined for 2021)

If **COVID restrictions** in place – Inning 3 or 4

The Return to Play working group hosted by Rick Benson is planning for 2021 if COVID restrictions remain in place. Recommendations are being made by 4 groups: Establishment of cohorts, revised Return to Play protocols, Supporting LSOs who are returning in 2021 and Format for Provincial and Regional Championships. These recommendations will be presented to the SBC Board at the end of the month.

9. **Minor Development Fund** – update Chris Young – committee agreed to use the budget adopted for 2020 in 2021 and re-evaluate for 2022. There is a **\$21,000 GIC** from the fund and asked that everyone send him ideas or what those funds could/should be used for.

10. New business a) – from Baukje **Umpire Clinics, etc.**

- Susan Strafford joined the group (thank you!) to answer questions about umpires
- Umpire certification clinics will be on-line this year: youth level 1 and level 2 and adult level 1 and level 2 as well a refresher. They will be 5 one-hour sessions for theory for flexibility in scheduling. The mechanics sessions will happen later - for level 1's for sure.
- Umpires who were certified last year and did not work were given an option of getting a refund. No refunds can be given now and they will have to be re-certified.
- Criminal Record Checks for umpires are done on the SBC website and are manually tracked now but hoping a new system will be in place at some point. All umpires over 18 must have the CRC every 3 years and a waiver the other 2 years.
- Susan offered to provide a virtual training for coaches in any association called Casebook Chaos. It's 1 ½ hours to help coaches learn how to deal with umpires. If anyone is interested, contact Susan at provincialuic@softball.bc.ca

10 b) Phil asked how the Sorrento association could move from District 9 to District 11. Lavaughn said that all associations in both districts would have to agree and the request should be sent to her and Rick Benson. District 9 was not in favour; therefore, the request was withdrawn. Baukje mentioned that there was a request from District 4 and 5 to be joined just for this season.

11. Round table – D1 – getting organized, good information from meeting, D2 – none, D4 – none, D5- none, D6 – getting everyone organized, D7 – Lower Mainland Softball Committee schedulers need Cohort groups by beginning of March for Rep and mid March for C, D8 – computer is broken, D9 none, D11 – none, D12 – winter program in Northern Health under way, D14 – is there a new minor coordinators manual – Lavaughn responded that office is working on it and will check with Rick, D15 – none.

12. Next meeting – Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30 p.m.

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.