



Minor Advisory Minutes

February 22, 2024

In attendance: D1 Bill Hawkins, D2 Al Charlesworth, D3 Guy Adams, D4 Houtan Maleki, D5 Baukje Edamura, D6 Liz Lee, D7 Shannon Maion, D8 Paul Muirhead for Kathy Weston, D9 Chris Topping, D10 Margaret MacDonald, D11 Yvonne Dymterko, D12 and 13 Andy Ferguson, D15 Gord Johnson
Absent: D14 Chris Young

1. Call to order 7:01 p.m
2. Agenda approved – moved Chris T/second Bill, all in favour

Business arising:

3. Commit to Kids training for Minor Coordinators – mandatory. Thank you to all for taking this training.
4. Conflict Management and Effective Communication through ViaSport – scheduled for February 24 and 25.
5. U11C Celebrations – we will no longer supply t-shirts for the participating players. There will now be a \$100 hosting grant for each participating team if requirements of hosting are met. Medals will be same as the U13C Regional medals.
6. Article 8.1.22 regarding Pick up Frequency will remain as amended by the Board of Directors for 2024.

New Business:

7. Jason Ranchoux made a presentation on new umpire initiatives including the Yellow Card System.
8. Registering boys – the discount of 5% is eliminated for 2024.
9. U11 Rep Championship for 2025 approved by the Board of Directors. Details are being worked on. Currently there are 20 teams in the lower mainland and 10 in District 1.
10. Championship locations and dates are confirmed. Board reps were assigned.
11. District Playdown dates have been supplied by some districts.
12. Minor Development Fund was updated by Paul for Kathy Weston.

13. Minors Playing in or with Women's teams. Two forms are required for minor players and minor teams – one for parental consent for players born in 2006,2007 or later. This form is sent to me and then I will send to the appropriate Minor Coordinator for approval. The other form is for the coach to fill out for minor teams wishing to play with or against Women's teams. Both forms are on the website.
14. MDF update – several applications received and paid out over \$3,000. More applications pending. MDF has \$5000 for swag/giveaways. Three items will be chosen, and each district will get a box based on the size of the district.
15. Handbooks should be available for shipping by end of February. Electronic version soon.
16. Two new associations have been approved – Campbell River and Salmon Arm.
17. Round Table

Bill - D1 is winding up C registrations – March 13 is deadline

Al – D2 registrations are going well. Will close late March.

Guy – D3 Campbell River and Comox will have girls softball teams in C only.

Houtan – D4 registration is closed except for U11 and U13C.

Baukje – D5 registration is open and ongoing. Some new kids in Vancouver.

Liz – D6 is busy with registrations winding down. Umpire fees and allocation has been standardized for the last 2 years. They are using the Assigner App.

Shannon – D7 is on the verge of a breakthrough with umpire fees. Suggests that something should come out from Softball BC. Ridge pays more than most. Paul said that DUIC's agree that there should be a standardized fee structure but it is mostly a lower mainland problem.

Paul – D8 no report.

Chris T – D9 is doing well with registrations. 900 players in the district so far. Should grow with the new association in Salmon Arm and social media activity. D9 pays \$40 per game and all C games get one umpire only.

Margaret -D10 has 158 registered so far and have a-ways to go.

Yvonne – D11 registrations are open with some are closing early.

Andy – D12 and 13 only 2 associations open for registration so far.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday March 27, 2024