

Softball BC - Slo-Pitch Coordinators Working Group

April 2, 2024 – 7:00 pm, Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

1. NAME OF ATTENDEES AND ABSENTEES

4 present and 2 absent.

Present

- i. Bobbie-Joe Delorme - District 8 (Fraser Valley - Langley to Hope)
- ii. Carol Carrier – District 15 (Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen)
- iii. Al Groff - Men's and Women's Director, Softball BC
- iv. Rick Benson - Executive Director, Softball BC
- v. Diane St. Denis - Executive Director, Softball BC (NEW)

Absent

- i. Krista Hirvonen – District 5 (Richmond to Vancouver)
- ii. Cordi Warbrick – District 14 (Pitt Meadows to Mission)

2. OLD BUSINESS

Ongoing business open for discussion.

A. Vacant District Positions

- i. Need to encourage more volunteers to join as slo-pitch coordinators.

B. Softball BC Handbook

- i. Handbooks can be picked up from the Softball BC office at 8889 Walnut Grove Drive in Langley or email the office to have them mailed out to your house.
- ii. Softball Canada handbooks are not here yet but due to arrive at MVP next week.

C. Softball BC Fees

- i. Insurance will be paid by the team and not individually as previously discussed, \$300 per team for the year.

D. Canadians Qualifier 2025 (Provincials 2024)

- i. Confirmed date - May 31 to June 2, 2024, at Softball City.
- ii. Host Agreement will be sent by Al to Softball City soon.
- iii. Discussed not having hoodies or metals for prizing this year, instead we will have equipment. Prizing for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – 2 bats and a glove. First place team will get first pick at prizing, then second place team and so on. Rick will check with Rawlins about which bats, and glove will be chosen for prizing.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Any new business open for discussion.

A. Softball BC Clinic in Kelowna April 20, 2024

- i. Carol will host the clinic with the Kelowna Women's slopitch League
Clinic will have two fields to use and will cover...
 - Infield defensive play and outfield defensive play.
 - Pitching and hitting technics.

B. SPN and Softball BC Potential Merger

- i. SPN BC has come to Softball BC about potentially joining with Softball BC because Lori would like to retire.
- ii. The feeling from the slo-pitch coordinators is that it is not a good idea because of the difference in the caliber of the game between the two.
 - Softball BC is more competitive and SPN is more like beer league slo-pitch.
 - Each have different rules to play slo-pitch.
- iii. More information is needed regarding how a merger would take place with Softball BC being not-for-profit and SPNBC being for-profit.

4. FUTURE ACTION STEPS

To do items, open for discussion.

A. Worth Western Cup Series

- i. Could we have a Westerns Tournament here in BC?
Need to secure fields available to host a large tournament, SBC (Softball City) and Capital Ranch in Kamloops.
- ii. Host our own Softball BC tournaments and fundraise for prizing (custom jerseys)

B. Host a Softball BC Slo-pitch Clinic in the lower mainland

- i. Need the fields and the volunteers to do so.
- ii. Carol could get access to Exhibition Park in Abbotsford.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date. (Third Thursday of every month until May 2024) – May 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.