

Softball BC - Slo-Pitch Coordinators Working Group

January 11, 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

Absent

- i. Krista Hirvonen - District 5 (Richmond to Vancouver)
- ii. Cordi Warbrick - New Slo-Pitch Coordinator

2. OLD BUSINESS

Ongoing business open for discussion.

A. Vacant District Positions

- i. One new Slo-Pitch Coordinator, Cordi Warbrick.
Al and/or Rick will reach out to her and make sure she has access to her Softball BC email.

B. Softball BC Handbook

- i. Update Slo-Pitch Coordinators listed in the handbook.
Bobbie-Joe, Carol, Cordi and Krista are all returning as slo-pitch coordinators.
Our names can be published in the 2024 handbook.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Any new business open for discussion.

A. Softball BC Fees

- i. Raise in Softball BC insurance, come up with ways to decrease the fees?
Recommendations from the slo-pitch working group...
 - Eliminate prizing for the 3rd place team, only have prizes for 1st and 2nd.
 - Have equipment packages from sponsors like Rawlings, instead of metals.
- ii. Are there any updates to the slo-pitch rules in the handbook?
No rule changes needed.

B. Worth Western Cup Series 2024

- i. Dates for series, Calgary AB - May 24-26 & Leduc AB - June 28-July 1, 2024.
Explanation given as to what this tournament is.
- ii. Could we have a Westerns Tournament here in BC?
Need to have the umpires to do so and the prizing available to compete with the other major tournaments already established in the province, like Worlds (NSA). Carol and Bobbie-Joe volunteered to take umpire training to help, granted it would be paid for by Softball BC.

C. Canadians Qualifier 2025 (Provincials 2024)

- i. Date for 2025 Canadians Qualifier. (May 31 - June 2, 2024, at Softballcity)
May 31- June 2, 2024, at Softballcity is accepted by this working group.
- ii. Set date for deadline to register for 2024 Provincials.
March 1, 2024, to make sure registration is completed before Haili goes on maternity leave.
- iii. Callout for volunteers for Provincials
Need to wait until the Softball BC Board approves the date at time of Provincials.
Revisit item next meeting, Feb 15, 2024.

4. FUTURE ACTION STEPS

To do items, open for discussion.

A. Miscellaneous

- i. Mental health training for Umpires.
Slo-pitch working group would like to see more mental health training for officials and umpires.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting date. (Third Thursday of every month until May 2024) – February 15, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.