



## MINUTES FROM SOFTBALL BC BOARD MEETING, May 31

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Graeme Duncan, President  
Lisa Parkes, Vice President  
Rachel Charles, Vice President, Finance  
Terri Boizard, Director, Men's & Women's  
Lavaughn Larson, Director, Minor  
Susan Strafford, Director, Provincial Umpire in Chief  
Scott Wheatley, Director at Large

### Staff:

Rick Benson, Executive Director

### Absent:

Joni Frei, Director, Coaching

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Silent Quorum role call

Motion #1 to accept the agenda – Moved by S. Strafford/L. Larson

**Approved**

Motion #2 to accept minutes of the April 19 meeting – Moved by R. Charles/S. Wheatley

**Approved**

Business arising from those minutes – exemption fee structure for coaching exemptions. It is included in the agenda and will be discussed under business arising from

Correspondence included letter of support to Canadian Amateur Sport Society hosting the 2022 Softball Canada slo pitch championships; Canadian Amateur Sport Society bid for the 2023 ISC World Championships; letter of support for Lori Zehr as a coach mentor in the Softball Canada mentoring programme

## BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS

1. Coach exemption fee was tabled as the Director of Coaching was unable to attend the meeting  
This

Motion #3 to table the discussion on coach exemption fees – L. Parkes/L. Larson

**Approved**

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Minor Advisory Council Motion – Larson brought forward the revised version of the “Remain in Motion” Motion # 4 Moved by S. Wheatley/Second by S. Strafford  
Discussion was held on the history of this motion, reasoning behind this motion and what the rationale is in bringing this forward as a recommendation to adopt as a Special Operating Rule.



Larson confirmed this motion had received strong support from the majority of districts at the Minor Advisory Council.

**Approved**

## **2. Provincial and Regional Championship**

Larson brought forward the most current dates and hosts for the Minor category Provincials and Regional Championships. Dates have been moved later where possible in order to give teams an opportunity to extend their season due to the late start from COVID restrictions. Hosts in areas outside the lower mainland were noted that we would likely experience additional costs for umpire travel due to availability of qualified officials in some areas.

Boizard reviewed the men's and women's championship dates and locations, again, same point was raised that officials would be required for some of these events due to limited availability, additional costs for travel of supervisors and officials will be anticipated.

Discussion took place on modifications for host requirements for this year and what process could be put in place to provide a maximum playing season prior to the championships.

## **3. Proposed Fees for Provincial and Regional Championships**

Benson proposed a reduced team fee for the 2021 Minor Provincial and Regional championships. Due to COVID restrictions there will be reduced host obligations, as well the economic impact on teams and clubs has made it more difficult to travel to events this year.

Action item – Benson will send out a proposed revenue and expense chart for the board to consider for approval for the 2021 season only.

## **4. ISC World Championship Bid**

Boizard brought forward a proposal to support a bid from the Canadian Amateur Sport Society to host the ISC Men's World Series at Softball City in 2023. Combined with the resurgence of men's teams registering with Softball BC, and the strategic objective of increasing male softball membership, this would be a great opportunity to showcase men's fastpitch. More information on this possible hosting will be brought to the board as it becomes available.

## **5. Return to Play Schedule and Format 2021**

Benson provided an update on the provincial government restart plan for amateur sport. ViaSport is providing direction and guidance on next steps. Sport is opening up and less restrictions from the PSO will be in place. The revised Softball BC RTP Guidelines were presented based on the latest information from ViaSport and the Provincial government. Guidelines were edited and will be shared with the membership and posted on the Softball BC website.

## **6. F2022 Budget**

A revision to the fiscal 2022 budget was presented by Charles. Adjustments to grants and carrying forward revenue from F2021 was revised and submitted for approval.

Motion# 5 – to accept the revised F2022 Budget



Moved by R. Charles/Second by S Strafford

**Approved**

**7. Analytics**

Wheatley updated the board on his work on using analytics to create potential formats for Provincials. He asked Larson to schedule a time when he could do a presentation to the Minor Advisory Council and provide the details of his work and get their input. A discussion was held among the board on the concept of Wheatley's findings.

**8. ROUNDTABLE**

Updates were provided on search for a new ED, postings for tournaments by Softball BC, registration numbers at minor around the province. Minor advisory council will be reviewing playing rules for new age categories and changes to the SORs, updates to the member handbook.

**9. Adjourn**

8:30 PM

Motion to adjourn S. Strafford/R. Charles

**Approved**

Next scheduled meeting – September 17/18, 2021