



Softball BC Annual Report - Board of Directors

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Name Lavaughn Larson

Date Friday, October 7, 2022

Board Position Minor Director

Committees Chaired/Served and Activity

Minor Advisory Council (MAC) chairperson - there were 11 meetings held since the last AGM in October 2021. Discussions included motions to amend SOR's and various aspects of minor programming. Minor Coordinator meetings were also held during that time. The Championship Review Committee, with representation from around the province, completed the review by September 2022 after 5 virtual meetings. The review resulted in several motions being considered by the MAC and the membership as well as recommendations that were included in the revised host agreements. A debrief was held with all Softball BC Board Reps from the 2022 provincials with recommendations that included best practices be shared with future hosts, revisions requested for RAMP tracking of proof of age, NCCP numbers and clarification of responsibilities and roles of the host, board rep and UIC.

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

I attended part of the U15C girls provincial hosted by North Vancouver who did a wonderful job of creating a memorable event for the players, coaches and umpires. I was the board rep for the U13A and U19A Championship hosted by the Renegades at Softball City who also held a great event for all who attended. At the 19 Western Canadian Championship in Richmond, I was the supervisor of those games. It was a four-day event with teams from all western provinces and the Richmond association as host did a stellar job.

Additional Information

2022 was my second year as Minor Director and it was a far different season than that of 2021 with all of the ever changing COVID restrictions. It was wonderful to have a

full season of teams and leagues playing softball and also to be able to plan and execute our district qualifiers and championships as they were meant to be. Our registration numbers were up in the minors substantially in 2022 and we hope to maintain and increase those numbers going forward.

Goals for 2023

- Increase our membership in minor where possible and encourage current non-member communities to become part of Softball BC
- Develop a culture of mutual respect among players, coaches and umpires through better communication and dialogue with each other
- Create a provincial Boy's Workgroup with a comprehensive and detailed plan to increase the number of boys who play fastpitch in all areas of the province
- Continue to work with the Minor Coordinators to further develop their role in their districts
- Continue to make our Championships the best they can be by listening to feedback from hosts, board reps and coaches
- I believe that we've learned many things from this past year that will help us move forward and make us even better in 2023 and beyond



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Name	Lisa Parkes
Date	Thursday, October 6, 2022
Board Position	Vice President
Committees Chaired/Served and Activity	Governance Committee, Chair Indigenous Long Term Development Committee Long Term Development Committee Handbook Review and Update
Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations	Softball Canada AGM and provincial/territorial meetings - all were still virtual. Looking forward to the in-person Softball Canada AGM in November.
Additional Information	I took on the position of acting President in March of this year. It was a busy and fluid time, with the recent retirement of former Executive Director Rick Benson and onboarding of new Executive Director, Barry Petrachenko, and the hiring of staff into reorganized positions that in my view will better serve our organization moving forward.
Goals for 2023	As incoming president, I look forward to working with my fellow board members and Barry and the rest of the staff to support our volunteers in providing the best possible softball programming to our members. I see us all pulling in the same direction and can't wait to see what we can accomplish in 2023!



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Name	Scott Wheatley
Date	Tuesday, October 11, 2022
Board Position	Member-At-Large
Committees Chaired/Served and Activity	Awards Championship (co-chair)
Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations	Supervisor - U17C Kamloops Great location, organizers and volunteers.
Additional Information	<p>I can't express how happy I am to have held our first post covid season. Despite monumental efforts by Rick and his team to make the most of playing during Covid, nothing beats a full season and provincials.</p> <p>Speaking of Covid, my only disappointment this season was being sidelined by Covid myself three days into the Canada Cup.</p> <p>This was also my first year in my position during a normal season. What I learned is that we have an amazing group of volunteers throughout the province, everyone focussed on "Softball for everyone".</p> <p>I specifically want to focus on my partners on the board. Kudos to Lavaughn Larsen who dedicates way too many hours as Minor Director. I've never met anyone else who gives so much with little fanfare and who takes way too much grief.</p> <p>Terri Boizard, who I believe that is was her hard work being the primary reason for the resurgence we have had in Men's and Women's fastpitch and slo-pitch. As an added benefit there is a glimmer of growth within the boy's programs.</p> <p>Lisa Parkes who took over as President this spring and has been a great leader to Softball in BC.</p> <p>Softball BC is lucky to have a international superstars in coaching and umpiring. The credentials of both Joni Frei</p>

and Susan Strafford are unrivaled anywhere. Add to the fact that they are humble and are willing to step into any situation is inspirational.

Rachel Charles had the unenviable job of stepping into the footsteps of Zeone Adrijaszyn after his passing has done an amazing job of managing our finances.

Beloved Softball BC Executive Director Rick Benson retired in 2021. Losing Rick was like losing a family friend. But every time an organization loses one leader, a new leader has a chance to move into the role and put their mark on the job. Barry Petrachenko has been working hard on developing a new structure of our organization and he brings many new ideas to grow our sport.

I'm hopeful to remain Member at Large in 2023, to continue to work towards maintaining BC's position and the Softball mecca of Canada.

Goals for 2023

Now that we are mostly post covid, my goals are to do an analysis of every association and how they do business so we can establish a set of best practices, and a comparison of how everyone does things.

Compile a comprehensive list of every park in the province so that we can take advantage of the assets in our province.

To assist the board with a revisioning of how we govern softball in BC.



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Name Susan Strafford

Date Friday, October 7, 2022

Board Position Umpire in Chief

Committees Chaired/Served and Activity LTD - mostly to ensure the rules were enforceable.

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations U15C provincials - well run tournament by North Van minor girls
 Boys provincials - well attended and good effort by Merritt as first time hosts
 C/D Women's - UIC - Would like to have more teams
 C/D Men's - great turnout of teams and everyone seems to have had a good time.
 U17B provincials - stopped by to visit and see the umpires
 U19B provincials - stopped by to visit and see the umpires
 Int A/Sr B - stopped by to visit and see the umpires
 U19 Women's Western - worked a game with my Mentee - and to say hi to the umpires

Additional Information I am thrilled to announce Shawn Brandt was successful in achieving his Level IV at the U19 Women's and Shawn Miller was awarded his Level V at the Men's slo pitch championships. Congratulations to both.

All umpires represented BC well at all Canadian Championships continuing our history of excellence!

Goals for 2023 While we increased slightly from the prior year, 2023 is going to be another year of recruitment and retention. We have several ideas to be discussed about growing our umpire base, having a path for those wanting to advance and keeping the umpires we have. This will take all of Softball BC!



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Name	Terri Boizard
Date	Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Board Position	Men's and Women's Director
Committees Chaired/Served and Activity	<p>Men's and Women's Advisory Council - Chair Streamlined the handbook to better reflect the men's game being played today and to encourage growth with men and boys throughout the province. Encouraged growth in District 2 with new women's teams as well as supporting Nanaimo to host the Women's C and D provincials.</p> <p>Championship Review Committee - Member Took notes and created new Provincial, Regional and Celebration applications and host agreements. The Committee sent recommendations to improve the overall experience at Championships for both minor and men's and women's teams.</p> <p>Slo-pitch Committee - Director (Chair Bobbie-Joe Delorme) Created recommendations for the slo-pitch section of the Softball BC Handbook for all categories (men's, mixed and women's) (elite, intermediate and recreational) Successfully ran a Provincial for both women's and men's A level Attended the Slo-pitch Canadians at Softball City (Gold - SIS Adrenaline (Women) and Silver - BusDrivers (Men)</p> <p>Men's Task Group - Chair (Rich Haldane will take over effective immediately) Increased men's membership and saw growth in many areas of the province in the men's teams including the Lower Mainland, Prince George, Vanderhoof, Sunshine Coast, Parksville and Ashcroft. Successfully hosted Men's Masters Provincials (5 teams) as well as Men's B and Inter A (18 teams).</p>

Supported discussions with Softball City to successfully bid on Men's and Master's National Championships for 2023 and ISC's for 2024.

Events Attended on Behalf of Softball BC with General Comments and Observations

Men's Masters Provincial (Kelowna) - great venue with a pure softball experience at King Stadium embraced by both teams and fans. Lea Kunz and his team of groundskeepers keep this park impeccable and it should be seen by all to experience the sheer beauty of it.

Canada Cup - a super city of volunteers bring this event to fruition - job well done!

Men's and Women's Slo-pitch Canadians - Our local teams did amazing with a gold in the women's and a silver in the men's .

Recommend that Softball BC have more participation in Canadians moving forward with a more strong presence.

Women's C and D Provincials - McGirr Field is also a solid complex that Softball BC could be using for events.

Men's B and Inter A Provincial - 18 men's teams was unprecedented and there are opportunities for even more growth. Thank you to Softball City for hosting this event and congratulations on winning the bids for both Men's and Masters Canadians in 2023 and the ISC's in 2024. We have much to celebrate!!

Additional Information

As I leave the position of Men's and Women's Director I reflect on what has transpired and I thank all of you who have mentored and helped me since I joined the board three years ago. While they have been some of the hardest times, they have certainly also been some of the best and I look forward to moving to a new position with Softball BC and continuing to work hard to improve all levels of the game by listening and taking the right steps to expose and grow our game for all corners of our province to enjoy.

Goals for 2023

Goals for the Men's and Women's Program:

1. The succession plan for the men's game is to encourage U13 boys and U23 men's events. Pitching support in the smaller rural communities to give all levels the structure they need to build teams.
2. The women's A program has not seen growth, recommend a Task Group to focus research on an idea that has been brought forward of an Elite/Premier league that plays in different locations around the province.
3. Slo-pitch - offer a provincial at a recreational level to measure success and bring in feedback.