



## British Columbia Minor Baseball Association

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Girls Baseball - Challenger Baseball

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### **BCMBA Monthly BoD Meeting - Meeting**

Tuesday, 4 February · 7:00 PM

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/kgq-zrij-cff>

Or dial: (CA) +1 226-315-4560 PIN: 977 041 174#

**Call to Order:** 7:01 pm

**Attendance:** R. Puri, R. Hall, A. Mckearney, A. Hayes, D. Hodgens, T. Matthews, L. Hotell, E. Hope, D. Harrington, T. BaKer-Cornett, N. Dhaliwal, J. Brown, A. Forman, A. Wong de-Leon, C. Giesbrecht, D. Lacasse, J. Humber, M. van-der-Loos

**Absent:** M. Hall, V. Greenwood

**Administrative Director:** James Raymond

**Presidents Opening Remarks:**

- **Acknowledgement -**

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that I'm opening this meeting today from Surrey which is located on the traditional lands of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo First Nations and other Coast Salish peoples who have been the stewards of this land since time and immemorial.

I also acknowledge today that our Board members are located on the traditional lands of other First Nation Peoples throughout the province. We thank them for allowing us to meet, play, and learn together on their territory.

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- a motion was made to add the potential addition of new board members to the agenda

**Adoption of Agenda:**

- **Motion to adopt agenda:**
  - **Motioned:**
  - **Seconded:**
  - **M/S/**

- January 2025 BoD Meeting
  - Motioned: D. Hodgens
  - Seconded: T. Baker-Cornett
  
- Corrections to the minutes
  1. the operating budget was not presented at the previous meeting and therefore, could not have been adopted
  2. Thurman Matthews is from SOMBA not COMBA
  - **M/S/Carried with corrections**
  
- **New Board Members:**
  1. Raj announced three (3) openings on the board due to members stepping down.
  2. Ryan introduced three (3) potential candidates:

Liam Rihela from Kamloops

Thurman Matthews from SOMBA

Bradley Christensen-Barker - recommended from Ridge Meadows

Motion: R. Hall / D. Harrington

Motion to accept Liam Rihela, Thurman Matthews and Bradley Christensen- Barker as new board members

M/S/Carried

Raj emphasized that the need for new members to actively contribute to the board's work  
 The board discussed the terms and potential issues with new members  
 Raj clarified the process for bringing new members onto the board  
 The motion was carried and the new members welcomed to the board  
 The executive committee will meet to assign duties to the new members

**Correspondence: was related to planning for the upcoming season and the coaches' conference**

Secretary - Val Greenwood

1. Darryl Tham - Vancouver - luncheon guests
2. Kathy Tran - player release - forwarded to Neal
3. Scott Mackenzie - Baseball BC - pictures for female award winners
4. Darren - Winners Circle - clarification on award winners
5. Daryle Assman - John Main inquiry - forwarded to Abigail
6. Vanessa Peters - Abbotsford - inquiry on lunch at coaches conference
7. Sandman - contract for March 8 meeting - forwarded to Anne
8. Troy Hertz - Winner's Circle - confirmation of order
9. Darryl Tham - Vancouver - re: Coquitlam Little League
10. Sam Bowerman - Saanich Sports Fields - looking for numbers playing - forwarded to Anne

11. John - looking for Vancouver Island teams - forwarded him to Greater Victoria
12. Bea Tob - Howe Sound - adding to insurance certificate - forwarded to James/Anne
13. Mike Jones - looking for a league at 14U - directed him to Vancouver
14. Scott Mackenzie - awards for girls to Val
15. Kyle Ryan - looking for when course registration for NCCP will open
16. Paul Goumans - North Delta - accepting invitation to Coaches Luncheon
- 17. Executive Rosters:** Ladysmith, Great Victoria, Salmon Arm, Golden, South Burnaby
18. Raine Padgham - accepting invitation to Coaches Luncheon
19. Jamie Slater - declining invitation to Coaches Luncheon due to conflict
20. Scott Leir - accepting invitation to Coaches Luncheon
21. Matt - North Delta - forwarding contact info for coaches
22. Aldean Albrecht - looking for HP team in Kelowna - forwarded him to President COMBA
23. Scott Mackenzie - Baseball BC - bios for the girls
24. Kyle Ryan looking for NCCP log in
25. Kyle Ryan - found log in
26. Chris Rohrer - 7Gen Clothing - uniforms - forwarded to marketing
27. Danica Ferguson - looking for dates of 18U AAA - forwarded to Anne
28. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - 2025 Western Hosts
29. Scott Leir - SOMBA - updating email - [president@sombatigers.com](mailto:president@sombatigers.com)
30. Joelle Pare - Sports Canada - Survey information - forwarded to Raj and James
31. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - Baseball Canada changes - Nationals
32. Dieter Delloch - Tri City programing
33. Tracy Telford - issues to using Umpire in "Chief" - wants it changed
34. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - High Performance Pathways
35. Kyle Williams - Baseball BC - Updated Safe Sport Policies
36. Don Gorman - NovaSport Promotional Products - forwarded to marketing
37. Kevin Read - Howe Sound - Rule book referencing rule 8.08 - Marty v. to look at it

#### Outgoing:

1. Raj to Darryl - forwarded to Abigail
2. James to presidents - Coaches conference schedule
3. Raj to Darryl Tham - re: Coquitlam Little League
4. Anne to Sam Bowerman - re Saanich
5. James to presidents - Girls Baseball Clinic at the coaches conference
6. James to presidents - HP player sessions schedule
7. Abigail to Darryl Tham - re: coach of the year
8. Val to Troy at Winner's Circle - order for awards
9. James to presidents - reminder for the conference
10. James to HP players - reminder for the conference
11. Raj to Kyle Williams - thanks for the heads up on Western Hosts
12. James to presidents - advising rule book is now available
13. Raj to Tracy Telford - re: UIC - Umpire in Charge to be used

#### Business Arising from Minutes:

1. Items that were addressed under new business or specific divisions
2. Raj introduced the concept of a consents agenda to streamline the approval of reports

3. David Harrington suggested sending instructions on converting files to PDF
4. It was decided that reports should be submitted as attachments using a template

**Executive Reports:**

**President -Raj Puri**

- Format for Upcoming Meetings -adopt Consent Matters for Reports and focus on Strategic Plan
- 2025 Coaches Conference Debrief
- Caravan Planning
- 18UAA -Teams partnering with Little League
- Scholarships
- Updates From Baseball BC
  - CP Teams able to carry 3 Overage at Nationals
  - New Procedure for Hotel Booking at Nationals
  - Policy Updates for Discipline and SafeSport
  - Updated HP Pathways
  - 15U AA Qualifiers

**First VP - Ryan Hall**

**Second VP - Alan McKearney**

- Many tournaments are submitted to be posted on the website. these are up to date as of the end of last week

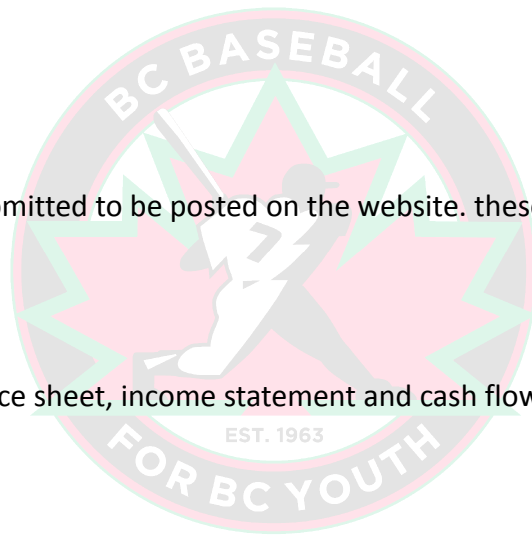
**Treasurer - Anne Hayes**

- Anne distributed the balance sheet, income statement and cash flow financials
- Financials
- As distributed
  - Motioned: A. Forman
  - Seconded: N. Dhaliwal
  - M/S/Carried
  - Operating Budget - Raj stated that the operating budget needed approval
  - Motioned: D. Hodgins
  - Seconded: T. Baker-Cornett
  - M/S/Carried

**Secretary - Val Greenwood**

- Outstanding Executive Rosters
 

Abbotsford	Nanaimo	Tsawwassen
Agassiz	Nelson	
South Burnaby	Newton	



Campbell River	North Delta
Chilliwack	North Langley
Cloverdale	North Shuswap
Columbia Valley	Quesnel
Comox	Revelstoke
Creston Valley	Prince George
100 Mile House	Salmon Arm
Howe Sound	Sorrento
Kimberley	SOMBA
Ladner	Summerland
Mission	Sunshine Coast

- Directors - if one or more are your associations, please advise to send to me and Anne ASAP

#### **Administrative Director** - James Raymond

- See written report

#### **Committee Reports:**

- 1) **Rules Committee** - Ryan Hall(Chair), Abigail Wong-de Leon, David La Casse, Erik Hope
  - 2025 Rulebook - now up on the web
- 2) **Player Eligibility Committee** - Neal Dhaliwal(Chair), Marty van-der-Loos, Tina Baker-Cornett
  - See written report
- 3) **Discipline Committee** - Ryan Hall(Co-Chair), David Herrington(Co-Chair), Dan Hodgens, Erik Hope, Julie Brown
  - David - no report
  - Eric sought clarification on the definition of “severe” cases in the disciplinary policy
  - Raj explained that the policy outlines specific serious cases, which will be shared with the board
- 4) **Girls Baseball Committee** - Al Forman(Chair)
  - Al confirmed checking with Cheryl (Burnaby) regarding the Valkyries program
- 5) **Umpire Liaison Committee** - Alan McKearney(Chair), Raj Puri
  - Sean Sullivan is aware that ejection reports will be forwarded to the discipline committee
- 6) **High-Performance Committee** - Ryan Hall(Chair), Al Forman, Marty Hall, Chad Giesbrecht, David La Casse - non-voting members; 18U - Anne Hayes / 15U - Neal Dhaliwal, 13U - Marty Van-der-Loos

- Team BC ID and Development camp dates and locations:
- Team BC tournaments list:
- Team BC coach assignments:
- Updates on High Performance pathways and 15U qualifiers were provided
- Neal and Kyle are working on the qualifiers
- Ryan will have an HP committee meeting and plans to invite Liam and Thurman

7) **Boundary and Affiliation Committee** - Dan Hodgens(Chair)

- No Report

8) **Coaching Development/ NCCP Committee** - Alan McKearney(Chair), Mike Kelly, Anne Hayes(NCCP), Al Forman, David Herrington

- Alan - See written report
- Raj thanked everyone for their work on the coach's conference, noting the positive feedback
- Areas for improvement were discussed, including
  1. Incorporating on-field demonstrations with presenters
  2. improving the venue setup for better engagement
  3. Clarifying the criteria and selection process for awards

9) **2025 BCMBA Traveling Caravan**

- planning for the caravan is underway, pending confirmation from Brad Robinson

10) **Marketing Committee** - James Raymond(Chair), Ryan Hall, David Herrington, Erik Hope

- See written report

11) **Grassroots Committee** - Al Forman(Co-Chair), Julie Brown(Co-Chair)

- The grassroots report will be reviewed and Julie and Al will follow up

12) **Risk Management** - Ryan Hall(Chair)

13) **Challenger Baseball Liaison** - (Chair)

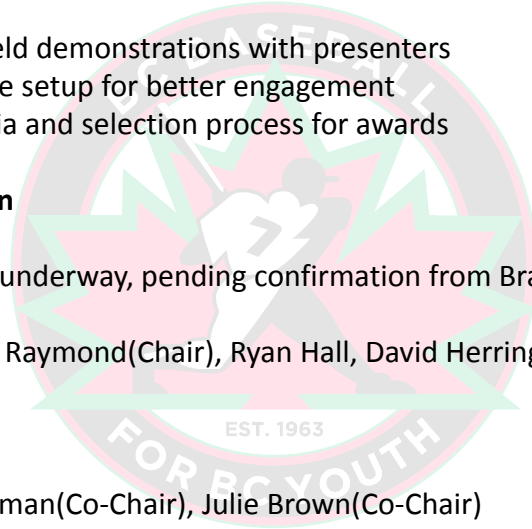
- Need a Chair to be assigned.

14) **Website Committee** - James Raymond(Co-Chair), David Herrington(Co-Chair), Alan McKearney, Anne Hayes

- See written report

15) **Human Resources Committee** -Chair Anne Hayes / Val Greenwood / Al Forman / Tina Baker-Cornett

16) **Awards Committee** - Val Greenwood(Chair), Mike Kelly, Al Forman, Marty van-der-Loos, Chad Giesbrecht



- Congratulations to all the award winners for 2024

17) **Scholarship Committee** - Abigail Wong-de Leon(Chair), Lyndsey Hotell, Dan Hodgens, Raj Puri

- Three (3) scholarship winners were announced and the funds were distributed

18) **Baseball BC Committee**

- Updates were provided on rules for college prep teams regarding overage players
- Updates on discipline and safe sport policies were shared including ViaSport taking over high-profile discipline cases

19) **Tournaments Coordinator** - Abigail Wong-de Leon(Chair), Jaymie Humber, Alan McKearney, Veronica Vankoughnett

- Abigail provided an update on tournaments

**Divisional Reports:**

a) **26U** - Dan Hodgens(Chair)

- No Report

b) **18U** - Anne Hayes(Chair)

- 18U teams partnering with Little League
  1. Raj communicated with Tri-Cities and Coquitlam Little League regarding 18U teams partnering with them
  2. Raj will share the communications with the board, emphasizing the importance of adhering to the registry guidelines
- see written report
  - **18U Selects**
  - **16U Selects**
- **18U College Prep** - Anne Hayes
  - Neal asked for clarification the the rule regarding 18U CP teams and overage players
  - Raj and Anne agreed to follow up the Kyle Williams to provide a clear answer
  - Raj clarified that overage players must be signed up to play in college prep and cannot play in both divisions
- **18U AAA** - David La Casse
  - Western Host - Winnipeg, Manitoba



- **18U AA** - Chad Giesbrecht
  - Western Host - St. Albert, Alberta
  - No Report

c) **15U** - Neal Dhaliwal(Chair) - See written report

- The board discussed the consequences for associations that violate the tiering rules
- James will send a memo to presidents regarding rosters and evaluations
- Follow-up is needed with Nanaimo to clarify their plans for summer play

- South Burnaby and Vancouver Minor Ball will merge at the 15U level

- **15U Selects**

- **15U AAA** - Neal Dhaliwal

Western Host - Saskatoon or a suburb - Saskatchewan  
See written report

- **15U AA** - Abigail Wong-de Leon

- Western Host St. Albert, Alberta
- See written report

- **15U A** - Veronica Vankoughnett

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d) **13U** - Marty van-der-Loos(Chair)

- **13U Selects**

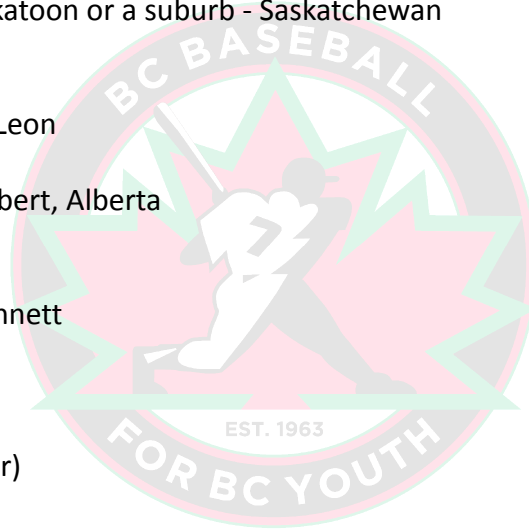
- Marty - Nanaimo is tiering at AA which violates the rules and a letter will be sent to the Presidents
- Marty requested confirmation on the number of 13U AA teams from Abbotsford, Richmond and Cloverdale
- All will confirm and follow up with a letter requesting rosters and evaluations

- **13U AAA** - Marty Hall

- Western Host - Chilliwack
- Association/Team declarations re being sent to chair and myself
- Victoria valuation confirmed for Saturday, February 8. Two BCMBA directors will be attending

- **13U AA** - Al Forman

- Western Host - St. Albert, Alberta



- No report
- **13U A** - Jon Aaron Hop Wo
- **13U John Main Tournament** - Marty van-der-Loos, Marty Hall
  - Host -

e) **11U** - Alan McKearney (Chair)

- No Report

f) **9U** Lyndsey Hotell (Chair)

- See written report

g) Island 1 - Tina Baker-Cornett

- 9U / 11U /13U
- No Report

h) Island 2 - Marty Hall

- 15U / 18U
- No Report

i) Interior 1 - Neal Dhaliwal

- 18U and 15U
- No Report

j) Interior 2 - David Herrington

- 9U, 11U and 13U
- No Report

k) Kootenays 1 - David La Casse

- No Report

l) Kootenays 2 - Julie Brown

No report

m) North - Veronica Vankoughnett

No Report



**New Business:**

- BCMBA Strategic Planning

- Provincial Championships
  - Hosts
    - 26U -
    - 18U AA - Vernon
    - 18U AAA - Ridge Meadows
    - College Prep - Trail
    - 15U AAA - Chilliwack
    - 15U AA -
    - 15U A - Oceanside
    - 13U AAA - Abbotsford
    - 13U AA -
      - Al provided an update on the 13U AA Championships
      - Victoria expressed interest in hosting tournament
    - 13U A East - Salmon Arm
    - 13U A West - Surrey
    - 11U AAA - Cloverdale
    - 11U AA - Richmond City
    - 11U A - North Delta
    - 10U -
  - BCMBA Directors in Charge (Onsite during the event) -

- Motion to move meeting “in camera”

Moved:  
 Seconded:  
 M/S/Carried

Motion to move meeting “out of camera”

Moved:  
 Seconded:  
 M.S/Carried

- Directors’ Apparel

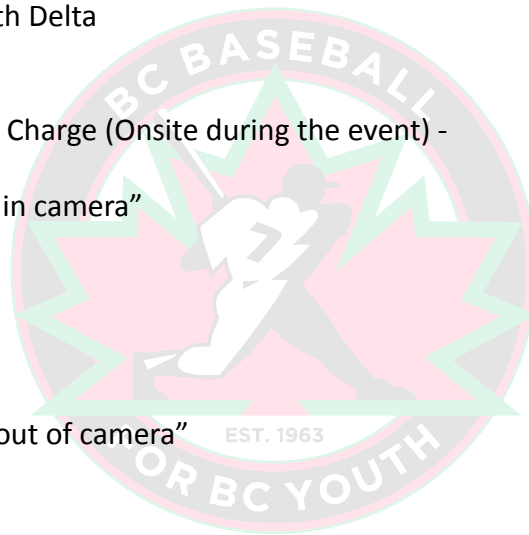
James will bring apparel to the March 08 meeting

**Board Presentation:**

- Marty will bring a board display to the March 08th meeting for review

**Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, March 8th, 2025, 10:00 AM - **IN PERSON at the Sandman Signature in Langley**



- **Members were asked to confirm their attendance and accommodation needs**

**Meeting Adjournment at: 8:28 pm**

- Motioned: A. Forman

