

2024 BC Senior Baseball AGM

Attendance: Jim Maniago- Secretary/Kootenays, Mike Kittleson-Victoria, Tyler Ulrich-Kamloops/AC interior, Sean Hotzak-Burnaby, Darren Honeysett-Coquitlam, Joey Sabo-Nanaimo/AC LMainland and Island, Jay Huggins-Nanaimo/President, Todd Russell-Kelowna, Cole Laviolette-PG.

Regrets: David Laing-treasurer.

1. *Called to Order:* 7:05pm, Zoom. Moved-Jay.

2. *Approval of Agenda:* moved to be accepted by Joey, 2nd-Mike

3. *Treasurer's Report:* Presented by Jay as David was not able to attend. The Association holds roughly 28,000 in the account. There seems to be some discrepancy here as last year was a break even season and there was approx. 14K starting the year. Jay plans to double check with David on the actual amount currently. Coq was given 3K to go to nationals and Kamloops was given 1800 for baseballs at provincials.

4. *Election of Officers:* nominating committee chair— Joey.

Commish- Joey nominates Jay, 2nd-Jeff, no other noms. Jay accepted

A/C L/M/Island- Jay nominates Joey, 2nd-Jeff, no others, Joey will accept

A/C Int.-Jay nominates Tyler, 2nd- Jeff, no others, Tyler accepted

Secr.- Jay nominates Jim M., 2nd-Jeff, no others, Jim accepted

Treas.- Jay nominated David, 2nd-Tyler, no others, David accepted prior to meeting

5. *2025 provincial championship host.*

-Nanaimo, Trail and Victoria each expressed interest. All gave input as to why the tournament would be a success. Votes went 4 to Trail (Trail, PG, Kelowna, Coq) and 4 to Victoria (Burnaby, Vic, Nanaimo, Kamloops). President breaks the tie for Victoria with the caveat that if Trail attends provincials in 2025 they will be the host in 2026. All agreed with that plan.

6. *Rule/bylaw changes:* It was explained that BBBC has put forward safesport rules which will be adopted this year. Changes can be made to fit BC Senior's needs on an as needed basis.

7. *League Fees:* All agreed to keep fees the same for 2025 which is \$500/team or \$2000/league. Jay motioned to increase provincial entry to \$500 and this will go to the host to help with umpire costs which are extremely high. Todd 2nd the motion and all were in favour.

8. *Financial Support for nationals.* Victoria will receive the same \$3000 to go to Regina as what Coquitlam received in 2024.

9. *Umpire costs.* Discussion around the high costs from umpires. BCBUA demands the tournament be 3/game. We've asked for 2/game in the round robin but to this point they have not agreed. If we want the best umpires and BCBUA's assistance we don't have much choice but to go along with their requests.

10. *Open Floor.*

-discussion that Cranbrook has shown interest in joining the league again.

-Tyler asked about players rostered on more than 1 roster which Jay said was not the case in 24.

-Tyler also brought up the concern about where teams are recruiting their players from and if players should stick to their region. It was explained that in the case of league play the players are expected to play with the team from that league but for independent teams the province is open as to where players can be from.

-discussion of having 'showcase' weekends where teams come together in central place to play games which would lead to a bigger schedule and make it easier to recruit college kids. It was mentioned how with all the WCBL teams it's becoming harder to keep players in the senior leagues.

11. Jay made the motion for adjournment at 7:54. 2nd by Joey.