



WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept 6th, 2022

Time: 8:00 PM

Place: Remote Conference Call - Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85818357875?pwd=NFdDeWZPUctQdlZNBVhYVTFQc2p4QT09>

Present: Randy McKinnon; Leo Connell; Heather Melenchuk; Bruce Ng; Rick Mirabelli; Jeff Lewis; Anne Marie Zemrau; Sheridan Abells; Jeff Scotland; Matt MacDonald; Raymond Wu; Debi Yakenchuk; Nevan Paul; Leif Sigurdson; Tim Dickert; Jordan Broatch; Kim Chastelaine; Ray Persaud

Chairperson: Randy McKinnon

Call To Order: 8:01 pm

- **Adoption of Minutes of May 4th, 2022, meeting**
 - **First:** Jeff S **Second:** Leif **Passed**

NEW BUSINESS

Coaches NCCP and Fines

WRSSBA has been fined as 8 of our postseason coaches did not have their NCCP certifications. Per BC Minor rules we were fined \$200 per coach, per offence. Next season it must be made clear to all coaches at the draft session that they must complete their certifications if they want to coach/asst coach during the summer season. Interviews to be conducted, even if only one candidate, to ensure the coaches understand the requirements for post season play.

Fall Ball

Registration is now open for fall ball. Fall teams will be insured and WRSSBA will supply balls for the teams. We will have approx. 60 players participating in the 9U, 11U and 13U divisions.

13U AAA Team

The WRSSBA 13U AAA summer team won the BC Minor provincial championship, which granted them a birth into the qualifying tournament for a chance to represent BC in the Western Canadian or National Championship. The team withdrew from the qualifying tournament and WRSSBA was fined for this infraction. In future, single seasons teams must be made aware, prior to the season, that it is a requirement to participate and follow the championships path(s).

Summer Ball Updates

9U: 2 teams, won our tournament, made finals in two other tournaments, each team participated in 3 tournaments

11U: 4 teams, 11U AAA TIER 1 team finished second place in their provincial group, 11U A finished

provincials with a 2 and 2 record, 11U AAA tier 2, and AA didn't qualify for provincials.

13U: 3 teams, AAA won provincials, AA did not qualify, A won provincials

15U: 2 teams, AA qualified for provincials, A team struggled/had a tough season

Roundtable

City: washroom issue at Laronde to be addressed in the off season; will explore a permanent structure.
Outfield at Laronde need to be leveled

Fall training: registration will open soon for sessions from mid-Oct-Xmas break

Rally Cap: Rally Cap Day was a great experience for coaches and players. Recommend 2 days of 5:00PM practices next year as 6:00 was too late for these young participants. Also recommend having all teams show up for games on the weekend and eliminate the skill station. Equipment was a challenge; room was a mess. Recommend bins and hooks for the various types of equipment that the teams will need, to keep it organized and coaches can use and return to proper bins when finished. Players did not bring their bats to games/practices. Will not supply one-per-player next year; players to share communal bats. Consider supplying medals for Rally Cap next year.

7U Update - We held our first "summer ball" for 2nd year Rally Cap kids this year and from speaking with some of the kids and parents who took part it was a big success and certainly a great way to help get these kids hooked on Baseball. I think for next year if we want to run it again the concern will be with finding a coach or two early in the season who might be willing to take it on. I imagine Kyle Dhanani won't be as interested next year as his son is moving on to Tadpole.

General comment - I believe it would help our association, with regards to summer ball, if our coaches were chosen earlier in the season. It would allow those coaches to watch for kids who may be a good fit for summer ball during their regular season games, as opposed to just picking the kids who did best at the try-out. I believe that would help us get in front of any parents who might be sour if their child wasn't selected.

13UA post season uniforms fit too large, some summer hats bled

Centennial batting cage project is on schedule. President to meet with new City of White Rock official to bring him up-to-date on project. Still require permits, early January to commence

Umpire shortage this season. Conflicts with umpires also playing and practicing with their teams and umpires working more lucrative jobs. Recruiting needs to be bolstered in 2nd year 11U division. 13 new umpires in 2022, need 25 new umpires next year to meet demand, pre-covid there were 65 umpires and this year we only had about 40 available. Our pay scale is competitive with other associations but need to consider higher pay or other incentives to attract and retain more umpires.

We have enough balls for next season

AGM tentatively scheduled for Sept 27th.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

Meeting Adjourned: 9:13 pm

First: Matt

2nd: Bruce

Accepted