



WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: Aug 31, 2025		Time: 8:30 pm	
Attendees: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Carriere <input type="checkbox"/> Randy McKinnon <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Lewis <input type="checkbox"/> Matt MacDonald <input type="checkbox"/> Al Ezaki <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Dalgetty <input type="checkbox"/> Laura Funk <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Funk <input type="checkbox"/> Jesse Findlay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Persaud <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Dhanani <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Dueck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kyle Nishi <input type="checkbox"/> Leif Sigurdson <input type="checkbox"/> Nevan Paul <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Stickney		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gabe Embley <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxanne Blake <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Gibson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shamus Rickerby <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Lauzon <input type="checkbox"/> Steph Mackenzie <input type="checkbox"/> Haley Workun <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ian Atkinson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacqueline Sandhu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Bondi Non-Voting <input type="checkbox"/> Steve Clayton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jordan Broatch <input type="checkbox"/> Howard Sandrel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheridan Abells <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heather Melenchuk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bruce Ng	
Meeting Chair: Michael Carriere			
Call to Order: 8:30			

Agenda Item	Discussion	Follow-up
1.o Adoption of previous month's minutes	Voted in to adopt once quorum was reached First: Michael Carriere Second: Ian Atkinson	
2.0 New Business	Summer Wrap Up 8U → had a great season, teams were well balanced and they participated in 3 tournaments. The 8U team seemed a bit behind other associations at the start, the time between the spring ending and summer starting did not allow for much practice with the slinger, and the summer rules prior to tournaments starting. 9U → Season went well with the first time having an interlock season. Had 3 tournaments as well as the interlock so they played most days of the season. One team participated in a tournament in the states. 9U also had a development team and they entered a tournament.	

	<p>11U → Overall all 4 teams had good seasons and all 4 teams made the final day of play. 11U AAA won provincials.</p> <p>13U → 13U AAA won provincials and the 13U AA Black & Teal both made provincials and 13U A did as well. 13U AA Black won two tournaments. The development team also went well.</p> <p>15U → 15U AA made it to the semi finals, 15U A did not make provincials. From the spring season, the interlock was not balanced across the associations; our WRSSBA teams were balanced but not so much at other associations.</p> <p>18U → no summer season but a few kids from WRSSBA went to play in a neighboring association. Will need to give more attention to this division as it continues to grow.</p>	
	<p>Fall Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall ball is ready to go with volunteer coaches at each division - Launch registration this evening - For the 15U group, Tritons tryouts are the first week of September and players who aren't selected to that team will be recommended to go play in WRSSBA. - 9U will have staged registration due to volunteer limitations 	
	<p>Fall/Winter Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue with the format of last year with having an invite-only advanced group and then an open beginner level - The 13U AA/AAA groups will run together with fundamentals, experienced and advanced (invite only) - 11U will also do fundamentals and advanced (invite only) - 15U AA will have a winter training program in Jan/Feb - There will be movement of players up/down who may have been registered for the wrong group - There will be paid coaches for the fall & winter training 	
	<p>Coach Selection AAA 13U & AA 15 & 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last year we did 13U AAA/15U AA selection in December and the 13U AA selection happened later which limited getting into the choice tournaments (ex. VOC, Best of the West). Given we select coaches later, can we survey the past season coaches to see what tournaments would be preferred for registration. - The new winter training will allow for more visibility of the players which will help coach selection for the rep teams which may mitigate the need to do earlier coach selection with the tournament choices being considered and more thorough coach selection through winter training 	
	<p>Director of Baseball Operations and Player development Role - Updated expectations for 2026</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jordan will stay on for another year for WRSSBA and he will provide more support to the single season teams to coordinate coaching support and hitting/pitching development - This will enhance the coaching support as well as player development and help prepare them for further play (ex. Tritons) 	
	AGM Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set Date, need to give 3 weeks' notice in Peace Arch News. Sated for Sept 24 @ 7:30 pm - Returning executive members – we know we will have vacancies at the uniform coordinator, umpire allocator for sure 	
	Season Wrap up Email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael has drafted an association wide email to highlight the successes of the season as well as various association highlights and contributions 	
	Umpire Allocation Review This season ran quite smoothly thanks to our outstanding team of umpires. We are fortunate to have such a large group of enthusiastic young officials who are consistently polite, courteous, and respectful. Special thanks to Sheridan for his ongoing dedication and mentorship — he continues to be an invaluable resource for our umpire team. For next year, a few operational reminders will help things run even better: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpire availability: We need to stress the importance of only requesting games they are actually available to work. This season, there were frequent situations where umpires requested games but then quickly declined due to other commitments (family events, personal games/practices, etc.). While occasional declines are unavoidable (e.g., rescheduled games), many could have been prevented. Reassigning games is time-consuming and often means reaching back out to those who were previously declined, many of whom have made other plans. • Coach communication: Coaches must give timely notice for game cancellations. We had several instances where umpires arrived for games that had been cancelled (rainouts or otherwise) without prior notice. Since umpires are still paid in these cases, this is an avoidable expense. 	
	Uniform & Merchandise Review Overall, the season was a success, with over \$46,000 in combined team and individual sales. Uniforms: New button-up jerseys received positive feedback. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring dry-fits saw mixed reviews — some liked choosing any team name, others preferred MLB team names. Everyone appreciated receiving a dry-fit to keep. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges arose with names and numbering due to teams not verifying sizes before sending orders to Dockstader, which created significant extra work. <p>Recommendation for 2026:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switch all house teams to Turbo Tees (successfully trialed by one 15U A house team and U8/U9 summer teams). Requires advance collection of names, numbers, and sizes before the season. Cost increase of \$3–\$5 per shirt over dry-fits, but savings in inventory management and reduced guesswork would offset this. First year would require purchasing extras for APs, late registrations, and exchanges. <p>Merchandise Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The merchandise role was larger than anticipated; recommend splitting the role into two positions. A self-serve pick-up system (e.g., lockers at the training centre) would greatly reduce back-and-forth communications and coordination for order pickups, exchanges, and returns. <p>Apparel Streamlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special requests caused delays and issues due to unpredictable manufacturer inventory. The store is stocked with items chosen for consistent availability and pricing — sticking to these selections will reduce complications. Recommendation for next year - hard rule on no custom items. 	
	<p>13U AAA Nationals Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are opportunities to follow along on a streaming service and Michael will send out the link 	
3.0 Old Business	<p>Indoor Facility Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground breaking is set for the last week of August! 	
<p>Meeting Adjourned at: 10:05 First: Second: Seamus</p>	<p>Next Meeting: AGM Sept 24, 2025 @ 7:30 pm</p>	