



**British Columbia Amateur Softball
Association**

2013

Annual General Meeting

Minutes

BCASA Annual General Meeting

Attendance

Board of Directors

President	Jackie Dugger
1 st Vice- President	Vacant
VP, Finance	Zeone Andrijaszyn
Director of Coaching	Ann Holmes
Senior Director	Jeannie Connors
Minor Director	Jake Dewitt
Member-at-Large	Rob Upton
Umpire-in-Chief	Bob Henning

Staff

Chief Operating Officer	Rick Benson
Executive Assistant	Lesley Rowe
Administrative Assistant	Linda Pavilionis
Program Coordinator	Jeana Boyd
Office Helper	Kennedy Hewer
General Manager/ Softball City	Murray Gage-Cole

Parliamentary Committee

David Harris
Daphne McMann
Wayne Cannon

Voting Delegates

District One

Senior Coordinator	Lori Skinner
Minor Coordinator	Katrina Bull
District UIC	Dan Walushka
Senior Men's FP	Sharon Gunter
Senior Women's FP	Steven Brossard
Minor Boys/Mixed	Al Beasley
Minor Girls/Mixed	Stan McKinlay

District Two

District UIC	Brad Scott (appointed)
Minor Boys/Mixed	Doug Cawthorne
Minor Girls/Mixed	Mike de Laronde

District Three

Minor Coordinator	Eric Kurpiela
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District Four

Senior Coordinator FP	Scott Channell
District UIC	William Watson (appointed)
Minor Girls/Mixed	Harvey Coxson

District Five

Minor Coordinator	Sharel Akizuki
District UIC	Susan Strafford (appointed)
Minor Girls/Mixed	Gary Kingman

District Six

Senior Coordinator FP	Suzy Parker
Minor Coordinator	Roxy Abernethy
District UIC	Patti Caldwell
Senior Men – FP	Craig Donaldson
Senior Women – FP	Brian Joe
Minor Boys/Mixed	Marshall Shields
Minor Girls/Mixed	Steve Smith

District Seven

Senior Coordinator – FP	Jeff Snowdon
Minor Coordinator	Lavaughn Larson
District UIC	Scott Stirling
Senior Men – FP	Lara Winbow
Senior Women – FP	Shelly Gardner
Minor Boys/Mixed	Murray Spier
Minor Girls/Mixed	Greg Timm

District Eight

Senior Coordinator – FP	Lynda Sigfusson
Minor Coordinator	Merv Sandrel
District UIC	Tom Prosser
Senior Men – FP	Gerry Dyson
Senior Women – FP	Deb Sigfusson
Minor Boys/Mixed	Harv Wiens
Minor Girls/Mixed	Deb Vinters

District Nine

Minor Coordinator	Joe Cutt
District UIC	Frank Driedger
Senior Women – FP	Lindsea Cutt
Minor Boys/Mixed	Carol Van Balkom
Minor Girls/Mixed	Paulette Quibell

District Ten

Minor Coordinator	Margaret MacDonald
District UIC	David Brewer
Senior Women – FP	Derek Hipwell
Minor Girls/Mixed	Connie Dewell

District Eleven

District UIC	Aaron Poulin (appointed)
Minor Boys/Mixed	Melody Romeo
Minor Girls/Mixed	Vina Neuman

District Twelve

Senior Coordinator	Barb McCracken
Minor Coordinator	Linda Hogh
District UIC	Carlyle Kreiger
Senior Women – FP	Marion Kreiger
Minor Boys/Mixed	Kevin McKenney
Minor Girls/Mixed	Mark Wendling

District Thirteen

Coordinator/MR & SR	Cal Hill
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District Fourteen

Senior Coordinator-FP	Diane MacPherson
Minor Coordinator	Chris Young
District UIC	Bill Yerdon
Senior Women-FP	Jim MacPherson
Minor Boys/Mixed	Brian Fewtrell
Minor Girls/Mixed	Marty Tilt

District Fifteen

Senior Coordinator-FP	Dan Coates
Minor Coordinator	Scott Wheatley
District UIC	Dan Young
Senior Women-FP	Chris Roper
Minor Girls/Mixed	Sandra Geboers

The 2013 Annual General Meeting was opened to registration at 9:00 am on Friday October 4, 2013 at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond, BC.

Individual meetings commenced at 9:00 am for Minors and Senior Fastpitch & Slo-Pitch and at 6:15 pm for Umpires.

At 1:00 pm there was an Information Session held for all District Representatives, Voting Delegates and General Members. This session included speakers Terry Clark from Real Board Solutions, 2016 ISF Women's World Championship Bid Committee, Derek Mayson from URStore.com, David Roeseler and Glen Granstrom from PoCo Minor Softball, Zeone Andrijaszyn presented the Annual Report and Steve White from Sport Savvy presented online registration.

Starting at 6:00 pm there were separate meetings held for Minor and Senior Coordinators. The individual meetings reconvened on Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. These meetings served as a forum for discussion on the circulated resolutions that pertain to each particular faction of Softball.

The Annual General Meeting was called to order on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at 1:15 pm by President Jackie Dugger.

President's Opening Remarks

We would like to thank you all for giving us your time away from home and families to attend this weekend to work on behalf of the business of B.C. Amateur Softball Association. There have been and will be many changes in the near future to the BCASA. We would like to thank you all for your patience as the current Board of Directors spent this past year working for the benefit of ALL the members. Doing things different Yes. Working outside the box with new ideas – Yes. Your Board of Directors are elected to do a job and that is to run the business, this is what they have done and did do to the best of their ability. You all are aware now that there has been and will be major changes to the structure of BCASA. The Directors have tried to do what they felt was in the best interest of all aspects of our Association.

We know that you all have worked hard to get different results in your Districts and feel your frustration as well. So we are starting right now right here on a new road to success.

To achieve change you've got to work smarter or may even different. So that is what your Directors have been doing this whole year. WE felt it was time for a change. There is a saying that I am sure you all know "Doing the same old things and expecting different results" – that is a definition of INSANITY. As well "If you always do what you have always done, you'll always get what you always got."

So the Directors decided that we were not going down that road again IT WAS TIME FOR A CHANGE. Over the weekend you have all learned of the many new things that have happened and what the directors are working to make happen.

Keep your faith in the BCASA for we are coming back bigger and stronger and we have already started- believe it.

It is now time to get on with the business of the 2013 AGM and make the decisions arrived here work for everyone

SOFTBALL B.C.

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTE: Any proceedings at this Annual General Meeting do not take effect until this meeting is officially concluded.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

‘TO AMEND THE SPECIAL OPERATING RULES’

OPERATING RULES: (Requires at least fifty (50%) percent majority of votes cast.
Abstentions not given negative vote).

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 1

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Chuck Westgard

Seconded by: Ted Birdsall

WHEREAS; Because of the wide competitive disparity between first and second year U14 players

AND WHEREAS; most teams wanting to attend Canadian Championships do not wish to attend Western Canadian Championships and vice versa

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 2 Section 2.4 a) Page 47 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“a) All teams expecting to participate in a Provincial Championship with the intent of continuing to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship must complete a “Letter of Intent” form and submit such form to the Softball BC office no later than June 1st, of the current playing year. U14 girls must indicate on the Letter of Intent that they are willing to attend both the Western Canadian and the Canadian Championship to be eligible to attend either event.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“...U14 Girls must indicate on the Letter of Intent if they are willing and able to attend

1. Western Canadian Championships OR
2. Canadian Championship OR
3. Both”

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 2

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Tracey Oye

Seconded by: Sandro Simicic

WHEREAS; there are so many teams that attend 'B' Provincials that do not put in their Letter of Intent for the Western Canadian Championships who are medal winning teams.

AND WHEREAS; A team who finishes lower in the standings or is given a few weeks' notice to put a team together to go to the Championship is financially penalized for not accepting.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 2.4 Section d) Page 48 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

"d) Minor Only: All teams that have submitted a Letter of Intent and Performance Bond are obligated to fulfill the commitment made in the Letter of Intent. Any team defaulting or failing to attend the respective championship will forfeit their Performance Bond."

ADD

"d) Minor Only: All teams that have submitted a Letter of Intent and Performance Bond are obligated to fulfill the commitment made in the Letter of Intent. Any team defaulting or failing to attend the respective championship will forfeit their Performance Bond. A team, who plays in a Provincial that leads to a Western Canadian Championship and has submitted their intent, will have the right to decline to go to the Championship without financial penalty if they place lower than 5th in their respective Provincial Championship."

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 3

Submitted by: District 10

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Susan Strafford

WHEREAS; Softball BC and its affiliated associations may suspend a member according to Article 6.

AND WHEREAS; there are no guidelines as to what a member may do during a suspension.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 6 Section Page 53 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD:

“6.10 When a member is suspended according to Article 6 they shall be considered a member not in good standing with Softball BC and therefore shall not have any direct contact with any member of their team or executive. If they are found to have had contact with any member of their team or executive they may be subject to further disciplinary action.”

AMENDMENT:

“6.10 When a member is suspended according to Article 6 they shall be considered a member not in good standing with Softball BC and lose all rights granted to a member in good standing. If they are found to have had contact with any member of their team or executive they may be subject to further disciplinary action.”

CARRIED

MOTION NO. 3 AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 4

Submitted by: District 10

Moved by: David Brewer Seconded by : Susan Strafford

WHEREAS; Article 6.4 c) ii) covers players and teams that may be suspended in regards to playing with or against a suspended player or team.

AND WHEREAS; Coaches may be suspended according to Article 6.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 6.4 Section c. ii) Page 52 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“c) ii) Knowingly playing with or against a player or team that is under suspension by an Association and/or League, Softball BC or Softball Canada.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“c) ii) Knowingly playing with or against a coach, player or team that is under suspension by an Association and/or League, Softball BC or Softball Canada.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 5

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Greg Timm

Seconded by: Lavaughn Larson

WHEREAS; With many competitive rep girls teams choosing not to sign a Letter of Intent to attend a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship if they qualify

AND WHEREAS; Teams which sign a Letter of Intent do not wish to advance to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship when they do not finish well at BC Championships

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

Article 12 Section 1 b) Page 56 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“b) Western Canadian Championships U18 ‘B’ Boys & Girls
U16 ‘A’ Boys & ‘B’ Girls
U14 ‘A’ Boys & Girls”

CHANGE TO READ:

“b) Western Canadian Championships U18 ‘B’ Boys & Girls
U16 ‘A’ Boys & ‘B’ Girls
U14 ‘A’ Boys & ‘B’ Girls”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 6

Submitted by: District 2

Moved by: Mike de Laronde

Seconded by: Doug Cawthorne

WHEREAS; Injuries to the face and head are not avoidable, however, the injury severity can be greatly reduced when a player wears protective equipment. The seriousness of injury and the long term results of concussion, facial reconstruction; permanent scarring should be taken as evidence that the provincial sport body needs to take a leadership role by mandating the use of face masks for players in the pitching position and those who play the corner infield. The use of composite bats has increased the speed and velocity of hit balls resulting in decreased reaction time and increase in injury risk.

AND WHEREAS; Softball BC and Softball Canada already make rules designed to improve safety as evidence by rules regarding batting helmets, catcher masks, double bases, running lines, footwear, bats, jewelry and umpire equipment, the addition of face masks demonstrates Softball BC's commitment to minor player safety.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12 Section 2 Page 57 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD:

“u) Pitchers and first and third base players must wear a protective mask designed to protect the face and forehead.”

AMENDMENT NO. 1: (M. de Laronde/R. Abernethy)

“u) Pitchers must wear a protective mask designed to protect the face and forehead, in U12. (Girls Only)

AMENDMENT NO.2 (M. de Laronde/A. Beasley)

“u) Pitcher must wear a protective mask designed to protect the face and forehead, in U12. (Girls Only). Failure to do so will result in removal from position.”

CARRIED

MOTION NO. 6 AS AMENDED: WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 7

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEARAS; Definitions and rules are covered in the Softball Canada Rulebook

AND WHEREAS; It is confusing to coaches, players and umpires as to which rule is to be used

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12 Section 2 a-s Page Number 57 of the Softball BC Handbook

Which currently deals with MINOR – DEFINITIONS

BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY

DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 8

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Lavaughn Larson

Seconded by: Greg Timm

WHEREAS; A one year trial was established to ensure that U19 boys could not participate in post provincial play in U18 categories in 2012

AND WHEREAS; The BC Boys Committee requests that this exception continue to the category structure chart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.2 Section t) i.e. *U19 Boys Page Number 59 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“*U19 BOYS: players born in 1994 are NOT eligible for post provincial play in U18 categories. ONE YEAR TRIAL ONLY.”

DELETE:

“ONE YEAR TRIAL ONLY”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Brian Fewtrell Seconded by: Chris Young

WHEREAS; dropping the rep age to U18 has impacted 2 year teams due to graduation and universities

AND WHEREAS; change the category structure chart from U18 to U19 – subject to Softball Canada Changing

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.2 Section - Page 58 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

Category	Age as of Midnight Dec.31 prev.yr	Born on or after	Ball	Pitching Distance		Baselines
				Boys	Girls	
U18	17 or 18	1995	12"	46'	43'	60'
U19C Girls	19	1994	12"		40'	60'
U19 Boys*	19	1994	12"	46'		60'
U16	15 or 16	1997	12"	42'	40'	60'
U14	13 or 14	1999	12"	40'	38'	60'
U12	11 or 12	2001	11"	35'	35'	55'
U10	9 or 10	2003	11"	30'	30'	45'

DELETE

'U18 17 or 18 1995 12" 46' 43' 60'"

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 9a

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Brian Fewtrell Seconded by: Chris Young

WHEREAS; Dropping the rep age to U18 has impacted 2 year teams due to graduation and universities

AND WHEREAS; change the category structure chart from U18 to U19
(subject to Softball Canada changing)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.2 Section - Page 58 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

Category	Age as of Midnight Dec.31 prev.yr	Born on or after	Ball	Pitching Distance		Baselines
				Boys	Girls	
U18	17 or 18	1995	12"	46'	43'	60'
U19C Girls	19	1994	12"		40'	60'
U19 Boys*	19	1994	12"	46'		60'
U16	15 or 16	1997	12"	42'	40'	60'
U14	13 or 14	1999	12"	40'	38'	60'
U12	11 or 12	2001	11"	35'	35'	55'
U10	9 or 10	2003	11"	30'	30'	45'

CHANGE TO READ:

Category	Age as of Midnight Dec.31 prev.yr	Born on or after	Ball	Pitching Distance		Baselines
				Boys	Girls	
U18	17 or 19	1994	12"	46'	43'	60'
U19C Girls	19	1994	12"		40'	60'
U19 Boys*	19	1994	12"	46'		60'
U16	15 or 16	1997	12"	42'	40'	60'
U14	13 or 14	1999	12"	40'	38'	60'
U12	11 or 12	2001	11"	35'	35'	55'
U10	9 or 10	2003	11"	30'	30'	45'

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 10

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: David Dowhaniuk

Seconded by: Brian Zwick

WHEREAS; The current registration model is outdated for the current practices in the sport

AND WHEREAS; Softball BC would benefit from phased annual registration deadlines

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.3 Section a) iv) Page 59 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“iv) Minor Final Registration Deadline: Softball BC Team Registration Forms in the minor categories must be received by the District Minor Coordinator or a Softball BC representative on or before midnight on June 1st of the current year.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“iv) Minor Final Registration Deadline: Minor Rep ‘A’ teams must register no later than December 31 of the previous year; Rep ‘B’ teams must register by March 31st, and ‘C’ level and house leagues teams must register by May 31.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 11

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by: Jake Dewitt

Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; In many areas of the Province, the distance between towns and smaller numbers of players makes it very difficult to form Rep Teams without harming House Leagues. When the best players, usually pitchers, want to challenge themselves and play at a higher classification, a whole team can be destroyed due to a lack of pitching and a shortage of players.

AND WHEREAS; We want to let kids play with their friends and give the more competitive players the option of playing at a higher level without harming their house teams.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.3 Section b. iv) Page 61 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“iv) Minor players may only register with one team in a current playing year.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“iv) Minor players may register with two different teams in a current playing year. A team may be formed in a higher classification (example: players from ‘C’ teams combine to form a ‘B’ team) if there is not a team registered in that classification already in the District. This team must be made up of players from at least 3 teams of a lower classification. Regular Softball BC registration fees will apply.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 12

Submitted by: District 12

Moved by: Mark Wendling

Seconded by: Walter Colk

WHEREAS; Teams are not being properly placed to their ability and associations are dictating where there teams will be placed

AND WHEREAS; Although teams might play in a “C/B” division they truly are a “B/A” team

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12 Section 3 c) xi

Page 64 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“xi) The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her District.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“ xi) The District Minor Coordinator has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that teams are properly classified within his or her District. As part of this obligation the District Minor Coordinator must review all exhibition games and tournaments attended by teams, both in and out of province. This review will be utilized to ensure proper placement of teams regardless of the league, and the wishes of the team, and/or

association. It is incumbent on the District Minor Coordinator to ensure this process is followed to ensure provincials are a competitive tournament.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 13

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by Lavaughn Larson

Seconded by: Scott Stirling

WHEREAS; Some teams only insure and pay dues for one coach on the team registration certificate and all teams in Districts and Provincials have to have at least two coaches

AND WHEREAS; It is not permitted to have a coach on the field who has not paid dues or is not insured

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.3 Section c) v) Page 62 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“v) Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball BC Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball BC unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship.”

ADD

“v) Teams registered must have an appropriate NCCP level coach listed on the Softball BC Team Registration form at the time of registration with Softball BC unless an exemption is granted due to reclassification. Failure to do so will make the team ineligible for participation in any Softball BC Provincial Championship. Teams that are eligible to participate in District Playoffs or the U12 Regional Championship or a Provincial must have a minimum of two (2) coaches registered with the team.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 14

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by: Jake Dewitt

Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; Players are allowed to play in more than one Provincial Championship in every category except Minor Girls

AND WHEREAS; this makes the rule equal for all members

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.4 Section b) ii) Page 66 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“ii) To be eligible, a pick-up player must be registered on an appropriately classified team within the District of the team picking them up, and must not have participated in any other Provincial Championship in the same year.”

DELETE

“and must not have participated in any other Provincial Championship in the same year.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 15

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by: Jake Dewitt Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; Players are allowed to play in more than one Provincial Championship to every category except Minor Girls

AND WHEREAS; this makes the rule equal for all members

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.4 Section b) ix) Page 67 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“ix) Players, including pick-ups, will not be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year. Exception: Players registered on a Minor Mixed Orthodox team may also register on a team in a Minor Fastpitch category and are eligible to participate in each respective Provincial Championship. Pick-up players for each method of pitch shall only be eligible if registered in the particular method of pitch. NO CROSSOVER PICK-UPS. “

CHANGE TO READ:

“ix) Players, including pick-ups, will be allowed to participate in more than one Minor Provincial in the same year. Players registered on a Minor Mixed Orthodox.....NO CROSSOVER PICK-UPS.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 16

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Brian Fewtrell Seconded by: Chris Young

WHEREAS; Reinstatement cross boundary rules for the ‘A’ division. As the player movements is breaking down community teams and the movement from one year to the next is a negative for softball as there is no loyalty to a community team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.6 Section a) i) and iv) Page 68 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“a) i) players wishing to play on any U14 through U18 ‘A’ classification team. (i.e. With the exception of conformity with 12.6 (a) iv as detailed below, all players trying out, participating with or registering on teams at the U14A, U16A and U18A categories are not subject to any portion of the Cross Boundary Rule.)”

“a) iv) players in the ‘A’ classification who wish to play out of District pursuant to (i) above shall provide a courtesy letter to their District home association and the Cross Boundary Committee in care of Softball BC outlining their intention.”

DELETE

Sections i) and iv)

AMENDMENT: (B. Fewtrell/C. Young)

“Delete Sections i) and iv), effective 2015”

DEFEATED

MOTION NO. 17 - DEFEATED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 17

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Brian Fewtrell Seconded by: Chris Young

WHEREAS; Allow a max of 5 cross boundary players on a team.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.6 Section E Page 69 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“e) Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the District pursuant to a Cross Boundary Permit shall not at any time have more than three (3) Cross Boundary players registered on that team. Exception: Teams registered prior to 1999 and remaining intact until the conclusion of the team’s minor registration. At no time will that team be allowed to register any additional Cross Boundary players unless the number drops below three (3).”

CHANGE TO READ:

“e) Effective 2015: Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the District pursuant to a Cross Boundary Permit shall not at any time have more than five (5) Cross Boundary players registered on that team. Exception: Teams registered prior to 1999 and remaining intact until the conclusion of the team’s minor registration. At no time will that team be allowed to register any additional Cross Boundary players unless the number drops below three (3).”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 18

Submitted by: District 7

Moved by: Murray Spier Seconded by: Lavaughn Larson

WHEREAS; with the decline in registration numbers everywhere, particularly at the midget age, it is becoming more difficult to keep teams together at the U18 age

AND WHEREAS; in order to help increase the number of players and teams at this level, an increase in cross boundaries per U18B teams from three (3) currently to five (5) will allow more teams to continue to be viable

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.6 Section e) Page 69 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“e) Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the District pursuant to a Cross Boundary Permit shall not at any time have more than three (3) Cross Boundary players registered on that team. Exception: Teams registered prior to 1999 and remaining intact until the conclusion of the team’s minor registration. At not time will that team be allowed to register any additional Cross Boundary players unless the number drops below three (3).”

ADD:

“e) Any team or association accepting registration of players from outside the District pursuant to a Cross Boundary Permit shall not at any time have more than three (3) Cross Boundary players registered on that team. Exception: Teams registered prior to 1999 and remaining intact until the conclusion of the team’s minor registration. At no time will that team be allowed to register any additional Cross Boundary players unless the number drops below three (3). EXCEPTION: THE NUMBER OF CROSS BOUNDARIES PERMITTED FOR U18B TEAMS, ONLY, IS CHANGED TO FIVE (5) PER TEAM.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 19

Submitted by: District 12

Moved by: Mark Wendling

Seconded by: Walter Colk

WHEREAS; The U12C Girls Regional Championship is meant to be all inclusive and fun

AND WHEREAS; Players and entire teams are allowed to play in the Regional C and Provincial B or A Championship

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12 Section 9 g) Page 75 of the Softball BC Handbook

Which currently deals with Eligibility

ADD

“The U12 Girls Regional Championship is considered to be a provincial event and all eligibility rules apply as such. (i.e. team and player allowance currently limited to one provincial championship tournament)”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 20

Submitted by: District 8

Moved by: Ray Blanchette Seconded by: Merv Sandrel

WHEREAS;

AND WHEREAS: Puts us in-line with the ISF rules.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12 Section 9 a) (viii) (a) Page 72 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“a) The fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect in both the round robin and Knockout Championship Draw finals after 2 ½, 3, 3 ½, or 4 complete innings of play if there is a run difference of fifteen (15) or more runs;”

CHANGE TO READ:

“a) The ten (10) run rule will be in effect in both the round robin and Knockout Championship Draw finals after 2 ½, 3, 3 ½, or 4 complete innings of play if there is a run difference of ten (10) or more runs.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 21

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by: Jake Dewitt Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; The pitching rule for U12C and U14C is not clear and this change will clarify the rule and be the same as Softball Canada and Western Canada Softball Association rules.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.9 Section d) Page 73 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“d) In the U12 starting in 2012, and U14, starting in 2013, categories (both boys and girls) pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 3 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning).”

CHANGE TO READ:

“d) In the U12C and U14C categories (both boys and girls), pitchers will be limited to a maximum of 4 innings per game (one pitch is considered an inning).”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 22

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Chris Young

Seconded by: Brian Fewtrell

WHEREAS; There is no advantage to speed up games or finish in time allotted when games have to be played out 4 1/2 to 5 innings.

AND WHEREAS; This motion was placed in to avoid extra innings and save time – it has not had any savings in time

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.9 Section A (ix) Page 72 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“ix) All ties are to be broken by extra innings. The Tie Breaking Rule shall start at the top of the 8th inning or when time has expired. The Tie Break Rule shall be applied in all games except the final game. EXCEPTION: Ties will not be broken in Round Robin.”

DELETE:

“EXCEPTION: Ties will not be broken in Round Robin.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 23

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by Jake Dewitt

Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; In an effort to enhance Provincial Championships for all participants and include more teams in the playoff round

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 12.9 Section d i) Page 75 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“i) Teams will be seeded after round robin as per 12.9 c). Top 8 will play in the Gold Division, with the bottom 8 (or less if less than 16 teams), playing in the Silver Division. Both playoff divisions shall be single knockout, see Annex ‘J’. Each division will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“ U12B Girls and U14B and U14C Girls

- i) Teams will be seeded in the Silver Division. Gold Division playoffs shall be double knockout. See Annex ‘B’. Silver Division playoffs shall be single knockout, See Annex ‘J’. Each division will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals. Four diamonds will be needed to complete championship playoffs.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 24

Submitted by: District 1

Moved by: Lori Skinner

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; Teams winning the category leading to a Western or Canadian Championship in the current year will automatically qualify for the next years Western or Canadian Championship

AND WHEREAS; We want to be consistent with all Senior Categories

AND WHEREAS; Senior A Women leads to a Canadian Championship and Senior B to a Western, we want to give all eligible teams a year to fundraise.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 14.1 Section j) Page 80 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“j) Teams winning the category leading to a Western or Canadian Championship in the current year will automatically qualify for the next year’s Western or Canadian Championship. Must have 7 returning players. A Letter of Intent and accompanying fees must be filed by June 1st as per Article 2.4. EXCEPTION: Senior A Women.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“j) The highest finishing team in the Senior A Women’s category eligible to attend the Western Canadian Championship shall be given an automatic berth into the next years Western Canadian Championship. Must have 7 returning players. A Letter of Intent and accompanying fees must be filed by June 1st as per Article 2.4. EXCEPTION: Senior A Women.”

AMENDMENT: (L. Skinner/D. Brewer)

“j) The highest finishing team in the Senior A Women’s category eligible to attend the Western OR Canadian Championship shall be given an automatic berth into the next years Western OR Canadian Championship. Must have 7 returning players. A Letter of Intent and accompanying fees must be filed by June 1st as per Article 2.4. EXCEPTION: Senior A Women.”

CARRIED
MOTION NO. 25 AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 25

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; Footwear is covered in the Softball Canada Rulebook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 14 Section 2 Page 80 of the Softball BC Handbook

BE DELETED in its entirety.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 26

Submitted by: District 14

Moved by: Brian Fewtrell

Seconded by: Chris Young

WHEREAS; The Junior Age of U21 did not enhance the Junior Division

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 14.9 Section a i) and ii) Page 89 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“a) i) U21 Fastpitch Age: Under 23 years of age as of 12 midnight December 31st of the previous year

ii) U21 C Women’s pitching distance be forty feet (40’).”

CHANGE TO READ:

“a) i) U23 Fastpitch Age....”

Change all other reference to U23.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 27

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; The Designated Runner rule is covered in the Softball Canada Rulebook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 14 Section 10 g) Page 90 of the Softball BC Handbook

BE DELETED in its entirety

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 28

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; the only difference in the rules is pitching and all other rules are covered in the Softball Canada Rulebook
AND WHEREAS; the pitching rule is covered in the Softball Canada Rulebook

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

Article 14 Section 12 Page 90 of the Softball BC Handbook

Which deals with ORTHODOX PITCH SOFTBALL PLAYING RULES

BE DELETED in its entirety and renumber.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 29

Submitted by: District 9

Moved by: Jake Dewitt Seconded by: Ann Holmes

WHEREAS; To reflect the increase in umpire costs because of added number of games in playoff round from U12B, U14B, and U14C Girls Provincial Championships

AND WHEREAS; the increased cost will be \$25 per team, bringing the entry fee to \$295.00

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16 Section 2 Page 100 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY READS:

“Senior Women FP \$370.00	Minor \$270.00
Senior MEN FP \$220.00	Mixed Ortho \$320.00”

CHANGE TO READ:

“Senior Women FP \$370.00	Minor \$270.00
	*Girls U12B, U14B, U14C \$295.00

Senior MEN FP \$220.00	Mixed Ortho \$320.00”
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CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 30

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

WHEREAS; Article 16.2 c) does not allow for any funds from teams to go to the host committee to cover expenses and very few associations come forward to host these provincials.

AND WHEREAS; it is unlikely that eliminating the prize money would cause any teams not to attend provincials

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16.2 Section c) Page 101 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“c) At all SENIOR WOMEN FASTPITCH Provincial Championships, \$50.00 per team from entry fees will go to the hosting committee to be disbursed as expense money for the Provincial Championship. Breakdown as follows: 1st place receives 50%, 2nd place receives 30%, and 3rd place receives 20%.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“c) At all Senior Women Fastpitch Provincial Championships, \$50 per team from entry fees is allocated to the host association to offset costs relating to the championship. No prize money is disbursed to teams.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 31

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Brian Joe

Seconded by: Suzy Parker

WHEREAS; Junior A provincial had three teams in 2012 and no provincial in 2011

AND WHEREAS; Junior B had five teams in 2012 and three teams in 2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16.3 Section a) Page 102 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“a) There will not be a Provincial Championship if there is only one team registered in that category.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“a) There will not be a Provincial Championship if there are four or fewer teams registered for provincials in that category. Exception: Minor.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 32

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; uniforms are covered in the Softball Canada rule book

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16 Section 6 a-g Page 105 of the Softball BC Handbook

Which deals with UNIFORMS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

BE DELETED in its entirety and renumber h-l.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 33

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; helmets are covered in the Softball Canada rulebook

AND WHEREAS; it does not need to be stated in the Softball BC Handbook

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 16 Section 7 Page 106 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH DEALS with Approved Helmets (batting and running) Fast Pitch and Slo-Pitch

BE DELETED in its entirety

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 34

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

Seconded by: Jake Dewitt

WHEREAS; Hosting minor provincials receives a grant of \$62.50 per team to offset costs such as user fees based on criteria being met

AND WHEREAS; There is no option of paying a partial grant should some conditions be met, or losses be minimal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 17 Section 11 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“17.11 Softball BC will supply \$62.50 per team (minor only) per provincial, provided that all requirements of the ‘Accountable Grant Application Form for Provincial Championships’ have been fulfilled.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“17.11 Softball BC will pay for incremental field user fees charged by municipalities, cities or regional districts up to \$62.50 per team or \$1,000.00, whichever is less, upon receipt of proof of payment.”

AMENDMENT: (Z. ANDRIJASZYN/R. UPTON)

“17.11 Softball BC will pay for incremental field user fees charged by municipalities, cities or regional districts up to \$62.50 per team or \$1,000.00, whichever is less, upon receipt of proof of payment. MINOR ONLY”

CARRIED
MOTION NO. 35 AS AMENDED: CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 35

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

Seconded by: Jake Dewitt

WHEREAS; Softball BC promotes the initiatives of associations to bid for Canadian Championships but do not want the host to suffer financial loss in doing so

AND WHEREAS; Many Canadian Championships generate profit which remains with the host at the conclusion of the event

BE IT RESOVLED THAT:

Article 18 Section 4 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“18.4 For Canadian Championships: Softball BC will supply \$2,500.00 to the Host association to cover costs.”

CHANGE TO READ:

“18.4 Softball BC will, upon receipts of a financial statement from the host, supply a maximum of \$2,500.00 should the host report a loss. The grant will be prorated based on the amount of loss, as determined by the Softball BC Director.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 36

Submitted by: Board of Directors

Moved by: Zeone Andrijaszyn Seconded by: Jeannie Connors

WHEREAS; Article 18 – WESTERN/CANADIAN BIDS: the handbook article states that a host will receive a hosting grant from Softball BC to host a Canadian Championship. There is no mention that SBBC will also give a hosting grant to host a Western Canadian Championship – but has been policy previously.

AND WHEREAS; this needs to be added to the handbook for consistency

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 18 Section Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD

“18.5 For Western Canadian Championships: Softball BC will supply a \$1,500.00 Hosting Grant. (Grants are \$750.00 for Male and \$750.00 for Female categories. If one category is not held then only one \$750.00 grant will be awarded for the remaining category).”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 37

Submitted by: District 10

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Lori Skinner

WHEREAS; Softball BC supplies \$2500.00 to the host association costs with a Canadian Championship

AND WHEREAS; the host of a WCSA Championship does not receive funds from Softball BC to cover costs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 18 Section 5 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD

“.....for WCSA Championships: Softball BC will supply \$1500.00 to the host association to cover costs.”

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 38

Submitted by: District 10

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Lori Skinner

WHEREAS; Each P/T is required to send an umpire to each WCSA championship they send a team to

AND WHEREAS; When a P/T does not send an umpire they are assessed a \$500 penalty that is sent to Softball BC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 18 Section 6 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD

“18.6 The full \$500.00 penalty be sent to the host association to cover costs associated with officials.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 39

Submitted by: District 10

Moved by: David Brewer

Seconded by: Lori Skinner

WHEREAS; when a Province or Territory withdraws a team after June 15th of the current year they are assessed a \$500 penalty

AND WHEREAS; The penalty is split by the hosting P/T and the WCSA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 18 Section 6 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

ADD

“18.6 the full penalty received by Softball BC from the WCSA be forwarded to the host association to cover costs.”

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 40

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; the protest procedure is covered in the Softball Canada rule book

AND WHEREAS; the handbook has the exact wording

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 19 Section 1-3 Page 110 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH DEALS WITH Game Protests (Non-Provincial Championship)

BE DELETED in its entirety

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 41

Submitted by: District 6

Moved by: Susan Strafford

Seconded by: David Brewer

WHEREAS; the protest procedure is covered in the Softball Canada rule book

AND WHEREAS; the handbook has the exact wording

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 19 Section 5-6 Page 111 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“19.5 A written appeal of a District or Regional play-down game directed to the Softball BC Director in Charge, must be filed within 48 hours after the scheduled time of the contest and shall contain the following information:

- a) The date, time and place of the game.
- b) The names of the umpires and scorer.
- c) The rule and section of the Official Rules or local rules under which the protest is made.
- d) The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision.
- e) All essential facts involved in the matter protested.

19.6 The decision made on a protested game must result in one of the following:

- a) The protest is found invalid and the game score stands as played.
- b) When a protest is allowed for misrepresentation for a playing rule, the game is replayed from the point at which the incorrect decision was made with the decision corrected.
- c) When a protest for ineligibility is allowed, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team.”

BE DELETED in its entirety.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 42

Submitted by: District 2

Moved by: Mike de Laronde Seconded by: Mike Benker

WHEREAS; Article 22.11 describes recipients eligible to receive funding to travel to the Westerns or Canadians as the highest finishing teams from the Provincial Championships. This operating rule does not take into account that teams in the Lower Mainland do not have to incur as great a financial burden in order to be competitive, and their fund raising efforts are not as onerous as others from outside the Lower Mainland.

AND WHEREAS; funds should be allocated on the basis of a demonstrated financial need, based on defined that would include a submission of team operating budget prior to allocation of funds.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Article 21.11 Part b) iv) Page 116 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“iv) The highest finishing team from the Provincial Championship travelling to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship is eligible to receive the travel funding. The amount of travel one way must be equal to or greater than 400 kilometers to be eligible. (Ferry travel to and from Vancouver Island is considered to be applied as a 400 km trip). “

BE DELETED in its entirety thereby allowing for an allocation availability to any team traveling to a Western Canadian or Canadian Championship.

WITHDRAWN

NOTICE OF MOTION NO. 43

Moved by: Zeone Andrijaszyn

Seconded by: Jake Dewitt

WHEREAS: A previous fee increase of \$5, \$5 and \$5 over three years was applied to Minors and Seniors.

AND WHEREAS: Umpire fees were exempt from these increases.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

A \$5 increase in Umpire Fees is appropriate at this time.

Article 22.2 Section a) Page 117 of the Softball BC Handbook

WHICH CURRENTLY STATES:

“a) Fees: BC examinations for umpires are called at the discretion of the BC Umpire-in-Chief.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Level 1	\$50.00
Level 2	\$60.00
Level 3	\$70.00
Level 4	\$80.00
Level 5	\$85.00 “

CHANGE TO READ:

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REGISTRATION FEES:

Level 1	\$50.00
Level 2	\$65.00
Level 3	\$75.00
Level 4	\$85.00
Level 5	\$90.00”

CARRIED

New Business

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE MEMBERS (D. BREWER/D. WALUSHKA)

WHEREAS:

- A: The Constitution of the Society Part 9 - Borrowing Powers state:
“The Society shall exercise any borrowing powers conferred upon it by the Society Act with the approval of seventy-five (75) percent of the Board of Directors holding office at that time. However, debentures shall not be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.”
- B: The Society may from time to time borrow money and grant security by way of debentures if its members authorize it to do so by special resolution;
- C: The members of the Society wish to confer on the directors of the Society a general power to borrow money on behalf of the Society and to issue debentures and other loan and security and documents; and
- D: Pursuant to a Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”), between from the Royal Bank of Canada (the “Bank”) to the Society, the Society proposes to obtain credit facilities from the Bank.

“BE IT RESOLVED as special resolutions that:

A general power is hereby conferred on the Directors of the Society for the 12 months immediately following the date of this resolution, and the Directors are authorized to cause the Society to borrow money pursuant to any loan, credit or facility agreement and to issue debentures and any additional security, documents or agreements creating a mortgage, charge or security interest on any real or personal property of the Society with respect thereto.

The Directors of the Society be authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the borrowing contemplated in the Loan Agreement, including authorizing the granting, execution, and delivery of all documents required by the Bank, in such form and

containing such terms, covenants, provisos and conditions as are satisfactory to the Directors including, without limitation, debentures, general security agreements and mortgages and any other loan security documents in favor of the Bank.”

CARRIED

ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF SOFTBALL BC

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AT 2013 SOFTBALL BC AGM

Jackie Dugger (JD) as acting president, was the chair for the election of the board members at the recent AGM.

The process followed was:

1. JD announced, due to the resignation of Rick Benson as President, this position was open for election for a member to fulfill the remaining term of office (one year). As per our SOR, where a vacancy is created, the election can only be done by a member in good standing being nominated from the floor of the AGM.
2. At that point, Jake DeWitt (JDeW) turned in his notice of resignation from the position of Minor Director in order to allow his name to be nominated for another board position. The resignation was accepted unanimously by the board.
3. JDeW was nominated from the floor, allowed his name to stand and there were no further nominations. JD announced JDeW elected as President by acclamation for a period of one year.
4. JD then proceeded with the regular election of the 1st VP. This was done as per our guidelines.
5. JD next announced the position of VP of Finance, and Zeone Andrijaszyn (ZA) was elected by acclamation.
6. JD next announced the position of PUIC as part of the regular rotation of board members. This election was followed according to our standard guidelines.
7. JD announced the position of Minor Director was now vacant due to JDeW's resignation. Ann Holmes submitted her resignation from the position of Director of Coaching in order to let her name be nominated for the position of Minor Director. AH was then nominated from the floor for the position of Minor Director. As there were no other nominations, she was elected by acclamation to fill the remaining term (one year) of Minor Director.
8. JD announced there was now a vacancy for the position of Director of Coaching. Lori Skinner (LS) was nominated from the floor and was elected by acclamation to fill the remaining term (one year) of Director of Coaching.
9. Elections were announced as complete at that point.

Recommendations from the 2013 AGM Individual Meetings

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Announcements

President Dugger requested that all bid for Provincial Championships be turned in at the conclusion of the meeting.

Travel Fund: The team travel fund will be determined once team registration is received and analyzed in 2014.

President's Closing Remarks

Thank you all for your support and cooperation for the 2013 AGM.

You know you will be seeing some changes over the next two years. I believe that these changes will be good. They may be different and you may not understand a new program, a new way of doing something or what the change is. The Directors and our new COO Rick Benson will be happy to explain what is going on and how this can and will help you do your job and be better for BCASA. So if you're not sure or don't understand ask questions.

Support and have confidence in your new Board of Directors as they work for a better B.C. Amateur Softball Assoc.

Thank you everyone – it has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity of serving you in my different positions for over 25 years.

Softball BC 2013 Award Recipients

Softball BC presented the following awards during the Annual General Meeting on Saturday October 5, 2013:

Community Coach of the Year:	Lori Zehr, District 1
Minor Service Award:	Wendi Bordelay, District 6
Umpire Service Award – Minor:	Arne Austring, District 7
Umpire Service Award – Senior:	Gord Hynes, District 9
Minor Coordinator of the Year:	Merv Sandrel, District 8
Senior Coordinator of the Year:	Dan Coates, District 15
District Umpire-in-Chief of the Year:	David Brewer, District 10

The Saturday evening agenda included the Annual Awards Banquet provided by Softball BC. The following awards were presented:

Coach of the Year:	Mark Dunlop
Official of the Year:	Travis Orton
Team of the Year:	Richmond Mariners U18
Team of the Year:	Fraser Valley Fusion '97
Masters Team of the Year:	Victoria Masters
Minor Athlete of the Year:	Tori Belton
Senior Athlete of the Year:	Jaycee Affeldt
BC Athlete of Distinction:	Leah Riske
BC Athlete of Distinction:	Kevin Sutherland
Hall of Fame: Sports Builder:	Pat Hall
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Constitution and Bylaws Motion Form**



NOTICE OF MOTION

Constitution and Bylaws

Submitted by Jake Dewitt
Date: October 1, 2013

P/T Affiliation: Softball B.C.

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Page 247 of the Special Operating Rules – Canadian Fastpitch Championship Play

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Change to the category structure from U18 to U19

RATIONALE

This will allow the senior age minor teams to be able to develop their programs

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Softball Canada, Provincial/Territorial, Individual)

None

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2013 SOFTBALL CANADA CONGRESS
Special Operating Rules Motion Form



NOTICE OF MOTION

Special Operating Rules

Submitted by: Jake DeWitt P/T Affiliation: BC

Date: 24/09/2013

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.) Article 2.1, section b) iv) page 230

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

An additional \$1,000.00 deposit must be submitted with the team registration fee. The \$1,000.00 deposit will be returned to the Province/Territory once they have met their commitment to stay at the designated accommodations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

This section to be deleted entirely

RATIONALE

Deposit for accommodations was introduced to assist Host Committees financially when transportation costs were included in host obligations. Transportation is no longer a requirement and so financial obligations have diminished. Further there is no criteria or obligation on the part of the host to provide adequate accommodations. Potentially a host hotel could be sold out and have no rooms available or provide inferior accommodations with no consequence to the host if teams choose not to stay there.

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Date: 24/09/2013

REFERENCE : (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Article 2.1 section b) v) page 230

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Participants not using designated accommodations will lose the \$1,000.00 deposit which will be forwarded to the Host Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

This section be deleted entirely

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Article 2.1 section b) vi) page 230

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Teams withdrawing from a Canadian Championship within 14 days of the start of the championship will forfeit their \$1,000.00 bond to the host committee

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