



Baseball Federation of Asia
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Minutes

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Location: Skyview Hotel Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand

Address: 12 Sukhumvit Soi 24, Klongton, Klongtoey, Bangkok, 10110

Attendees:

President	Mr. Jeffrey Koo Jr. (TPE)
Vice President	Mr. Chen Xu (CHN), Mr. Masatake Yamanaka (JPN) Mr. Syed Fakhar Ali Shah (PAK)
Member at Large	Mr. Andrew Fan (HKG), Mr. Rodolfo Jr Tingzon (PHI)
Secretary General	Mr. Lin, Hua-Wei (TPE)
Representatives of Member Federations	Ms. Nicky To (HGK), Mr. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan (THA), Mr. Roger Kao (TPE)
Commissions	Ms. Hiroko Yamada (JPN)
Observer	Ms. Yiwen Sun (CHN), Ms. Nicky To (HGK), Mr. Atsushi Nagamata (JPN) Mr. Chaiwat Chaiwannachhinda (THA), Mr. Calvin Yeh (TPE), Mr. Richard Lin (TPE), Mr. Chris Day (TPE), Mr. Tim Tseng (TPE), Ms. Yoyo Dai (TPE), Mr. Ssu-Yu Chou (TPE), Mr. Wei-Kai Wang (TPE)

1) Roll Call

President Mr. Jeffrey Koo Jr. named each member by alphabetical order and 6 out of 7 members countries/regions, including 2 attends virtually via Zoom, constitute a quorum.

2) BFA president's greeting

Dear all, thank you for taking your time on this long trip to present on this important meeting. This is my first BFA executing meeting as the president and I want to share my dream again and why we are here and what we are going to do for the next 4 years in my term. We are going to talk about how to develop baseball in your countries and how can we unite and to bring BFA to the next level.

Before that, I want to share a story about serving in Taiwan. I want you to know story as the chairman of Chinese Taipei Baseball Association. As you know I'm a banker. Although I love baseball but I never thought I will become the chairman as the (Chinese Taipei) baseball association.



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The story behind this was when I stepped down the chairman of my bank. Roger and I, we have started to visit rural areas and we want to learn what we can do for the underprivileged families and schools. But we are inexperienced so it took couples of years for us to figure out what we are going to do.

I want to tell you that my very first experience when I visited one of the underprivileged schools. I had a lunch with children and the school faculty. I found a girl who sat next to me and had lunch with me. She could not say a word but looked gloomy. I asked one of the teachers who sat next to me “what is wrong with this little girl?” And the teacher said that the girl had lost her parents recently. She was about 10, 11 and she was very confused about why she lost her parents. Of course, I was very shocked and did not know how to comfort her. After lunch, we moved to a baseball field and we started to play baseball with the children. To make the story short. That little girl got on the mound and she started to pitch. And she beat up the boys as a girl. I saw her beautiful smile and I realized that “baseball is a magic.”

Although children have unhappy things got on their heads but when they get on the baseball field, they forget. In that case, I quickly learnt that baseball is the thing I would like to start. Baseball makes children happy and forgetting the unhappiness in their heads. After that, Roger and I quickly started our project to help the underprivileged children and family through schools to get back on their feet. And I also convinced a lot of my friends who are successful business people to pay attention to the problem areas. I shared the same story with them. They were very touched. And I was able to arrange 30 businesses to go to rural areas to witness the exactly what I saw.

We were able to form a group of business people and they were devoted to help our project. So, the last 10 years, I started our project from about 50 underprivileged rural schools and now were downsizing. The good thing is that after almost 10 years, the schools can get back on their own feet without support anymore. And of course, the govt pays more attention to these underprivileged schools. So, we were downsizing to 38 from about 50. And I think that is something that we are happy to see.

We are focusing on the underprivileged schools. Then we turn into professional. Because if there is no professional league, I think we will be very difficult to continue to upgrade to help the underprivileged baseball if there is no future in Taiwan. So, that is the way how we connect it. The past 10 years... I am very proud with my buddies to say that we not only helped the underprivileged schools and families in rural areas; but also, we were able to develop to underprivileged children to become “elites” of baseball in Taiwan.



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You know my best friend. The Chairman of China Baseball Association Chen Xu. Chen and I would be talking and exploring what China and Taiwan can do for Asia. As a chairman of BFA, I quickly thought about my friend Chen Xu, and Chairman of BFJ and my buddies, Ali, Rod, and other my friends maybe we can come together. Not only just unite as one, but more importantly, how we are able to utilize the rehouses that we integrated from stronger baseball countries from (I go as the ranking) Japan, Taipei and Korea, and other countries. And of course, China plays a very important role in the future.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all health and wellness, and once again for being here.

3) Review – Secretary General

1. Review of the last Congress’s minutes (July. 3rd, 2022, Taipei) **-Unanimously approved**
2. 2022 BFA Financial statement **-Unanimously approved**
3. 2023 BFA annual budget **-Unanimously approved**

4) Report

1. Amendment to BFA Constitution

A. Executive Committee

SECTION 11: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Clause 11.5

Current clause:

Ideally, all members of the BFA Executive shall be from different member federations, except in the case of Secretary-General or President, who may both be from the same member federation.

Revised clause:

In the case of elected positions as outlined under Clause 11.1 of these constitution, each elected Member ***must*** be from different Member Federations/Associations of the BFA, except in the case of Secretary-General or President, who may both be from the same Member Federation/Association.

-Unanimously approved



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2. The reports of BFA events and Asian Games

A. 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games

- Location: Shaoxing City, Hangzhou, China
- Competition Period: 23rd Sep. to 8th Oct., 2023
- Participating: China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Kuwait, Laos, Mongolia, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Pakistan, Philippines
(13 participating teams)
- Technical Delegate: Calvin Yeh
- Duty Technical Delegate: Fong Ding

-Report by CBA

B. 2022 BFA Umpire Clinic

- Location: Bangkok, Thailand
- Completion Period: 27th to 29th Nov., 2022
- Participants: 34 umpires from 11 countries

-Report by BFA

C. 2023 BFA 15th West Asia Cup (WAC)

- Location: Islamabad, Pakistan
- Completion Period: 26th Jan to 1st Feb. 2023
- Participating: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

-Report by PFB

5) Discussion

1. The reports of the host of 2023 BFA tournaments and events

A. 2022 BFA 3rd Women's Baseball Asia Cup (WBAC)

- Location: Hong Kong
- Completion Period: 21st to 30th Mar., 2023
- Participating: TBD

-Report by HKBA



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B. 2023 BFA 11th U15 Baseball Championship (U15)

- Discussion of finding a potential host
- Location: TBD
- Completion Period: TBD
(Preferable during the period of the beginning of July to the end of August)
- Participating: 8 teams

-Report by BFA

C. 2023 BFA 30th Asian Baseball Championship

- Location: Taichung, Taiwan
- Completion Period: TBD (Sometime in November/ December, 2023)
- Participating: China, Japan, Korea, Chinese Taipei,
2 other teams from 2023 WAC, 2 other teams from 2023 EAC

-Report by BFA

D. 2023 BFA Coach Clinic

- Location: TBD (PFB has intension to host it)
- Clinic Period: TBD

-Report by BFA

E. 2023 13th BFA East Asia Cup - Report by BFA

- Location: TBD
- Completion Period: TBD
- Participating: 6 teams at least
- ABAT has intension to host it.
- Will send out an official questionnaire about the expression of interest to host this event.

- Report by BFA

6) Any Other Matters

7) Next Meeting & Congress

- Time: Sometime in March/ April.
- HKBA has intention to host it.