

THE 2011 WORLD BASEBALL CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

Our team is comprised of knowledgeable individuals who have extensive baseball backgrounds and resumes highlighted with sound business experience, a solid history of event management, and the ability to lead a team of volunteers. Incorporation/registration number: # S – 0054327
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Our host committee operates in partnership with Baseball Canada, Baseball BC and the City of Prince George, each providing leadership of motivated individuals determined to make the 2011 World Baseball Challenge a success.

*Our Team is comprised of knowledgeable
business leaders, experienced event organizers
and representatives from the public and private sectors.*



Jim Swanson

Former Sports Editor, Prince George Citizen/Current Field Support Manager, TELUS-Interior North

Jim and his family have been long-time residents of Prince George. Jim's commitment to the community is unsurpassed due to his contributions in many areas; as chairman of the 2009 and 2011 World Baseball Challenge, Axemen manager that lead to many historical successes. GM Grand Forks Varmints in 1997, on coaching staff of bronze winning Team B.C. Selects at 2007 nationals in Quebec City, administrator/co-commissioner of independent Prairie League of Professional Baseball in 1996, and beat writer for Prince George Cougars. In addition to being an avid volunteer, Jim assists in leading social fundraising opportunities.



Shawn Rice

Revenue Manager, Northern Interior Forest Region

Originally from Newfoundland, Shawn and his family have been an integral part of Prince George. Developing and coordinating fundraising programs for Ducks Unlimited Canada for over 16 years, 11 of those as chairman of the committee. Shawn continues his efforts for the community as past VP and current president of the Prince George Minor Hockey Association, off-ice official for the WHL and the BCHL, Marketing and Special Events Director for the Royal Bank Cup, Marketing for the BC Senior Games, event coordinator during |Hockey Canada's Women's Fall Festival, Co-Chair and Marketing Director for the 2009 and 2011 World Baseball Challenge. As well as organizer for the Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick Benefit Dinner.



Audrey Foster
Office Administrator, Prince George Minor Hockey Association

Audrey's many roles and diverse experiences bring additional professionalism to the committee. President Nechako Little League Baseball for 22 years, Chair 1996 Canadian Little League Championship, Secretary BC Little League; Director – Little League Baseball Canada; Various positions on numerous Provincial Baseball Championship committees; Fundraising Chair – Air Canada Cup – National Midget Hockey Tournament; Teachers Aide – School District 57 – 14 years; Co-Chair – 2009 World Baseball Challenge committee; Current Treasurer – Cariboo Amateur Hockey Association.



Lance Brommeland
Regional Maintenance Manager, BC Housing Management Commission

Lance's knowledge and professional experience with officiating lends to the committees well-rounded knowledge base; Director, Northern Area, BC Baseball Umpires Association, for over 7 years. Treasurer, Prince George Senior Baseball League; Director of Officials & Facilities, World Baseball Challenge; Tournament Coordinator, Prince George 8 Ball Association.



Richard Trippel
B.Sc. Aviation, Designer, Cobalt Engineering

Richard rises to any challenge and his talents go well beyond professional aptitudes; Power Engineer Bachelor of Science, Aviation Technology, Transport Canada, Airline Transport Pilot Licence Transport Canada, Flight Service Specialist; Canadian Coast Guard, Marine Engineering Officer, Past Governor, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, National Board of Directors, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, Chair, Fall Leadership Conference, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Liaison, Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada, Charter President, Rotary Club of Prince George - New Caledonia, Charter Chairman, Rotary Club of Barnaul, Siberia, Russia, Rotary District Membership Director, District 5040, Accommodations and Logistics Chair, World Baseball Challenge, Chair, Shriner's Hospitals for Children Convention, Chair, numerous Regional Conferences and Events.



Don Gowan
CEO - Spirit of the North Healthcare Foundation

Formerly VP & GM of Canadian Springs/Crystal Springs Water Companies, Vice-Chair - 1996 Northern BC Winter Games, Past-President of PG Kiwanis Club. PG Junior Chamber of Commerce, PG Mixed-Rec Softball League.



Gerry Wyers
Coca-Cola District Sales manager

Born and raised in Vanderhoof BC, Gerry has been a resident of Prince George for over 8 years. Gerry and his wife welcomed their new little one last year. With a busy family life Gerry continues to go above and beyond as Director of On-Site Services, World Baseball Challenge, Big brother for 7 years and still volunteer with the organization and professionally with past experiences as Manager CitiFinancial and EB Games for over 7 years.



Cindy Atkinson
Senior Accountant for Geotech Drilling Services Ltd

Cindy lends to the team extensive professional background as our bookkeeper and senior accountant. Cindy offers her expertise in a specialized area that requires attention to detail. Her talent goes beyond a financial wizard as a volunteer in the community in many endeavours such as the 2007 RBC Royal Bank Cup, and Financial Director, for the 2009 and 2011 World Baseball Challenge.



Paul Clermont
President and CEO Northern Spirit Transportation

Paul has 15 years experience in the tour bus industry and 7 years experience in management of charter groups; 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Canfor's Polar divisions crew haul, World Baseball Challenge, Royal Bank Cup and tour coordinating in the Prince George region. Paul is an avid sports fan who is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Central and Northern British Columbia.



Lori Swanson
Kindergarten teacher with Prince George School District 57

Mother of 2 very busy children, teacher for the Prince George School District, Lori still finds time to get involved and volunteer for her community. In addition to being a significant part of the organization of various events such as the 2002 Baseball Canada Nationals, 2006 Senior Men's Provincials, 2009 and 2011 World Baseball Challenge and Ducks Unlimited Spring Banquet and Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick fundraising dinner, Lori shares her talents as anthem singer for various events around Prince George including Prince George Cougars and 2009 World Baseball Challenge.



Walter Beardwood
Multi-Media Support Specialist, College of New Caledonia

College of New Caledonia CIS Diploma graduate with six years experience in newspaper production, and six years experience in web design. Volunteer online video technician for the World Baseball Challenge, 2009.



Virginia Sprangers
Programmer/Bookings, University of Northern British Columbia Northern Sport Centre

Working with many levels of government, local organizations and businesses, Virginia has extensive marketing experience bidding, securing and hosting major events for the City of Prince George, BC. While raising her 2 children she has volunteered and advocated for the improvement of the quality of life and sustainability for various non-profit organizations. Virginia is responsible for International Protocols and Tourism for the World Baseball Challenge.