



2017 Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting Minutes

20 November 2017

Sport PEI

1. Meeting called to order by Don LeClair at 6:01 pm.
2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates:
In attendance: Don LeClair, Baseball PEI Joe Carroll, Stratford
Walter MacEwen, Baseball PEI Darrel Kirev, Baseball PEI
Carrie Adams, Summerside Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
Bob Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale John Munro, Cardigan
Steven Noonan, Bedeque Andrew Cameron, Cornwall
Rudy MacDonald, Bedeque Cale Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
Kevin McKenna, Bedeque Kent Walker, PEIBUA
Andy Worth, Charlottetown Darren Cash, Kensington
Spencer Myers, Baseball PEI Janet Cameron, Baseball PEI
Jeff McGrath, Northside Randy Byrne, Baseball PEI (E.D.)
- Associations with no representatives in attendance: Western, Souris
3. Approval for 2017 Baseball PEI AGM Agenda:
- Motion by Andy Worth; seconded by Jeff McGrath. **Motion Passed.**
4. Approval of 2016 Baseball PEI AGM Minutes:
- Motion by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed.**
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
- **None.**
6. Items to be ratified by the Board:
- **None.**
7. Reports from Board of Directors, MLF for NCCP on PEI, and PEIBUA:
 - a. President's Report: Don gave a report of the past season of baseball on PEI from his perspective of President of Baseball PEI. In the report, he spoke to the great growth and success of baseball on PEI and thanked the various partners in this growth – associations, coaches, fundraisers, clinicians for the Summer Clinics Program, members of the Department of Health and Recreation division, the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI, et cetera. As well, Don thanked the membership of Baseball PEI as he is stepping down from the role of President.
- Motion to Approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Joe Carroll. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Finance Report: Walter spoke to the secure finances of Baseball PEI, which have been boosted in large part thanks to an increase in membership dues and the Blue Jays Getaway fundraiser. The extra money is being spent wisely in several initiatives, many of which are camps for coaches and players.
- Motion to Approve Report by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 - c. Skill Development Report: Walter discussed the previous year in terms of skill development on PEI, highlighting the NCCP SuperClinic, the Winter Pitching/Catching Clinic for coaches and players, opportunities given to coaches for professional development, interscholastic baseball and baseball in the schools, and plans for clinics upcoming this winter (hitting camps, four regional Peewee-aged clinics from January to March, Greg O'Halloran running a catcher's camp and Jason Dickson running a pitcher's camp). Some discussion was given to associations having more opportunity for feedback in preparation and coaches for some of these upcoming camps/clinics, and association presidents, Provincial team coaches and "AAA" coaches having feedback on players attending upcoming O'Halloran and Dickson camps.



- Motion to Approve Report by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Kevin McKenna. **Motion Passed.**
- d. 11U/Mosquito Competitions Report: Darrel Kirev presented a report on the 11U/Mosquito leagues in 2017, with, on the whole, the year being very positive. The only recommendations coming forward was to look at speeding up games at this level, and perhaps look at some form of tiering at the 9U/Junior Mosquito level, based largely on age and/or skill level.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed.**
- e. 13U/Peewee Competitions Report: Don presented the report on behalf of the absent Ken Gaudet. In it, the report discussed the three 13U/Peewee leagues in 2017, some positive areas, some areas that need work, and recommendations going forward for these leagues.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Bob Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
- f. 15U/Bantam and 18U/Midget Competitions Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Allison Macdonald. In this report, Allison gave his report on Bantam and Midget competitions, noting that much of it was positive, but there are still areas that need to be examined over the winter and presented a couple of recommendations for 2017 and beyond. From this report, there was a discussion that the “no tolerance” approach to player/coach conduct should be implemented throughout the whole season, not just at Provincial Championships, and the potential need for two 18U/Midget leagues in 2018.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Kris O’Brien; seconded by Cale Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
- g. Coaching/NCCP Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Desi Doyle. In it, the report discussed the excellent year in NCCP coach certification on PEI and progression of NCCP Coach Developers and in their evaluations. A discussion came forth on booking the Regional/Provincial Clinics in both an eastern location and western location, and a tentative schedule for these clinics to be brought forth at the Presidents’ Meeting in February/March.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Jeff McGrath; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed.**
- h. Umpires’ Report: Kent Walker presented his report to the room, stating while some areas are improving in terms of umpiring on PEI, numbers of certified umpires are remaining stagnant despite growing numbers of players and teams. Also, instances of abuse of umpires appear to be less, but the intensity of abuse towards umpires in these instances are growing. Also, the PEIBUA is looking into getting an MLB umpire to come to PEI in February to run a clinic for umpires across the Province.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Kent Walker; seconded by Steven Noonan. **Motion Passed.**
- i. Executive Director’s Report: Randy gave his report for the past year, touching on the increase in numbers, teams, leagues and provincials, the successes of girls’ baseball, the Summer Clinic Program and teams at Nationals and Atlantics, and the need for addressing umpire numbers and discipline issues. Also, he thanked departing Board members Ken Gaudet and Don LeClair for their devotion and service to Baseball PEI. Some discussion resulted in the best approach to speak to various levels of government about more funding towards fields and infrastructure.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Andy Worth; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 8. Walter MacEwen submitted the financial forecast for the rest of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and a proposed budget for 2018-2019.
 - Motion to Approve by Walter MacEwen; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 9. Nine (9) resolutions were passed by those in attendance, while one (1) resolution was defeated:
 - a. Resolution # 1: In 2018, minor baseball associations on PEI are permitted to have experienced individuals become authorized as a PEIBUA umpire by taking an online test instead of attending a one-day clinic. However, the associations will still have to pay \$60 per experienced individual to the PEIBUA, that person must pass the online test and be approved by Baseball PEI and the PEIBUA, and that experienced person will only be permitted to umpire a limited number of games, i.e. a maximum of five (5) games.



- Motion to Approve Resolution by Darrel Kirev; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Defeated (by a vote of 10-6).**
- b. Resolution # 2: It will be the responsibility of the host committee, prior to submitting an application to host a Provincial/Atlantic tournament, to identify one person to serve as the “Baseball PEI representative” at their Provincial/Atlantic tournament. That person must be approved by the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI. This person will serve as the official Baseball PEI presence at this event.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed (by a unanimous vote).**
- c. Resolution # 3: For all Provincial “AA” and “A” Championships, all round-robin games will be played over one weekend, with the semi-final and Championship games being played the following weekend as part of the “Final-Four” event for all Provincial “AA” and “A” Championships.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Bob Doyle; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 12-2).**
- d. Resolution # 4: In all divisions that will be sending a team – or two teams – to an Atlantic Competition, a Provincial Elimination tournament will be held in approximately late-July/early-August to determine the Provincial representatives at these events.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 10-4).**
- e. Resolution # 5: For any four-team Elimination/Provincial Championship draw determining two teams attending an Atlantic Championship, upon completion of the round-robin, teams finishing second and third place will play in a semi-final on Sunday morning, with the winner of that game advancing to the final to play the team finishing in first place.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Andy Worth; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed (by a unanimous vote).**
- f. Resolution # 6: At the 13U/Peewee and 15U/Bantam “A” levels, all batters will begin the count with a no-ball-and-one-strike count, baserunners will not be permitted to lead-off (leave the base until the pitch crosses home plate), and no runners will be permitted to score on a passed ball. As in the past, all 13U/Peewee “A” games will be six (6) innings long (unless extra-innings are necessary), and all 15U/Bantam “A” games will be seven (7) innings long (unless extra-innings are necessary).
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by John Munro; seconded by Walter MacEwen. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 10-2).**
- g. Resolution # 7: A player can be called up to a higher division within their age category or an older age category for three regular season, Elimination and/or Provincial Championship games within their own Association/Zone as an affiliate player. Exhibition games (including tournaments not run by Baseball PEI) do not count towards the three games a player is permitted to affiliate with one team each season. All other affiliate player rules will remain in effect.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Bob Doyle; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 14-1).**
- h. Resolution # 8: At the 11U/Mosquito “AA” and “A,” 13U/Peewee “AA” and “A,” and 15U/Bantam “A” divisions, the maximum number of runs that can be scored in one inning – except the designated “open” innings – will be four (4). The 11U/Mosquito “AAA” and 15U/Bantam “AA” divisions will feature five (5) run maximum innings.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Bob Doyle; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed (by a unanimous vote).**
- i. Resolution # 9: For all Provincial teams that require try-outs to select the roster, Baseball PEI will select the official manager of that team.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Walter MacEwen. **Motion Passed (by a unanimous vote).**



- j. Resolution # 10: At the 2018 Baseball PEI Fall Forum, a resolution will be discussed concerning assistant coaches of all Provincial teams not being selected until after the completion of the tryout process.
 - Motion to Approve Resolution by Andy Worth; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed (by a unanimous vote).**
10. Election of Directors:
 - a. President: Walter MacEwen – **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - b. Direction of Administration/Skill Development: Spencer Myers – **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - c. Director of 11U/Mosquito Competitions: Darrel Kirev – **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - d. Director of 13U/Peewee Competitions: John Munro – **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - e. Director of 15U/Bantam and 18U/Midget Competitions: Allison Macdonald **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - f. Director of Provincial Teams: Janet Cameron – **Passed (Two Year Term)**
 - g. Executive Director: Randy Byrne – **Ex-Officio**
11. New business arising from the meeting:
 - a. Don discussed the changes in baseball during his time as President of Baseball PEI, how the sport has grown and improved and thanked all of those people who helped in that journey.
 - b. Walter thanked Don for his many years of service, and Randy presented Don with a small token of appreciation.
12. Don LeClair moved that this meeting is called to adjournment at 9:01 pm.