



## 2016 Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting Minutes

14 November 2016

### Sport PEI

1. Meeting called to order by Don LeClair at 6:05 pm.
2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates:  
In attendance: Don LeClair, President, Baseball PEI     Joe Carroll, Stratford  
                  Walter MacEwen, Baseball PEI             Allison Macdonald, Baseball PEI  
                  Mikael Thomas, Summerside             Manny Costain, Summerside  
                  Bob Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale             Carl Picketts, Kensington  
                  Steven Noonan, Bedeque                     Andrew Cameron, Cornwall  
                  Dave Benton, Cornwall                     Kevin MacLean, Charlottetown  
                  Pius Walsh, Cardigan                     Kent Walker, PEIBUA  
                  Lewis MacDonald, Northside             Randy Byrne, Baseball PEI (E.D.)  
- Associations with no representatives in attendance: Western, Souris
3. Approval for 2016 Baseball PEI AGM Agenda:  
- Motion by Carl Picketts, seconded by Pius Walsh. **Motion Passed**
4. Approval of 2015 Baseball PEI AGM Minutes:  
- Motion by Steven Noonan, seconded by Mikeal Thomas. **Motion Passed.**
5. Business arising from the Minutes:  
- **None.**
6. Items to be ratified from the Board:
  - a. The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI allowed two Bantam “AA” teams from the Cardigan zone, which did not have a team entered into the Bantam “AAA” league, to participate in Provincial tournaments. This is a diversion from the policy that normally does not allow “AA” teams to register in Provincial tournaments if the zone does not enter a “AAA” team into the “AAA” league  
- Motion to Approve Report by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
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 noted the mechanism in place for decision-making for Baseball PEI, the chances, and potential reform in Baseball Atlantic, the “Pathway to Performance,” the establishment of the Vern Handrahan Trophy and the Ken “Trix” Dunn Award this past year, and his thanks for all who contribute to the game of baseball on PEI.  
- Motion to Approve Report by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Bob Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
  - b. Finance Report: Walter spoke to the rebounding finances of Baseball PEI, from the drain of hosting the National Convention in 2014 to the relative financial stability we had at the end of the 2015-2016 year and heading into the 2016-2017 year.  
- Motion to Approve Report by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Steven Noonan. **Motion Passed.**
  - c. High Performance Report: Walter discussed the previous year in terms of high performance on PEI, highlighting the NCCP SuperClinic, the Winter Clinic for coaches and Canada games-aged players, opportunities given to coaches for professional development, the work of Andrew MacNevin to work with coaches across PEI, interscholastic baseball and baseball in the schools, Baseball PEI’s Pathway to Performance, and the need for younger coaches to step up for Winter Clinics to continue to take place.  
- Motion to Approve Report by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Kevin MacLean. **Motion Passed.**



- d. Provincial Teams' Report: Don presented the report on behalf of an absent Allan Kelly. In it, it discussed the selection process for coaches for the Youth Select/Canada Games teams in 2016 and 2017, the performance of the Midget All-Stars in 2016, and recommendations going forward in terms of Provincial teams in 2017 and beyond.
  - Motion to Approve Report by Mikael Thomas; seconded by Dave Benton. **Motion Passed.**
- e. Mosquito Competitions Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Darrel Kirev. In it, the report discussed the four Mosquito leagues in 2016, some positives and negatives, and recommendations going forward for these leagues
  - Motion to Approve Report by Mikael Thomas; seconded by Pius Walsh. **Motion Passed.**
- f. Peewee Competitions Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Ken Gaudet. In it, the report discussed the three Peewee leagues in 2016, some positive areas, some areas that need work, and recommendations going forward for these leagues.
  - Motion to Approve Report: Andrew Cameron, seconded by Dave Benton. **Motion Passed.**
- g. Bantam and Midget Competitions 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 some recommendations for 2017 and beyond.
  - Motion to Approve Report by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Steven Noonan. **Motion Passed.**
- h. 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
  - Motion to Approve Report by Mikael Thomas; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- i. Umpires' Report: Kent Walter presented his report to the room, stating while some areas are improving in terms of umpiring on PEI - for example, more umpires are achieving Level 4 certification and participating in National Tournaments - numbers remain low and abuse for younger officials remains high. However, programs are attempting to address this.
  - o Steven Noonan said something should be given to parents about the need for umpires and a true picture in umpiring numbers and issues at registration time. The PEIBUA and Baseball PEI agreed to jointly create something for this purpose.
  - Motion to Approve Report by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- j. 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, discipline issues, and the Policy and Procedures Manual.
  - Motion to Approve Report by Dave Benton; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
8. Walter MacEwen submitted the financial forecast for the rest of the 2016-2017 fiscal year and a proposed budget for 2017-2018.
  - Motion to Approve by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Kevin MacLean. **Motion Passed.**
9. Seven (7) resolutions were passed by those in attendance:
  - a. Resolution # 1: The player registration fee for players in the Mosquito level-and-above will be increased from \$25 to \$35 as of the 2017 season
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Walter MacEwen; seconded by Kevin MacLean. **Motion Passed.**
  - b. Resolution # 2: Baseball PEI will set up a committee to explore options in setting up an indoor baseball training facility.
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Mikael Thomas; seconded by Carl Picketts. **Motion Passed.**
  - c. Resolution # 3: Baseball PEI will set up a structure where the league schedule does not influence seeding in Provincial tournaments, and every team registered in a Baseball PEI league is eligible to participate in a Provincial tournament.



- Motion to Approve Resolution by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Kevin MacLean. **Motion Passed.**
  - d. Resolution # 4: That at the “AA” and “A” level, the league schedule will feature 12 games, plus four scheduled exhibition games included.
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Dave Benton. **Motion Passed.**
  - e. Resolution # 5: Baseball PEI will commit that one Provincial team will be sent to National Championships at the Pee wee, Bantam, Midget, and Junior levels, based on the location of the Championship
    - i. (Ontario-east we will commit to sending a team; Manitoba-west we will examine finances and some other factors before committing).
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Walter MacEwen. **Motion Passed.**
  - f. Resolution # 6: Baseball PEI will officially remove the one-strike rule at Mosquito “A,” remove the pitch count rules in Mosquito “A” and institute an innings-cap of one inning per game per pitcher in Mosquito “A.”
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Kevin MacLean; seconded by Bobby Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
  - g. Resolution # 7: If a player is younger than 9 years old, in order to play Mosquito “A” or above, the player will need to apply to Baseball PEI and to their local association to be eligible to play Mosquito “A” or above, and the player needs to pass a skills evaluation administered by somebody from their local association (which will require a fee to be paid to the evaluator).
    - Motion to Approve Resolution by Dave Benton; seconded by Mikael Thomas. **Motion Passed.**
10. Election of Directors:
- President: Don LeClair – **Staying (One Year Left on Term)**
  - Direction of Administration/High Performance: Walter MacEwen – **Staying (One Year Left on Term)**
  - Director of Mosquito Competitions: Darrel Kirev – **Staying (One Year Left on Term)**
  - Director of Pee wee Competitions: Ken Gaudet – **Staying (One Year Left on Term)**
  - Director of Bantam and Midget Competitions: Allison Macdonald – **Staying (One Year Left in Term)**
  - Director of Provincial Teams: Allan Kelly – **Passed (Two Year Term)** Executive Director: Randy Byrne – **Passed (Indefinite Term)**
11. New business arising from the meeting:
- Don suggested that based on exploring other provinces’ models, Baseball PEI may look into, over the winter, a new regional model for clinicians and clinics instead of the centralized one currently used.
12. Andrew Cameron moved that this meeting be called to adjournment at 8:16 pm.