



2019 Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting Minutes

19 October 2019

Sport PEI

1. Meeting called to order by Walter MacEwen at 11:16 am.
2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates (all with a vote are underlined):
In attendance: Walter MacEwen, Baseball PEI Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
 Connor Myers, Baseball PEI Scott Taylor, Stratford
 Janet Cameron, Baseball PEI Desi Doyle, Northside
 Darrel Kirev, Baseball PEI Andrew Cameron, Cornwall
 John Munro, Baseball PEI Rudy MacDonald, Bedeque
 Joelyne Taylor, Baseball PEI Darren Cash, Kensington
 Ian Clays, Baseball PEI Bob Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
 Mike Richards, PEIBUA Cale Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
 Kevin McKenna, PEIBUA Andy Worth, Charlottetown
 Randy Byrne, Baseball PEI (E.D.) Adam Connolly, Summerside
- Associations with no representatives in attendance: Western, Souris.
3. Approval for 2019 Baseball PEI AGM Agenda:
 - Motion by Kris O'Brien; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
4. Approval of 2018 Baseball PEI AGM Minutes:
 - Motion by Andy Worth; seconded by Darren Cash. **Motion Passed.**
5. Business arising from the Minutes:
 - **None.**
6. Items to be ratified by the Board:
 - **None.**
7. Reports from Board of Directors, CD for NCCP on PEI, and PEIBUA:
 - a. President's Report: Walter MacEwen gave a report after his year as president. In the report, he highlighted all of the camps, clinics and grassroots initiatives currently undertaken by Baseball PEI; the success of PEI teams at regional Atlantic and National competitions; the work of Baseball PEI to create new policies and update older ones; the need for associations to work hard in the offseason to ensure they are ready for growing numbers in the spring of 2020 and the need for all associations to work hard to make sure of clear communication between them, their coaches and Baseball PEI.
 - Motion to approve Report by Desi Doyle; seconded by Bob Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Finance Report: Walter spoke to the secure finances of Baseball PEI, which in large part were boosted thanks to an increase in membership dues three years ago 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, and on Provincial teams. Also, he spoke to the review engagement of Baseball PEI's finances in 2018-2019 done by MRSB.
 - Motion to approve Report and the review engagement by MRSB of Baseball PEI's 2017-2018 finances by Adam Connolly; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 - c. Skill Development Report: Randy presented this report on behalf of an absent Spencer Myers. In this report, Spencer discussed all of the clinics and camps Baseball PEI accomplished over the past year, some plans for camps and clinics during the upcoming year, and the idea of trips for our Provincial teams to get our athletes seen by U.S. scouts.
 - Motion to approve Report by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 - d. Provincial Teams: Janet Cameron detailed the coaching staffs of the 2019 Baseball PEI Provincial teams and the work they put into their successes, including a fourth-place finish by the Provincial 13U team at Nationals, and a bronze medal for the Provincial 15U team at Nationals. She also stated that the coaches for Provincial teams in 2020 have been selected.
 - Motion to approve Report by Kevin McKenna; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**



- e. 11U Competitions Report: Darrel Kirev presented a detailed report on the happenings of the 11U “AAA,” “AA,” “A” and 9U leagues in 2019. It outlined the positives that took place in these leagues and some rules and policies that should be looked at going forward into 2020, as well as the need to look into a more detailed playing equity policy.
 - Motion to approve Report by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Adam Connolly. **Motion Passed.**
 - f. 13U Competitions Report: John Munro spoke to the Provincial and Elimination champions in the 13U “AAA,” “AA” and “A” leagues, how the seasons went at these divisions, and some challenges posed in these leagues and suggestions for improvement.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Andy Worth; seconded by Rudy MacDonald. **Motion Passed.**
 - g. 15U and 18U Competitions Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Allison Macdonald. In this report, Allison gave his report on 15U and 18U competitions, outlining the champion teams and how the seasons went for teams in these divisions. Allison noted much of the season was positive, but there are still areas that need work.

From this report, there was a discussion about the possibility of 15U “A” and “AA” categories playing “mini-tournaments” over the first few weeks of the season like what was done at the 18U “A” and “AA” categories this year, so these teams can get more games played earlier in the season. Baseball PEI will look to do that in 2020.

 - Motion to approve Report by Andrew Cameron; seconded by Darren Cash. **Motion Passed.**
 - h. Coaching/NCCP Report: Desi Doyle gave his report, and it discussed the excellent year for NCCP coach certification on PEI – with numbers from each clinic – and progression of several coaches along with their path to certification.
 - Motion to approve Report by Adam Connolly; seconded by Andy Worth. **Motion Passed.**
 - i. Umpires’ Report: Mike Richards presented his report to the room, stating it was a good year for the PEIBUA. Numbers remained decent, with some of this thanks to getting the message out that more umpires were needed in the media. Three umpires worked at National Championships. The zone assigning pilot seemed to work well, with some changes and tweaks coming in 2020. The PEIBUA will look at improving marketing to get more umpires in 2020 and look at different ways to make it more attractive for adults to umpire.

From this report, there was a discussion about issues with the zone assigning pilot; in particular, umpires from one association doing games in another association while games in that umpire’s home association were cancelled due lack of umpires, high mileage costs (especially at the High-Performance levels) and leaving the assigning of umpires late. The PEIBUA will address these issues in 2020.

 - Motion to approve Report by Darren Cash; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
 - j. Executive Director’s Report: Randy Byrne touched on the overall success of the 2019 season, Baseball PEI’s growth and success at the regional level, the development of many players on PEI to play at higher levels, and the excellent performance of several teams. He also mentioned the need to get more adults umpiring, and spoke to the need of keeping costs down so baseball does not alienate children who are lower on the socioeconomic scale.
 - Motion to approve Report by Bobby Doyle; seconded by Desi Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
8. Walter MacEwen submitted the financial forecast for the rest of the 2019-2020 fiscal year and a proposed budget for 2020-2021.
 - Motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget by Desi Doyle; seconded by Scott Taylor. **Motion Passed.**
 9. Five amendments to the Baseball PEI Constitution and Bylaws were presented (they are attached to these minutes).
 - Motion to Approve the five amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws presented by Janet Cameron; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 10. Election of Directors whose positions are up for election in 2019:
 - a. President: Walter MacEwen – **Passed (reoffered; two-year term)**
 - b. Director of 15U and 18U Competitions: Ian Clays – **Passed (newly elected; two-year term)**
 - c. Director of Skill Development and Administration: Connor Myers – **Passed (newly elected; two-year term)**
 - d. Director of Female Baseball: Joelyne Taylor – **Passed (newly elected; two-year term)**



11. New business arising from the meeting:

- **None.**

12. John Munro moved that this meeting is adjourned at 12:24 pm.



Appendix A: Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws

1) Change:

- Add 5.5.7 (g) **Director of Female Baseball**

Reason: The position of Director of Female Baseball is being added to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI.

2) Change:

- 2.5.2 The only members who may vote at general meetings of Baseball PEI: (a) Association and Leagues in good standing whose representative is at least 18-years-old; (b) President, Director of Skill Development and Administration, Directors of Competition (11U, 13U, 15U and 18U), Director of Provincial Teams; Executive Director

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Reason: The position of Director of Female Baseball is being added to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI and should have the ability to vote like other Directors on the Board of Directors.

3) Change:

- 5.3.1 All officers of Baseball PEI shall be elected for a two-year term as follows: (a) The President, Director of Administration and Skill Development and Director of 15U and 18U Competitions on odd-numbered years; (b) The Director of 11U Competitions, Director of 13U Competitions and Director of Provincial Teams on even-numbered years;

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Reason: The position of Director of Female Baseball is being added to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI, and since this position is being added on an odd-numbered year (2019), it makes sense to have them elected on odd-numbered years.

4) Change:

- Add 5.5.7 Director of Female Baseball: Shall attend all general, special, and board meetings, and shall oversee of female baseball programming on Prince Edward Island.

Reason: The position of Director of Female Baseball is being added to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI is being added, and the roles of that position must be outlined.

5) Change:

- 6.3.1 All cheques must be signed by the Director of Administration and Skill Development and any one of the following officers: President, Directors of 11U, 13U or 15U/18U Competitions, Director of Provincial Teams, the Executive Director or any other position designated by the Board of Directors.

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Reason: The position of Director of Female Baseball is being added to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI and therefore should be included with the other Directors in terms of having signing authority (all Directors on the Board of Directors are included in the organization's signing authority).