



Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 19 July 2018, 2 pm

Room 212, Sport PEI

In attendance

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI
- John Munro, Director of 13U/Peewee Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of 15U/Bantam and 18U/Midget Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Kent Walker, Supervisor of Umpires, PEIBUA
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

Regrets

- Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U/Mosquito Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Spencer Myers, Director of Administration and Skill Development, Baseball PEI

Meeting

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
 - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron.
Motion Passed.
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (16 April 2018) was briefly reviewed.
 - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 16 April 2018 meeting moved by John Munro; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI. It appears that Baseball PEI may have approximately \$138,000 in the bank at this point, mostly due to registrations, government funding and the Blue Jays Getaway Fundraiser (which at this point has a gross of approximately \$26000 to Baseball PEI). There are three summer students employed, with funding coming from the Provincial and Federal government. There will be a lot of costs upcoming with Provincials, Nationals, travel and et cetera, but we are in a good financial situation.
Also, the review engagement was completed by MRSB, stating that they were satisfied in Baseball PEI's accounting practices and money management.
 - o Motion to approve the acceptance of the review engagement from MRSB moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) Kent spoke to some umpiring issues. There was discussion about the PEIBUA not being able to come up with two umpires for Souris 18U/Midget "A" games, and that branched out into a discussion about if two umpires are always necessary for each game. There was no real resolution to this, and it's something that may have to be examined more in the off-season. Kent also informed the Board of issues involving the Western umpire assignor assigning non-certified umpires for games, and the fines that have been levied. The last PEIBUA clinic was discussed, and it was a success with 28 umpires becoming certified. Finally, the issue of ejections in tournaments and coaches/players participating when they should be suspended was discussed. Some ideas were to have tournaments assign one person to be in charge of discipline, or a blanket indefinite suspension after an ejection until the respective Director examines the situation. It was decided that will be examined more in the fall.



- 6) The issue of poor behaviour by some coaches and players was discussed. It was agreed coaches should see themselves more in a leadership role and not permit insults, taunts, bullying, et cetera. Walter has sent an email to all teams about this subject.
- 7) Walter informed the Board that two weeks' prior, the PEI Juniors withdrew from the attendance of the Baseball Canada National 21U Championships. As a result, PEI will be fined \$2000. After some discussion, it was decided Baseball PEI would invoice the Juniors for this amount.
- 8) Walter gave a description of the recent meeting on the future of Senior/Junior baseball on PEI. It was attended by only four people. The plan coming out of that meeting is for Peter McDonald to get a coach and some more player commitment, and then volunteers will be approached to create more of an organization for these programs to hopefully make them more sustainable.
- 9) Walter thanked the Directors for their vigilance on chasing teams for posting proper scores and pitch counts and updating the website. Walter also spoke about how he is working to make sure all games at the 11U/Mosquito "A" and 9U/Junior Mosquito categories are indicated that they've been played on the website (to make sure teams are able to take part in the Provincial Jamboree).
- 10) There was a brief conversation on the success of the pre-season jamborees, at least at the 11U/Mosquito "AA" and 13U/Peewee "A" levels (there was a lack of interest at the 15U/Bantam "A" level). They are seen as beneficial to teams, and very beneficial for young umpires and mentoring. Kent asked if the schedules can be released earlier. Randy said the schedule comes down to getting a host and confirming teams. All were in agreement these should go forward in the future.
- 11) Randy talked briefly about the change the Awards Night, holding it in late October/early November, and the goal to get more people to submit applications and to attend. Discussion moved towards a more proper venue that can hold more people and having some sort of a meal available. Randy will look into some options in this regard.
- 12) After Randy and Walter took part in a presentation from Steven Indig of the National Sport Law and Strategy Group, they gave some of the ideas that came from this. One is that our AGM is way too long and shouldn't include Policy Changes. The Board agreed with that, and to have the Fall Forum in the morning and the AGM in the afternoon.
- 13) Randy spoke about the RAMP registration system. The Board agreed that Baseball PEI should move forward and make it mandatory in 2019. Randy will reach out to the folks there to see if somebody from RAMP can be at attendance at the Fall Forum.
- 14) There was some discussion about issues with the "AAA" zones, especially in the Eastern area. Potential solutions will be examined more in the Fall.
- 15) Walter gave an update on the happenings of the Baseball Canada AGM in Ottawa in late June. He discussed the talk about risk management and changes with the Women's National team.
- 16) As Spencer was missing, Randy briefly informed the Board about the situation in Western, the disorganization, and the threat of boys' softball becoming strong in that area of the province again. Spencer has reached out to the Western Board and will send a report back to the Baseball PEI Board of Directors within the next few days.
- 17) Allison Macdonald made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 3:24 pm.