



Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, 4 December 2017, 5:30 pm

Room 234, Sport PEI

In attendance

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Spencer Myers, Director of Administration and Skill Development, 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

Meeting

- 1) Walter began the meeting at 5:35 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting had two additions, the PEIBUA SuperClinic and a new cheque signer for Baseball PEI.
 - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by John Munro; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (25 September 2017) were briefly reviewed.
 - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 25 September 2017 meeting moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) As Don LeClair is no longer on the Board of Directors, there needs to be a third person with cheque signing authority (along with Walter and Randy). As he lives closest to the Bank of Nova Scotia, Allison agreed to become the third member of the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI with signing authority.
- 5) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI and compared them to the finances of Baseball PEI over the last five years. We are currently in good financial position, largely due to the increase in player registration dues and the Blue Jays Getaway fundraiser.
 - o Motion to approve the financial report moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 6) Randy gave a brief report on each of the Provincial team's plans and preparations for the coming 2018 season. All coaches are in place, most teams are planning for some sort of I.D. camp and/or training during the winter, with tryouts to take place in the spring.
- 7) Walter and Kent discussed the meeting between Walter, Randy and Kent that focussed on the relationship between Baseball PEI and the PEIBUA. Both sides agreed that better communication was essential, and both will work together to help with the retention and growth of umpire numbers. Kent also discussed the PEIBUA SuperClinic which is happening from 9 -11 February 2018. Stu Scheurwater, a "AAA"/MLB umpire, and Trevor Grieve, the top amateur umpire in Canada, will be coming to be PEI to put on a weekend-long umpire clinic. The goal is to have as many Level 3s and above from PEI – with exceptions being made for "rising stars" at Level 2 – attend this clinic, along with several from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Baseball PEI will assist the PEIBUA in preparations for this SuperClinic.



- Motion to approve Baseball PEI contributing \$1000 towards this event – most likely in the form of covering both Scheurwater’s and Grieve’s hotel rooms for their duration here – moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 8) Walter briefly discussed the 2017 Baseball Canada Fall Meetings in Hamilton, ON, and said they were the best he has ever attended. A discussion arose about the Responsible Coaching Movement (RCM) that the CAC is proposing to NSOs, PTSOs, and local clubs across the country (that was discussed in Hamilton). The group agreed that while in theory, it was a good program, it could lead to many more demands on both the office of Baseball PEI and to the minor baseball associations in terms of background checks, coaching qualifications, and even simple matters like driving players home after and game or practice. It was determined that in the future, Baseball PEI would look at it again, perhaps promote the positive aspects of it – especially the “Rule of Two” – but not sign on to it at this time.
- 9) Randy informed the Board that nominations for the 2017 Baseball PEI Awards are due by Wednesday, 6 December at 4 pm. It was agreed that Randy would email a list of all nominations, plus the nomination forms, to all members of the Board of Directors on Thursday, 7 December, and each member had until Tuesday, 12 December at 12 am to give send their votes on each award (if there were any ties, a conference call may be set up to resolve the tie). Randy will contact Holiday Inn Express Charlottetown to set up a date for the Awards Night, preferably between 5 – 8 February 2018. Zack Bell will be approached to be the Master of Ceremonies, and if he’s unavailable, Dave Holland and/or Ken Gaudet will be approached.
- It was agreed that we will only consider formal nominations for Awards. It was mentioned by John that in the future, perhaps we should consider award winners in the September Directors Retreat, and make sure those people are nominated. All in attendance agreed with this idea.
- 10) Walter stated the Baseball PEI’s last Strategic Plan expired in 2015, and it may be time to develop a new one. Baseball Canada’s current Strategic Plan was briefly examined. It was decided that the Board of Directors will design a new Strategic Plan themselves – based a great deal on the current Baseball Canada Strategic Plan – and hopefully have something to present to the associations for information purposes and feedback by the spring. Meetings for that will take place in the new year.
- 11) The concept of creating subcommittees was discussed, based on the fact that most provinces have certain subcommittees that report back to the Board of Directors on certain issues (and we must have a function Skill Development/High-Performance subcommittee to appease the provincial government). It was agreed that Spencer and Janet will co-chair the Skill Development/High-Performance sub-committee. As well, Randy will set up a female baseball sub-committee and chair it, and ask the likes of Tessa Hood, Mackenzie Pinet, Marc Pinet, Barb Mackie, Maureen MacDonald, Dave Atkins, Mariah Crowley, et cetera to be part of this committee. The goal of these sub-committees is to develop these areas more in-depth and to be the Board of Directors’ go-to when issues involving these areas become present.
- 12) Randy presented a draft of the duties, responsibilities, selection process and other pertinent information for the position of Baseball PEI representative for Provincial Eliminations and Championships. This document was based on the position of the Baseball Canada representative at National Championships, as well as some information from representatives at Provincial Tournaments in British Columbia and Manitoba. The Board of Directors amended the selection process section to require each association to supply Baseball PEI with the names of 3 – 5 willing individuals who would serve as a Baseball PEI representative at a Provincial Elimination/Championship within their association (or face not having any Provincial Eliminations/Championships within their association).



- Motion to approve the position of Baseball PEI representative at Provincial Eliminations/Championships moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed** (the information sheet on the position of Baseball PEI representative is attached as an appendix of these minutes).
- 13) Randy spoke to the proposal by RAMP Interactive to supply Baseball PEI with an online registration system (RAMP supplies an online registration system to Baseball Alberta and Baseball Sask). It was agreed that there would be some positives to this – i.e. ease for parents to register, ease to contact/email entire membership – but there would also be some negatives – i.e. cost, how would it affect local associations, et cetera. It was decided that Randy would give a short presentation about a potential online registration system to the association presidents at the Presidents’ Meeting in February/March to get their feedback on the idea.
 - 14) It was decided by the Board of Directors that Randy make the appropriate changes to the Policy and Procedures for 2018, and send a draft to the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI for their feedback, changes, and eventual approval.
 - 15) There was an in-camera session.
 - 16) John made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:33 pm.



Appendix A

BASEBALL PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND REPRESENTATIVE

Role Description

The Baseball PEI Representative is assigned to oversee the Provincial Elimination/Championship on behalf of Baseball PEI. His/her duties include:

- Being familiar with all rules, tie-breakers associated with the Provincial Elimination/Championship.
- Representing Baseball PEI at any ceremonies/events associated with the Provincial Elimination/Championship, and being visible at all games (if the Provincial Elimination/Championship is being played on two fields, the Baseball PEI representative should spend approximately half of the time at each field).
- Supervising all on-field protests (and is a member of the Provincial Elimination/Championship Protest Committee).
- Handling discipline/suspensions in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Director of that level.
- Addressing any host's concerns with the teams.
- Finalizing any schedule change – due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances – and communicating this change to the teams and umpires.
- Being the host liaison with Baseball PEI while the Provincial Elimination/Championship is taking place.
- The Baseball PEI representative, in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Director of that age level, has the ultimate say on any aspects of the Provincial Elimination/Championship.

Selection Process

Prior to the start of each season, each minor baseball association must submit a list of between 3 – 5 willing people whom they feel would serve as excellent Baseball PEI representatives for Provincial Eliminations/Championships played within their association (if they do not submit this list, their association will not be eligible to host any Provincial Eliminations/Championships). The Board of Directors of Baseball PEI will select a Baseball PEI representative from that pool prior to each Provincial Elimination/Championship.

Communication

During the Provincial Elimination/Championship, the Baseball PEI representative is to be the only person from the Provincial Elimination/Championship who contacts the Baseball PEI office and/or the Baseball PEI Board of Directors. Any request or concerns should be made through the Baseball PEI representative.

Honorarium

For being the Baseball PEI representative, if the person does not already have an article of Baseball PEI clothing, they will be given one to denote their position. As well, upon the adequate completion of their duties, they will be given an honorarium of \$100 for the Tournament.