



Baseball PEI Annual Presidents' Meeting Agenda

Saturday, 14 February 2015, 9 am

Room 212, Sport PEI

In attendance:

- Don LeClair, President, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of Bantam and Midget Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Darrel Kirev, Director of Mosquito and Peewee Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Nora Dorgan, Western
- Jeff May, Charlottetown
- Rob McCormack, Richmond
- Neil Payne, Bedeque
- Gian Martinson, Summerside
- Gary Barlow, Summerside
- Cale Doyle, Sherwood
- Randy Steele, Sherwood
- Maxine Doucette, Northside
- Rob Harding, Stratford
- Carl Picketts, Kensington
- John Munro, Cardigan
- Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

Associations Unable to Attend:

- Cornwall Minor Baseball Association
- Souris Minor Baseball Association

Meeting:

- 1) Don called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.
- 2) A roll call was done for the purposes for everybody to introduce themselves to the group and to be highlighted on the attendance for the meeting. All but two Associations had representatives present, and four members of the Baseball PEI Board of Directors were in attendance to make the total meeting attendance at seventeen (17) people.
- 3) Don brought forth Baseball PEI's plan for zones in "AAA" for Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam in 2015. The original plan was for there to be four zones for "AAA" baseball, and the boundaries of these zones would follow the boundaries of the four Federal electoral ridings on Prince Edward Island. Each zone would contribute one team at the "AAA" level in the Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam age groups. Discussion commenced on this, with the feeling amongst most of the group that while the four zones were fine, only allowing one "AAA" per zone may be unreasonable. After debate and discussion, Baseball PEI's zoning plan was amended to the following:
 - a. For the season of 2015, based on the feedback the Executive Director received from most Association in Association meetings, Baseball PEI will establish four (4) Zones for "AAA" baseball in the divisions of Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam on Prince Edward Island. These



Zones will follow the boundaries of the four Federal Electoral Ridings – Cardigan, Charlottetown, Malpeque and Egmont. These Zones must field a minimum of one (1) “AAA” team in the Mosquito, Peewee and Bantam divisions for the summer of 2015. A second “AAA” team may be entered from a Zone in a certain division, provided there are no complaints, issues or concerns directed towards Baseball PEI (if Baseball PEI receives any complaints, issues or concerns from the Zone Board or anybody involved in the creation of a second “AAA” team, only ONE (1) “AAA” team will be permitted to register with Baseball PEI from that Zone). This will mean that in all “AAA” leagues, there will be a minimum of four (4) teams, with the possibility of more if an individual Zone wishes to field more than one (1) “AAA” team. This is for “AAA” leagues ONLY. This is only for the season of 2015, and is subject to a full review at the Baseball PEI Fall Forum in October.

The majority of those present were in agreement to the amendment. Don and the Baseball PEI Board urged all Associations located within an Electoral Riding to meet as soon as possible to begin the planning of these Zone “AAA” teams, and to set up some sort of Board with two or so representatives of each Association to be on this “Zone Board.” It is the wish of Baseball PEI to each Association can work together in a cordial and productive manner so that this process can go as smoothly as possible. Also, each Association was urged to get the message out soon to educate parents and players of this new process in 2015. As well, the Baseball PEI Board wishes for all Association Presidents, coaches, managers and those involved with these teams to fairly and objectively monitor the running of these “AAA” teams and leagues in 2015, and bring forth some major observations and points to the full review at the Baseball PEI Fall Forum.

- 4) Randy read and discussed the major points from his report on his meetings with individual Associations that took place over the period of late November 2014 – late January 2015. Zoning and boundaries were the two major topics, with concerns about length of season, amount of games played, website clarity, Junior baseball, and changes and new initiatives on Rally Cap also smaller issues. Boundaries were to be addressed at a sub-meeting after the main Presidents’ meeting. Baseball PEI explained why the league schedules are the length they are (season length, government funding along LTAD, etc.), and urged Associations to recommend to their teams to play more exhibition games if they feel the regular schedule is insufficient. Randy also highlighted that each Association will be asked to send two representatives to a session in early April to be explained in detail the Rally Cap system, be shown how it physically works, and those people will receive NCCP Rally Cap certification. All in attendance were happy with this initiative. Finally, Associations were reminded that Clinics by the ED/TD and the summer clinician can be done earlier in the season, not just from the space of mid-July to mid-August.
- 5) Randy went through the minutes of the PEI Junior Baseball League sub-committee’s meeting on 29 January 2015 to explain the sub-committee’s vision for the new PEI Junior Baseball League. All in attendance were fine with the rules, procedures and structure being proposed by the sub-committee. The only rule discussed in-depth was the “re-entry on an injury/ejection” rule proposed. After some discussion, it was decided that it was likely the best rule for that situation, despite the fact it could be manipulated by coaches. All Associations were urged to move forward on the issue of Junior, and identify one person in that Association to take the reins on their local team, and not wait for April or May to start organizing. All were in agreement on that point.



- 6) Randy read through the proposed 2015 Baseball PEI Calendar. The only addition to the Calendar – suggested by John Munro – was to add a Provincial Rally Cap Jamboree Day on Saturday, 22 August. This date was chosen as it would be before Provincials and Atlantics, yet will not be too early in the summer. As well, the hope is that the Rally Cap Jamborees will be more organized and a better experience for the children taking part. All were in agreement to this. Also, some dates for dues to be sent into Baseball PEI were changed, and all Associations were urged to submit dues as early as possible. Baseball PEI is generally “running on fumes” financially until July, and registration monies are generally collected by Associations by mid-May. Finally, it was decided by the group that the Baseball PEI Fall Forum should be separated from the Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting, and for 2015, it should be held on Saturday, 17 October. The Baseball PEI AGM will be held in conjunction with the Baseball PEI Awards, which will be held in late November (as Sport PEI is moving their Awards date to December in 2015).
- 7) Randy read through Director of Provincial Teams Allan Kelly’s report on the coaching staffs chosen for the 2015 Provincial Teams. Extra discussion was held on the Peewee team going to Nationals. Nova Scotia does not want to take part, but New Brunswick is fine with PEI asking their top players to take part. Baseball PEI will likely try to get one Assistant Coach from New Brunswick, and then have two more Assistants from PEI. This will be done hopefully within a week. There was a brief discussion as to whether there was enough talent on PEI to field two Bantam teams at the Baseball Canada Bantam National Championships being hosted in Summerside in 2016 and 2017. It was decided that this will be discussed in-depth at the 2015 Baseball PEI Fall Forum.
- 8) Randy presented and read through the list of tentative dates supplied by Desi Doyle for the 2015 Baseball NCCP courses being offered. The dates are:
- o Friday, 8 May: Teaching and Learning (6 – 9 pm)
 - o Saturday, 9 May: Skills Analysis (9 am – 12 pm)
 - o Saturday, 9 May: Planning (12:30 pm – 3:30 pm)
 - o Saturday, 23 May: Strategies (9 am – 12 pm)
 - o Saturday, 23 May: Pitching/Catching (12:30 pm – 3:30 pm)
 - o Saturday, 6 June: Initiation (9 am – 12 pm)

The cost for all clinics are \$40, except for the Initiation course, which is \$25. All questions, concerns and comments are to be forwarded to Desi, at isedelyod@yahoo.ca. The point was made by Nora that these dates may not work for many coaches who work on Saturdays, especially during fishing season. It was suggested to Nora and others to speak directly to Desi about setting up other dates that may work better. It was also asked that all Associations receive a chart on what NCCP levels are needed by coaches at certain levels. Randy said he would send that out as soon as possible.

- 9) Don adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.