



## **Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, 18 January 2018, 5:30 pm**

**Room 212, Sport PEI**

### **In attendance**

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

- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI

### **Meeting**

- 1) Walter began the meeting at 5:37 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (4 December 2017) were briefly reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 4 December 2017 meeting moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI and highlighted the expenditures of the last couple of months. It appears that Baseball PEI may have approximately \$50,000 in the bank at the end of the fiscal year (31 March 2018). He is quite comfortable with our financial situation.
  - o Motion to approve the financial report moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) The number of baseballs allotted to Provincial Championships was discussed. It was agreed to that in 2018, each game at a Provincial Championships and Eliminations will be allotted 2.5 balls. As well, it was agreed that we would establish minimum standards for balls used in league play, but we would not limit the type of ball that could be used (for example, 15U/Bantam could not use any ball with less quality than an 80cc, but they could choose to use the more expensive and durable ROML ball if desired).
- 6) Randy gave a report on a meeting between the head coaches of the 13U, 15U, 16U Girls and Youth Selects and Walter, Janet and himself. The coach of the 13U team (Bob Doyle) wished to play one game against each team in the 15U/Bantam "AA" league and the coach of the 15U team (Kevin MacLean) wished to play one game against each team in the 18U/Midget league (if there are two leagues in 2018, the 18U/Midget "AA" league). The coach of the 16U girls (Marc Pinet) wished to play partial schedules in both the 15U/Bantam "A" and "AA" leagues. There was some discussion about potential impacts to the club teams of players participating on these Provincial teams. It was decided that Monday night would be set aside for the Provincial 13U and 15U teams, and the 15U team would have to play their 18U/Midget league games on Monday (and if they wished to practice again, it would have to be on Sunday night). Also, they will use the rules of the league they are playing in. Each Provincial team will have to be in constant communication with the club teams in regards to pitching and games. In any games for the



Provincial teams against club teams, pitchers will be permitted to throw a maximum of 45 pitches for the 13U team and 50 pitches for the 15U team. Provincial teams must complete all games in their partial schedules.

- Motion to approve the Provincial 13U team playing a partial schedule (one game versus each club team) in the 15U/Bantam “AA” league and the Provincial 15U team playing a partial schedule (one game versus each club team) in the 18U/Midget (“AA”) league, based on the conditions that they play at the home field of each club team and cover the cost of umpires for those games, the rules played will be the rules of the higher league, and pitchers for the Provincial teams can only pitch a maximum of 45 pitches (13U) or 50 pitches (15U) per game moved by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed (the vote was 3-1 in favour).**

There was a discussion about the Provincial 16U girls team. It was decided they should have the option to select which league they will play a full schedule in, and if they want to play games in another league, it will be up to them to schedule exhibition games.

- Motion to approve allowing the Provincial 16U Girls team to select which league they wish to play a full schedule in moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 7) Kent discussed the PEIBUA Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 14 January. It was a good meeting, and two positions – treasurer and secretary – were filled by acclamation. Kent also talked about the upcoming PEIBUA SuperClinic with Trevor Grieve (top amateur umpire in Canada) and Stu Scheurwater (MLB umpire) running the clinic. 26 officials are registered and paid and it will be taking place from 9 – 11 February at Holland College, Charlottetown. It will likely cost \$6000 to put the clinic on and revenues will be approximately \$5000. Kent feels it will well worth any financial cost to the PEIBUA. He also thanked Baseball PEI for covering the rooms for both Scheurwater and Grieve during the duration of their stay.
  - 8) Randy briefly gave an update on the upcoming 2017 Baseball PEI Awards Night. Everything is in order and there could be up to 100 people in attendance. He will speak to Holiday Inn Express about the microphone (it did not function properly the past two years).
  - 9) The group discussed four potential options for a schedule of Provincial Championships. It was decided that of the schedules presented, Schedule “A” will be used (it is attached as an appendix to this document). Randy will let Mike Richards, PEIBUA Provincial Assignor, know about the decision.
  - 10) Options for changes to the draw formats for Provincial Eliminations and Championships were discussed and picked for several different draws. Below is a brief descriptor of each draw selected.
    - a. Six-team draw: there are two pools of three teams. Each team plays a single round-robin within their pool. The top team from each pool advance to semi-finals while the other four teams play in a quarter-final.
    - b. Seven-team draw: the “Allison Macdonald” format. Two pools; one pool of four teams which plays a single round-robin, with the top two teams advancing to the semi-finals. The other pool of three teams plays a single round-robin within their pool, then based on their record, could play one or two games in placement round. Top two teams from placement round advance to the semi-finals.
    - c. Nine-team draw: there are three pools of three teams each. Each team plays a single round-robin within their pool. The top seven teams advance to quarterfinals, while the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place teams play a one-game playoff to get into the quarter-finals.



- d. Eleven-team draw: the Baseball Canada method. One pool of five teams and one pool of six teams. Each team plays a single round-robin within their pool. There will be two quarter-finals featuring 3B v 2A and 3A v 2B, with the winners of those games advancing to face the first place in each pool in the semi-finals.
  - e. Twelve-team draw: there are three four-team pools. Each team plays a single round-robin within their pool, with the top six teams advancing. Using the tiebreaker, teams ranked first and second will advance straight to semi-finals, while sixth will play third and fifth will play fourth in quarter-finals.
  - f. Thirteen through twenty-team draws: for any draw with thirteen or more teams, these draws will be split into two tournaments (one east and one west), with the top two teams advancing from each tournament to play in a semi-final the next weekend.
- 11) Walter told the group that Connor will not be returning as summer clinician due to him no longer being a student (and not eligible for funding). If anybody has any university-aged student in mind who knows the game, is self-motivated and would do a good job as a summer clinician, please let Walter know.
  - 12) Randy updated the group on some efforts to create an Eastern zone Board/Association for “AAA” teams. The purpose of this is to administer “AAA” teams from the zone consistently from year-to-year. Baseball PEI has told the people behind this we can only support this if the four associations with the zone support it and have a say on this potential Eastern Board/Association Board of Directors.
  - 13) Randy consolidated and re-formatted various registration forms, and presented them to the group. All were in agreement they looked good and would make things easier for teams.
  - 14) There was no in-camera session.
  - 15) Spencer Myers made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:06 pm.



## Appendix

### 2018 Provincial Championship Schedule

Weekend	Provincial Championships (plus National/Atlantic Championships)
17 – 19 August	18U "A", 11U "A", 9U
24 – 26 August*	18U "AA", 13U "A" (R-R), 15U "A" (R-R), Ntl. 13U, Ntl. 15U
30 August – 3 September**	15U "AAA", 11U "AA" (R-R), 13U "AA" (R-R), 15U "AA" (R-R), 13U "A" (F4), 15U "A" (F4), 18U "AA"
7 – 9 September***	11U "AAA", 13U "AAA", 11U "AA" (F4), 13U "AA" (F4), 15U "AA" (F4)
14 – 16 September	15U "AAA", 15U "AA", 13U "AAA", 13U "AA", 11U "AAA", 11U "AA"

\*Preliminary schedule for weekend:

- Friday, 24 August: 18U "AA", 13U "A" (R-R)
- Saturday, 25 August: 18U "AA", 13U "A" (R-R), 15U "A" (R-R)
- Sunday, 26 August: 18U "AA", 15U "A" (R-R)

\*\*Preliminary schedule for weekend:

- Thursday, 30 August: 13U "AA" (R-R), 15U "AA" (R-R)
- Friday, 31 August: 15U "AAA", 13U "AA" (R-R), 15U "AA" (R-R)
- Saturday, 1 September: 15U "AAA", 13U "A" (SF), 15U "A" (SF)
- Sunday, 2 September: 15U "AAA", 11U "AA" (R-R), 13U "A" (F), 15U "A" (F)
- Monday, 3 September (Labour Day): 11U "AA" (R-R)

\*\*\*Preliminary schedule for weekend:

- Friday, 7 September: 11U "AAA", 13U "AAA", 11U "AA" (SF)
- Saturday, 8 September: 11U "AAA", 13U "AAA", 11U "AA" (F), 13U "AA" (SF), 15U "AA" (SF)
- Sunday, 9 September: 11U "AAA", 13U "AAA", 13U "AA" (F), 15U "AA" (F)