



## Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, 23 January 2019, 5:30 pm

Room 212, Sport PEI

### In attendance

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI
- Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Spencer Myers, Director of Administration and Skill Development, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of 15U and 18U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Mike Richards, Supervisor of Umpires Elect, PEIBUA
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

### Regrets

- John Munro, Director of 13U Competitions, Baseball PEI

### Meeting

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (19 September 2018) was briefly reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 19 September 2018 meeting moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) The Minutes from the last two Board of Directors Conference Calls (10 October 2018 and 25 October 2018) was briefly reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the Conference Call Minutes from 10 October 2018 and 25 October 2018 was moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI. It appears that after necessary bills and expenses are paid, Baseball PEI has approximately \$45000 in the bank by the end of the fiscal year (31 March); however, that is not including \$35000 that has already been moved into a special savings account designed to accumulate some interest. As well, Baseball PEI now has the capability to accept eTransfers, as was requested by some Associations at the Fall Forum
  - o Motion to approve the acceptance of the financial report moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
- 6) Some directors gave brief updates since the last meeting:
  - a. Darrel reported that at the 9U and 11U “A” categories, a smaller baseball – which would be easier for smaller players to grip – is being considered for implementation in the 2019 season, provided enough can be provided by Rawlings to retailers in time for the start of the season.
  - b. Janet reported that there will be a meeting with all Provincial team coaches on 7 February 2019.
  - c. Spencer spoke about the discussions he is having with coaches of junior colleges and other colleges in the northeastern U.S. about Baseball PEI sending a showcase team in September for 16 – 18-year-olds in order for them to be seen by college scouts. He will have more information in the coming weeks.
  - d. Randy reported that Walter, Spencer and he met with the new Board of Directors of the Western Minor Baseball Association and had a very productive meeting; Walter and he was involved with a meeting with the presidents of the Associations within the Eastern zone in which they agreed to



field one team in each “AAA” category; and Walter and he met with Myles Grady, Peter McDonald and Jacob Beck to discuss the future of the Charlottetown Senior Islanders, who are working hard to secure a head coach and committed players in order to enter the New Brunswick Senior League.

- 7) The PEIBUA Proposal for umpire assigning for all Baseball PEI teams in 2019 was discussed. There was a discussion about the cost – the fee per game, the fee if only one umpire does a game – and a discussion about the PEIBUA mentoring program and how the costs for that would be impacted by this proposal. There was also discussion about potential mileage costs and the procedure for selecting zone assigners, Goaline-website costs, and other potential issues this could cause. In the end, Mike agreed that any unseen issues that come forward in the spring would be addressed by the PEIBUA, and the Board of Directors felt that this proposal would best move forward on a pilot basis for 2019.
  - Motion to accept the PEIBUA Proposal for umpire assigning on a trial basis for 2019 – to be re-evaluated at the conclusion of the 2019 season – moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 3-1).**
- 8) At the 2018 Fall Forum, there was some thought by Associations that the zones should be re-evaluated at the 11U “AAA” level. Since that meeting, Randy reached out the presidents of Associations within the Mid-Isle zone and the Eastern zone, and the majority were fine with the current system. It was agreed that with the current rules – each zone must field a minimum of one team but can field more than one if they wish – and the fact that Associations can grant transfers to players that live closer to a team outside of their zone than their own zone team, no changes will be made to the zones or structure at the 11U “AAA” level.
- 9) The Board of Directors discussed edits to existing policies for 2019 and edits to the potential Procedure Manual in 2019. It was determined that thoughts on potential edits should be sent to Randy by 31 January 2019, Randy will make changes to the policies and/or procedure manual, and send those out to the Board of Directors for ratification via email afterwards.

Also, Randy presented five new potential policies. It was agreed that each policy would be reviewed by a couple of members of the Board of Directors and their edits would be sent to Randy by 15 February 2019. The following potential new policies will be edited by the following Directors:

  - Communications: Darrel and Spencer
  - Confidentiality: Allison and Janet
  - Equity and Access: Spencer and Walter
  - Human Resources: Allison, Janet and Walter
  - Social Media Guidelines: John
- 10) The potential 2019 Calendar was presented to the Board of Directors. It is fairly similar to the 2018 Calendar, barring a couple of small changes. There was discussion about when to hold specific Provincial Championships on certain weekends and it was decided that for the long Labour Day weekend, the round-robin portion of the Provincial Championships for 13U “AA” be held on Thursday and Friday, 15U “AA” be on Saturday and Sunday, and 11U “AA” be on Sunday and Monday.
  - Motion to accept the proposed 2019 Baseball PEI Calendar was moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 11) Randy discussed the latest happenings on the girls’ baseball front. There was a successful girls’ baseball roundtable meeting on Monday, 14 January, and several good ideas came from that meeting, including sending a couple of college/university-aged female baseball players to high schools to do presentations at lunchtime, targeting interest fathers, set up a Provincial 14U/16U group and from them pick a team to go



to Nationals, and several other ideas and initiatives. Also, Randy gave an update on the registration process and things happening with the PEI Girls' Baseball program that will take place this summer. Finally, the application period has closed for applications from the public for a head coach for the Provincial 16U Girls team. The only application received was that of Randy Byrne.

- Motion to approve Randy Byrne as the head coach of the 2019 Provincial 16U Girls team – with him selecting assistant coaches, with prior approval from the Board of Directions – was moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
- 12) Walter and Randy presented to the Board of Directors the consideration of adding positions to the Board of Directors for girls' baseball, marketing and perhaps even risk management/legal. Walter mentioned the drive from Baseball Canada and the Provincial government to get more women involved in Boards and mentioned this could be a way to help with that as well. It was decided that each member of the Board of Directors come up with names for one or all of these potential positions, and send them to Randy as soon as possible.
  - 13) Led by Allison and Randy, there was talk about switching nights for the 18U "A" league in order to allow 18U "AA" teams to affiliate 18U "A" players more easily and to lead to less instances of doubleheaders involving one 18U "A" and 18U "AA" game lasting until 12 am – 1 am in the morning. It was decided that the 18U "AA" league should retain Monday and Thursday evenings, and the 18U "A" league should play on Monday and Tuesday nights. As well, there was talk about the difficulties of getting games in early in the season in these leagues. It was also decided that over the first two-three weeks in the league, a couple of "mini"-tournaments (where three or maybe four teams meet at a location on a Saturday and play two games that day) will be held and these games count as league-scheduled games.
  - 14) There was a brief update on offseason camps. The 13U Regional Camps are now underway in Mount Stewart, Stratford, Summerside and O'Leary, with numbers being better than last year and everybody happy so far. Walter reported that the fall pitching camps run by Matt Barlow were a success, although the second camp only had three sessions instead of four, due to weather and the difficulty of getting time at the Indoor Soccer Complex in Stratford. Walter also brought the group up-to-speed on the plans of having Jason Dickson on PEI in early April to run a more specialized pitching camp, which will involve pitchers doing a proper warm-up, cooldown and thirty minutes with Jason in a 1-to-2 ratio. Finally, Randy spoke to the group about the idea of having an infielding clinic in later April for infielders. Spencer suggested including baserunning in this camp, as it is an area we suffer with and it may get more players to attend if it is grouped with infielding.
  - 15) Randy updated the group on what was happening with RAMP Interactive. Emails with log-ins and instructions and information have been sent out to associations, and so far, everything is running according to plan.
  - 16) There was an in-camera session.
  - 17) Allison adjourned the meeting at 7:13 pm.



**Appendix #1: PEIBUA Plan for 2019**

**SUMMARY**

In recent seasons, the PEIBUA have met challenges in supplying umpires for minor baseball games across Prince Edward Island. This issue has initiated strategic planning in identifying ways to decrease the number of games affected by umpire availability.

This new zone structure would also reiterate the PEIBUA’s one umpire system policy and prevent the use of unregistered umpires.

The PEIBUA Executive feels this proposal will strengthen areas including; communication, mentoring, recruitment, retention, quality and commitment.

**ZONING**

Zone:	Associations within zone:
Capital	Charlottetown, Sherwood-Parkdale
Eastern	Cardigan, Northside, Souris, Stratford
Mid-Isle	Bedecque, Cornwall, Kensington
Western	Summerside, Western

**ZONE UMPIRE -IN- CHIEF**

Each zone would hold an appointed Umpire -in- Chief to represent their local registered umpires. The Zone Umpire -in- Chief would be the liaison for communication with the PEIBUA executive & Minor Baseball teams within their zone.

Other duties may include:

- Approve and ensure assignments are distributed fairly and efficiently within their zone
- Assist Treasurer with invoicing
- Assist Mentorship Lead by identifying prospective umpires & scheduling supervisions
- Participate in the Supervision Committee
- In communication with the Disciplinary Committee, assist with any issues involving zone umpires
- Sit on the Provincial/Elimination umpire selection committee on behalf of their respective zone
- Other duties outlined by the PEIBUA Executive

The Zone Umpire -in- Chief position is a non-executive appointed position. The PEIBUA will conduct an application process immediately after the Annual General Meeting for the upcoming 2019 season. The appointed term will be for a two-year period. Each Zone Umpire -in- Chief will be eligible for an Honorarium at the completion of each season.

**ZONE ASSIGNOR**

Each zone would hold an appointed Assignor to schedule umpires for all 11U A – 15U AA Regular Season games. The Zone Assignor will communicate with the Zone Umpire -in- Chief to ensure all games are covered by qualified umpires.

Other duties may include:

- Draft and distribute assignments fairly and efficiently within their association using Goalline
- Assist Zone Umpire -in- Chief & Treasurer with invoicing
- Assist Mentorship Lead & Zone Umpire -in- Chief with scheduling supervisors
- Assign Provincial/Elimination games based on a criterion set out by the Provincial/Elimination Selection committee
- Input/alter schedules for respective zone teams on Goalline
- Other duties outlined by the PEIBUA Executive or Zone UIC



The Zone Assignor position is a non-executive appointed position. The PEIBUA & Zone Umpire-in-Chief will conduct an application process immediately after the Annual General Meeting for the upcoming 2019 season. The appointed term will be for a two-year period. Each Zone Assignor will receive an Honorarium at a rate of \$6 per game at the completion of each season.

### **ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS AND/OR EXHIBITION GAMES**

Any 11U A – 15U AA invitational tournament or Exhibition game shall be exempt from this structure. Any 15U AAA – 18U AA invitational tournament or Exhibition game must be assigned by the High-Performance Assignor as High-Performance Umpires would be required. Any invitational tournament assigned by the High-Performance Assignor will be invoiced at the conclusion of the tournament. The Assignor fee for these invitational tournaments will be based by the number of teams participating in the tournament at a \$6 per team rate.

### **INVOICING**

Each Association will be provided with an Invoice for the number of Regular Season games scheduled for their 11U A – 15U AA teams by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The invoice will include Game fees, Assignor Fees (at \$6 per game\*). Each Umpire pay period will be conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, on this day the Associations will be provided with an invoice for any applicable mileages/per diems for the previous month.

All High-Performance teams will be provided with an invoice on the same dates as the invoicing for the Association Minor Baseball teams.

\*Please note that for any game that only has only one umpire, only \$3 will be charged as opposed to \$6.

### **PROVINCIAL/ELIMINATION GAMES**

A Committee shall be comprised to include the Zone Umpire-in-Chief's in recommending appropriate umpires for each Provincial/Elimination Tournament. The Zone Assignor for the zone the Provincial/Elimination is taking place in shall coordinate with the Zone Umpire-in-Chief and act on behalf of the feedback/criteria set out by the Committee.



## **Appendix #2: 2019 Baseball PEI Calendar**

**20 April: Provincial Registration Day**

**26 April: Deadline for Submission of “AAA” Teams, Contacts and Field Times**

**25 April: NCCP Initiation Clinic**

- **Kings County**

**30 April: Deadline for Applications from Associations to Host “Final Four” at “AA” and/or “A” levels**

**2 May: Baseball PEI 18U “AA” Meetings**

- **Sport PEI**

**9 May: Baseball PEI 18U “A” Meetings**

- **Sport PEI**

**13 May: “AAA” Meetings**

**17 May: Deadline for Submission of “AA” Teams, Contacts and Field Times**

**24 May: Deadline for Submission of “A” Teams, Contacts and Field Times**

**18 May: 18U “AA” League Begin**

- **Schedule for 18U “AA” League ends on 12 August**

**25 May: NCCP Pitching and Catching Clinic; NCCP Strategies Clinic**

- **Sport PEI**

**27 May: “AA” Meetings**

**27 May: “AAA” Leagues Begin**

**1 June: 18U “A” League Begin**

- **Schedule for 18U “A” League ends on 20 August**

**3 June: “AA” Leagues Begin**

**3 June: 15U “A” and 13U “A” Meetings**

**4 June: 11U “A” and 9U Meetings**

**10 June: “A” Leagues Begin**

**14 June: Deadline for Applications to host Eliminations in the following categories:**

- **15U “AA”**

**14 June: Deadline for Applications to host Baseball Atlantic Championships in the following categories:**

- **18U “AA”**

- **11U “AA”**

**14 June: Deadline for all Player, Team, League, Provincial and Elimination Fees**

**21 June: Deadline for Rosters from all Leagues (“A,” “AA,” “AAA,” 21U)**

**21 June: Deadline for Applications for the Tanner Craswell & Mitch MacLean Memorial Bursary**

**20 June: NCCP Initiation Clinic**

- **Sport PEI**

**22 June: NCCP Teaching and Learning Clinic; NCCP Planning Clinic; NCCP Absolutes Clinic**

- **Sport PEI**

**28 June: Deadline for Applications to host Provincial Championships/Jamborees in the following categories:**

- **9U (Jamboree)**
- **11U “AAA”**
- **11U “AA” (Round-Robin)**
- **11U “A” (Jamboree)**
- **13U “AAA”**
- **13U “AA” (Round-Robin)**
- **13U “A” (Round-Robin)**
- **15U “AAA”**
- **15U “AA” (Round-Robin)**
- **15U “A” (Round-Robin)**



- 18U “AA”
  - 18U “A”
- 2 July: Deadline to withdraw from Eliminations without penalty**
- 5 July: Tanner Craswell & Mitch MacLean Bursary Winner Announced**
- 11 July: NCCP Initiation Clinic**
- Summerside Intermediate School
- 13 July: NCCP Teaching and Learning Clinic; NCCP Planning Clinic; NCCP Absolutes Clinic**
- Summerside Intermediate School
- 26 July: Draw date for the 201 Baseball PEI/Blue Jays Getaway Fundraiser**
- 26 - 28 July: Baseball PEI 15U “AA” Eliminations**
- 31 July: Deadline to withdraw from Provincial Championships without penalty**
- 7 – 11 August: Baseball Canada National Championships for the following divisions:**
- **17U/Canada Cup (Regina, SK)**
- 15 – 18 August: Baseball Canada National Championships for the following divisions:**
- **18U (London, ON)**
- 16 – 18 August: Provincial Championships/Jamborees for the following divisions:**
- 11U “A” (Jamboree)
  - 9U (Jamboree)
- 17 August: Baseball PEI Provincial Rally Cap Jamboree Day**
- Rain date is 19 August
- 22 – 25 August: Baseball Canada National Championships for the following divisions:**
- **Senior Men (Chatham, NB)**
  - **16U Girls (Bedford, NS)**
  - **15U (Oshawa, ON)**
  - **13U (Repentigny, QC)**
- 23 – 25 August: Provincial Championships for the following divisions:**
- 18U “AA”
  - 18U “A”
  - 15U “A” (Round-Robin)
  - 13U “A” (Round-Robin)
- 29 August – 2 September: Provincial Championships for the following divisions:**
- 15U “AAA”
  - 15U “AA” (Round-Robin)
  - 15U “A” (Semi-finals and Final)
  - 13U “AAA”
  - 13U “AA” (Round-Robin)
  - 13U “A” (Semi-finals and Final)
  - 11U “AA” (Round-Robin)
- 30 August – 1 September: Baseball Atlantic Championships for the following divisions:**
- 18U “AA” (Prince Edward Island)
- 6 - 8 September: Provincial Championships for the following divisions:**
- 15U “AA” (Semi-finals and Final)
  - 13U “AA” (Semi-finals and Final)
  - 11U “AAA”
  - 11U “AA” (Semi-finals and Final)
- 12 – 15 September: Baseball Canada National Championships for the following divisions:**
- **13U (Atlantic – Nova Scotia)**
- 13 – 15 September: Baseball Atlantic Championships for the following divisions:**
- 15U “AAA” (New Brunswick)



- 15U “AA” (Newfoundland and Labrador)
- 14U Girls (New Brunswick)
- 13U “AA” (Nova Scotia)
- 11U “AAA” (New Brunswick)
- 11U “AA” (Prince Edward Island)

**19 October: Tentative Date for Baseball PEI Fall Forum and Annual General Meeting**

**19 November: Tentative Date for 2019 Baseball PEI Awards Night**