



Paradise Minor Baseball



Annual General Meeting October 15, 2018 - 7:00 pm Paradise Double Arena

In Attendance: Craig Walker, Kelly Reid, Chad Hart, Robert Hopkins, Rick Halfyard, Lisa Skinner, Craig Piercey, Steve Donahue, Keith Ball

Regrets: Sam Oliver, Andrew Bell

1. Call to order
2. President Craig Walker gave an overview of Association Structure, 2018 Season and upcoming 2019 Season
 - Discussed what the structure of PMB will be going forward with the introduction of a Female Rep, Junior and Senior Division Reps as elected positions. Female Rep would have an U12 and U14 Coordinator, Junior Rep would have Tball, Novice and Rookie Coordinators, and Senior Rep would have Mosquito, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Coordinators.
 - Discussed change in AGM date to Fall going forward and change to schedule for elections.
 - Outlined change in Constitution Articles 6.01 and 6.03.
 - Increase in 2018 Registration numbers.
 - First year as AAA and had great success given first time in the division.
 - Very positive experience hosting 2018 U11 Atlantic Championship.
 - Outlined need for a Midget team for 2019 season.
 - Recognized the need for more fields and that the lights at PBD will help alleviate some scheduling issues.
 - Introduced to parents the formation of a House League Committee to help come up with ideas to improve the House League program.

3. All-Star and Coaching Coordinator Rob Hopkins gave an overview of the 2018 All-Star Season and looking ahead to 2019
 - Had 7 All-Star Teams – Mosquito A, AA, AAA, Pee A, AAA, Bantam A, AAA
 - Mosquito AAA - Silver in Gerry Murphy Memorial, Mount Pearl McDonald's Invitational, and Provincials – Hosted Mosquito AAA Atlantics.
 - Mosquito AA – Bronze in Festival of Baseball. Silver in Mount Pearl McDonald's Invitational and Provincials (3-0 in regular round; lost in semifinals).
 - Mosquito A - Good showing but did not medal in any Tournaments.
 - Pee Wee AAA – Silver in Gerry Murphy Memorial, Hosted Pee Wee AAA Provincials.
 - Pee Wee A - Bronze in Festival of Baseball, Tied for 1st in Gerry Murphy Memorial, and Silver in Provincials.
 - Bantam AAA – Good showing in Festival of Baseball and Mount Pearl McDonald's Invitational but did not medal.
 - Bantam A - Gold in Festival of Baseball.
 - Will build on success of 2018, very happy with how we did as an Association.
 - Hope to field teams in all divisions in Mosquito and Pee Wee.
 - Bantam most likely status quo.
 - Hope to field Midget Team again.
 - Will run Pitching Catching and Hitting clinics before season starts.

4. Junior Divisional Rep. Keith Ball gave an overview of the 2018 Girls, Rookie Select and Junior Divisions.
 - Added a fourth temporary field to Paradise Park. This included dugout/on-deck areas for safety reasons.
 - Decreased the size of the teams in all divisions to allow for more fielding opportunities and at bats.
 - Incorporated a practice element to the sessions to promote skill development.
 - Increased the session length for T-Ball and Novice by 15 minutes to allow for additional practice/game time.
 - Two teams of 15 (plus 5 call-ups) for Rookie Select program. Won 7 out of 8 games.
 - Girls 12U program started and was a success. Played an exhibition game against St. John's.
 - Lack of volunteer coaches/assistants in T-Ball and Novice divisions.
 - Numbers were low on some nights. Had to combine teams.
 - New tradition started when a home run is hit.
 - Discussion on ways to attract more volunteers and coaches and how to improve the experience for the kids.

5. Senior Divisional Rep. Chad Hart gave an overview of the 2018 Senior Divisions
 - Poor Attendance forced us to move Bantam & Midget into one Division with three teams. After very low turnout we were forced to move to two teams for this combined division. Unfortunately there were too many cancelled games due to poor attendance. Another factor was the time slot for the games being late afternoon. Hopefully with new lights at Peter Barry Duff in 2019 we can push these

times back to later night game times or work with the town for more time slots at Milton Road, especially evening time slots.

- Poor Attendance in Pee Wee also forced us to decrease the teams from four to three. Unfortunately this didn't help as attendance was still very low considering there were 16-17 players per team.
- Lack of volunteer coaches and assistant coaches in Mosquito, Pee Wee and Bantam divisions. We need to come up with ways to attract more coaches and volunteers.
- House League committee should help with coming up with ways to improve house league. Maybe look at awards for players during house league season, keeping team stats etc.
- Had successful inter-locking games in Pee Wee Division with the CBS Teams. CBS Teams had call ups from their Mosquito AA Team to ensure they could field a team each night. Participation in CBS was good most nights.

6. Treasurer Kelly Reid gave the Financials for Paradise Minor Baseball as of October 15, 2018

- Total Revenues: \$117,927.57
- Total Expenses: \$119,677.70
- Total Funds in Bank Account: \$ 21,390.68
- Blue Jays Cares Foundation: \$ 75,000.00

7. Technical Director Steve Donahue gave an overview of the skill development for 2018 – 2019

- Pitching and Hitting camp was a success. Kids seemed to have taken a lot out of that camp. We are planning another camp around the same time next year with more instructors.
- The 2018 all-star teams were competitive at all levels. Success is shown by more than just results. PMB is now on the map across the island as a competitive association that will put competitive teams on the field for many years to come.
- House league at all age groups continue to grow. More kids will be moving up to Bantam and Midget so hopefully that will increase numbers at those Divisions. Novice, Rookie, Mosquito and Pee-Wee is flourishing.
- There will hopefully be a camp put off next spring for skill development (hitting, fielding, throwing, base running) as well as the pitching and catching clinic. These camps will be pending on venue availability.
- 2018 was a big success in terms of player growth and skill development. Looking forward to what 2019 brings.

8. Schedule and Website Administrator Rick Halfyard gave an update on the lights at Peter Barry Duff, anticipated registration and schedule.

- Increase of 8% in registration for 2018, projecting 40+ new in Tball and an overall increase of 10% growth.
- Provided anticipated schedule but outlined need for more field space. Looking at options with the Town.

- Gave update of progress on Lights. Met with town and it is going through the planning and tendering process. Hopeful to have for next season.
9. Secretary Lisa Skinner gave fundraising report for 2018
- Discussed the creation of All Star Parent Fundraising Committee and hoping to expand next season. Hoping to come up with new fundraising ideas.
 - Three fundraising canteens:
 - Gerry Murphy – (approx. \$900 each) given to Mosquito AA and Pee Wee A
 - Pee Wee AAA Provincials – approx. \$1700.00
 - U11 Atlantic Championship – approx. \$1600.00
 - Revenue from Pee Wee AAA and U11 Atlantic's went towards running the U11 Atlantic Championship
10. Opened floor for questions – House League issue raised again with question on team sizes. Will defer to the House League Committee to come up with solutions.
11. Election of Officers – run by Vice President Craig Piercey
- a. President – Craig Walker nominated by Andrea Harris, seconded by Kelly Reid, acclaimed and accepted by Craig Walker.
 - b. Secretary – Lisa Skinner nominated by Rick Halfyard, seconded by Andrea Harris, acclaimed and accepted by Lisa Skinner.
 - c. All-Star and Coaching Coordinator – Rick Halfyard nominated by Keith Ball, seconded by Rob Hopkins, Brian Thistle nominated by Randy Fowler, seconded by Andrea Harris, went to a vote and Rick Halfyard elected by majority vote, accepted by Rick Halfyard.
 - d. Schedule and Website Administrator – Keith Ball nominated by Rick Halfyard, seconded by Chad Hart, acclaimed and accepted by Keith Ball.
 - e. Junior Divisional Rep. – Fred Zillman nominated by Keith Ball, seconded by Rob Hopkins, not accepted by Fred Zillman, will have to follow Constitution and try to appoint someone into the position.

Adjournment next executive meeting to be held after AGM – date to be determined