



## Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 6 pm

Room 234, Sport PEI

### In attendance

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

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

### Meeting

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (19 July 2018) was briefly reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 19 July 2018 meeting moved by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI. It appears that Baseball PEI has approximately \$103000 in the bank at this point, with most of the bills paid and some money due to come in. Our good financial position is due large part to the success of the Blue Jays Getaway Fundraiser (our best year ever). If there are special projects that should be considered, now is the time financially for them to be considered.
  - o Motion to approve the acceptance of the financial report moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) The directors gave brief updates on how their summer went. The Mosquito division went relatively well, although the seeding for Provincial tournaments must be re-examined and umpiring issues should be examined. Peewee went relatively well. Bantam and Midget had issues, especially involving teams from Western, a lack of drive from players at the "A" levels, and some discipline issues between Cardigan and Charlottetown at 18U "AA." Spencer also gave a quick update on the troubles in the Western Association.
- 6) Randy discussed our upcoming Fall Forum and AGM. They will take place on Saturday, 20 October at Sport PEI. Policy resolutions that come from the Fall Forum will be re-examined at the Presidents' Meeting in late-February/early-March.
- 7) Randy informed the Board of Directors that the 2018 Baseball PEI Awards Night will take place on Tuesday, 20 November at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, beginning at 6 pm. It was decided that ticket prices will remain at \$20.
- 8) Walter and Janet discussed the Provincial teams in 2018 and the feedback they received from the coaches. It was decided that the call for applications for head coaches of 2019 Provincial team head coaches should take place immediately, and the deadline for applications will be Friday, 28 September. Interviews will take place with all applicants and be led by Janet. It was also mentioned that Provincial teams should wait



a little later in the season to pick their teams, so coaches have more time to look at players and maybe get players who are playing spring hockey. Also, it was discussed that if more than one applicant applies for a position, as long as they are suitable, it should be suggested to the appointed coach that maybe they consider the coaching applicant not selected as an assistant coach.

- 9) Some umpiring issues were discussed. It was put to Kent that scheduling for umpires for Provincial tournaments is left late, causing headaches and problems. Kent said he would discuss this with Mike Richards, the Provincial assignor, to get more information. Also, the idea of one umpire allowed to do games (exhibition and/or regular season) if a second one is not available was discussed. Kent said that the PEIBUA was meeting soon and that topic would be discussed. Randy briefed the group on the discussion he had with Steven Clark, who assigns umpires for Moncton Minor Baseball and surrounding areas using a certain type of software. It was heavily endorsed by Moncton Minor Baseball, and it's something Baseball PEI may looking into. Finally, Kent informed the Board that the Port City team at the Baseball Atlantic 15U "AAA" Championships was very abusive. This was the first anybody had heard about this and Randy said he would inform David Dion of Baseball NB.
- 10) Walter discussed the plan for winter programming, both pitching camps, 13U Regional Camps and other camps throughout the winter. There is a lot of interest in them. Matt Barlow has agreed to oversee/run the winter programming.
- 11) After three years of implementation, the "AAA" zones were discussed. While there was concern it caused some issues (especially with some players travelling 30 minutes or more to play on a "AAA" team), it was decided that it was doing the job it set out to do (strengthen the "AAA" and "AA" leagues), it didn't prohibit associations/zones from entering more than one team, and it was not an area that caused great issue for Baseball PEI at the moment.
- 12) Spencer updated the Board on the situation in the Western Association. It was a very difficult year for Western with a lot of disorganization and issues, culminating with the Western Bantam "AAA"s not being permitted to enter Eliminations due to a lack of certified coaches. There was no Rally Cap either and coaches and teams not in place until after the start of the season in several areas. President Sam Arsenault will be resigning in short order (as well as two good Board members, Mandy Gaudet and Thish Handrahan), and after their AGM – which is tentatively scheduled for the end of this month or early next month – there is a real chance there will be no Board. Spencer is going to try to attend all meetings and rally some people together to take more of an active role with the Western Board, and then hopefully have a meeting between Baseball PEI and a new Western Board. There was a boys softball group in Alberton this year and Spencer will try to convince them to play baseball in 2019. If the Board in Western collapses, it could be incredibly damaging for baseball in West Prince and open the door for softball.
- 13) Allison made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:14 pm.