



**2013
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING**

Saturday November 2nd, 2013

**House of Sport – Royalty Center
Charlottetown
Room 125**

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**Baseball PEI
2013 AGM
November 2nd, 2013**

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| 1. | Call to order | President |
| 2. | Roll call and verification of voting delegates | President |
| 3. | Approval of Agenda | President |
| 4. | Approval of Minutes from AGM 2012 | President |
| 5. | Business Arising from the Minutes | All |
| 6. | Items to be Ratified by Board | All |
| 7. | Consideration of Reports | |
| - | President Report | President |
| - | Vice President Finance | VP- Finance |
| - | Vice President High Performance Report | VP-HP |
| - | Vice President Competitions Report | VP-C |
| - | Executive Director Report | Executive Director |
| - | Coaching Report NCCP | Desi |
| - | Umpire Report | ROC |
| 7. | Appointment of Auditor/3rd Party Review | VP-Finance |
| 8. | Approval of budget | VP-Finance |
| 9. | Election of directors | ED |
| 10. | New Business | All |
| 11. | Adjournment | President |

Baseball PEI

2012 AGM

December 3rd, 2012

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates:

In attendance: BPEI President – Don LeClair
BPEI VP-Finance – Walter MacEwen
BPEI VP-High Performance – Janet Camerson
BPEI VP-Competitions – Ian Clays
BPEI Executive Director – Cheryl Crozier
BPEI Technical Director – Desi Doyle
CAMBA – Dave MacIsaac
Cornwall – Andrew Cameron
Kensington – Stephen Champion & Mike Saulnier
Cardigan – John Munro
Sherwood – Joe Ryan
Stratford – Joe Carroll
Summerside – Gian Martinson & Joe McInnis
PEIBUA – Kent Walker

Not in attendance: Bedeque, Georgetown, Souris & West Prince

3. Approval of Agenda: John, Joe (2nd)

4. Approval of Minutes 2011: Andrew, Gian (2nd)

5. Business Arising from the Minutes: None

6. Items to be Ratified from Board – see below for (8) items

1. In 2013 the team that represents PEI at the 15U/Bantam Nationals will be a CLUB team with an initial roster of a 12-14 players. This team must pick up a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 6 players to attend the National Tournament.
-Moved by Blair Christopher (Kensington), seconded by Gian Martinson (Summerside)
-AGM Ratification: Stephen Champion (Kensington), seconded by Dave MacIsaac (CAMBA)

2. In 2013, Baseball PEI will send a team to the 21U/Junior Nationals. The structure and format of the competitive season will be outlined after discussions are held with the coaching staff, to be named
-Moved by Andrew Cameron (Cornwall), seconded by Dave MacIsaac (Charlottetown)
-AGM Ratification: Gian Martinson (SAMBA), seconded by John Munro (Cardigan)
3. In 2013, Baseball PEI will pilot a new provincial format for all AA divisions, and the Mosquito AAA division. AAA provincials will follow same format as 2012, with minor adjustments as needed.
-Moved by Gian Martinson (Summerside), seconded by Joe Ryan (Sherwood)
-AGM Ratification: Walter MacEwen (BPEI - VP), seconded by Andrew Cameron (Cornwall)
4. In 2013, Any player wishing to play "AAA" must be registered in their home association by the Baseball PEI registration date (set at the February 2013 Board meeting). Associations will have until May 1st to determine their intent to have teams in the "AAA" leagues. A player must tryout in his home association. If a player does not register by the set deadline, he is not eligible to play AAA baseball in any association other than his home association.

Following tryouts, if a player does **not** make his own association's AAA team OR his association **does not offer AAA** in his/her age category, that player can try out for **any other** AAA team, regardless of where that association is located. In order to tryout for another AAA team, said player must get a release from current association and "new" associations must grant a transfer to "tryout".

If he makes the "AAA" team in the new association, he would become property of the new association for that season only, and is then released back to his original home association following the end of season play.

If a player is cut/doesn't make AAA in the "transferred" association (other than his home association) he must go back and play AA in his home association

– Moved by Ian Clays (VP of Competitions), seconded by Joe Ryan (Sherwood)

-AGM Ratification: Motion Defeated

5. New Motion presented at AGM:

- ✓ By May 1st, each association will inform Baseball PEI of their registration plans for the "AAA" leagues. Players planning to play "AAA" must try out in their own association. Once teams are selected, it is expected players not on the "AAA" representative team will play in the next lower category registered by that association. If players are not successful making their own association's "AAA" team and wish to continue to attempt to play "AAA", they are eligible to request a try out with any other "AAA" team that is willing to accept them for a

try-out. If an association has between 22-24 players only and registers "AAA", the Baseball PEI Executive will assist the involved associations to find an arrangement satisfactory to all associations without losing any teams.

- ✓ By May 1st, associations must provide Baseball PEI notice as to their plans for "AAA" registration. By May 15th, all associations playing "AAA", must submit their final roster, with a minimum of 12 players included. This is a roster from which no players may be subtracted but which may have players added. Between May 15th and May 20th, there will be a transfer period, during which players originally "not selected" for their own "AAA" team may request a tryout at any other willing association. On May 20th, the rosters submitted to Baseball PEI shall be considered final.
- ✓ The request for release and form to accept the transferred player must be completed and approved by Baseball PEI before said player(s) may try out with another team. If unsuccessful in this tryout attempt, the player must return to their own association.
- ✓ At the end of the upcoming season, all players again become the property of their "home" association, regardless of time played away. This is necessary to allow associations to develop players and hopefully a "AAA" division will be included as part of each association.
- ✓ Baseball PEI Executive will have the power of authority to make final decisions on all contested decisions re: this policy.

Moved by: Walter MacEwen (BPEI-VP) and Seconded by: Gian Martinson (SAMBA)

AGM Ratification: new motion passed.

6. Based on the above item, all previous grandfather clauses become null and void. Individual players all return to their original home association (based on where they reside). Each year, a player who wants to play "AAA" must register in his own association by the deadline, tryout for said "AAA" team offered in his association OR get a release from association (if they are not offering "AAA") and get granted permission by "new" association to tryout for team in that association. At the end of the season, all players transferred, are returned to their home association.

-Moved by Ian Clays (VP of Competitions), seconded by Andrew Cameron (Cameron)

AGM Ratification: Motion defeated

7. New motion presented at the AGM:

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team in that association. At the end of the season, all players transferred, are returned to their home association with the exception of the "original" players involved in the transfer agreement between Summerside and Richmond, created to allow Richmond to form as an association. *The following is the list of players (some are already Bantam age or higher and are already back playing in Summerside) that are granted the "exception" after confirming with Rob MacCormack and Mike Cameron, respective Presidents of Richmond and Summerside Associations when this transfer agreement took place:*

-Zach Thususka	-Nicholas Reeves	-Luke Trainer
-Blake Gallant	-Braeden Ahearn	-Connor Gallant
-Spencer Ballum	-Connor Keough	-Ed McNeill
-Brett Ballum	-Evan Richard	-Sid McNeill
-Dylan Mugridge	-Sam McNeill	-Seth McNeill

-Moved by Joe McInnis (SAMBA), seconded by Stephen Champion (Kensington)

AGM Ratification: new motion passed

8. New motion presented at the AGM:

- ✓ In our 18U category, the cooperation that presently exists among teams where neighboring associations will share players in order to have as many competitive teams as possible shall continue. No formal boundaries for players will exist at this present time since excellent cooperation has resulted in an successful product this past year which achieved the goals of our Board.
- ✓ In "AAA" leagues, it has been agreed that efforts must be in place to achieve leagues with a "minimum" of 5 teams. Associations which consider registering more than one "AA" team should make every effort to ensure they have one "AAA" team. In order to facilitate this, the Executive feels certain guidelines need to be followed.
- ✓ Kings County associations work together to make a genuine effort to have at least one team in each of the 11U, 13U and 15U categories.
- ✓ Sherwood, Stratford and Charlottetown hopefully would have sufficient players for each association to have its own team using only its own players. However, if there are not numbers to guarantee a team in each of the associations as such, then the three associations are encouraged to work together to form three teams if possible and at the very minimum, two teams. This could involve any combination that is satisfactory to the group.
- ✓ Cornwall and Kensington have agreed for the 2013 season, to "combine" their associations for the "AAA" levels only, with the "AA" and lower categories maintained within each association on their own. This means all players whose home association is Cornwall or Kensington must register and try out for the "AAA" team in their area only. If players from

these association happen to be cut from combined AAA team, they then have the option of requesting a tryout at any other association.

- ✓ Summerside, Bedeque, Richmond and West Prince associations ideally would each have a representative "AAA" team but it is imperative that a genuine effort be undertaken by said associations to see at least two "AAA" teams from these areas be formed. However, at the 15U division and higher, Richmond does not have a facility and therefore players wanting "AAA" competition are free to try out at any accepting association on a one year basis with this arrangement continuing as long as the field situation remains the same in Richmond. The existing exchange relationship between Summerside and Richmond will be maintained as it exists presently with the "original" kids (list as approved and confirmed by SAMBA Past-President Mike Cameron and Richmond President Rob MacCormack) allowed to remain as Richmond "property".
- ✓ In all associations, players must register with their own association. Players who do not meet the registration deadlines in their association are NOT eligible to play in any association.

Moved by: Walter MacEwen (BPEI-VP) and Seconded by Andrew Cameron (Cornwall)

AGM Ratification: new motion passed

7. Consideration of Reports:

President: Ian, David (2nd)

Finance: Gian, Joe (2nd)

HP: Janet, Joe (2nd)

Competitions: Ian, John (2nd)

ED: Joe, David (2nd)

TD: John, Ian (2nd)

Umpire: Ian, Andrew (2nd)

8. Appointment of Auditor/3rd Party Review: Sport PEI. Moved by Walter, 2nd by: Janet

9. Approval of budget: Moved by Walter, 2nd by: Janet

10. Nomination Report: as presented...

11. New Business:

-Volunteer Commissioners: all board members are to send names of interested people to Ian Clays via email. Action Item: Ian and Cheryl to ensure board members have a job description listing duties for commissioners.

-Girls Baseball: all board members to send names to Walter and Cheryl. "We need to start somewhere, now let's get a plan in motion!"

-Hitting Clinic for Coaches: Feb.15-17th, 2013. Hosted by Baseball PEI. Guest Instructor is David Robb from Alberta. Cost is \$25/coach. Maximum of 20 paid coaches accepted. Clinic will take place in both classroom and turf field setting.

-Communication Information: Cheryl and Janet tasked to work on "Handbook" and other communication tools over the winter months. Gian and Desi to be sent draft material prior to final draft being completed.

-PEIBUA Proposal:

Motion: by David **Seconded by:** Ian. **Approved.**

In 2013 PEIBUA will monitor whether teams/associations are using registered umpires

If non-registered umpires are used the following process will be played out:

First foul: Team/association will be warned that they have used non-registered umpires

Second foul and all further fouls: Team/Association will be fined \$30 for each time non-registered umpires are used. Associations will be sent an invoice and communicated to by PEIBUA and a copy of the correspondence will be sent to Baseball PEI.

Additional Notes:

-Umpires will not work any provincial games involving Associations who's fees have not yet been paid.

-Money collected by the PEIBUA from "fines" will be used toward future umpire development.

12. Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.

Vice President High Performance Report

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High Performance

The 2013 baseball season has come and gone very quickly: too quickly for some and not soon enough for others. I want to thank all the associations for their volunteer time as I can only imagine the countless hours and work you have done without anyone even knowing. I am sure you don't necessarily want others to know about the endless time you spend on baseball but when the craziness (I am sure you have all had it and know what I am talking about) within an association happens, it would be nice that those involved realize that you are just a volunteer trying to make baseball happen for the kids of your community.

As for my role with Baseball PEI this past season, I was privileged to be a part of the executive for meetings along with being the Baseball PEI representative with the Provincial teams being Canada Games, Midgets and Juniors.

Fortunately for this vice president, my role on the executive lead to usual but necessary tasks such as time spent reading a lot of emails, helping to make reasonable and fair decisions and coordinating our annual bursary while enjoying acting as Chef de Mission for PEI Juniors in Halifax for the Canadian National Championship (I have submit my report to the executive on this completion).

In reflection, I want to thank Desi Doyle, Keith Craswell, Bobby Doyle and Darcy Dunn for their work with our Canada Games Team who competed in Sherbrooke, Quebec. Also Dave McQuaid and Gerard

McInnis for their involvement with the Midget Team which traveled to Trois- Rivieres, Quebec. Also, thank you to Jason Monaghan, Dave McDougall and Walter McEwen who were a very busy crew in Halifax.

Our organization is very excited about continuing to have both younger and older players competing at national levels especially after the age of eighteen. However, plans are not finalized and I will leave this for BaseballPEI to decide.

Both at the local or provincial level, I want to tip my hat to all those who bring baseball to our province and help it just get better and better for our players.

Vice President:
Janet Cameron

Things I have accomplished

1. Sponsorships
 - Source for Sports
 - Boston Pizza
 - Comfort Inn
2. Baseball Clinics
 - Rally Cap (13 teams across the Island + year end jamboree)
 - Junior Mosquito (4 teams + year end jamboree)
 - Mosquito A (3 teams)
 - Mosquito AA (4 teams)
 - Mosquito AAA (2 teams)
 - Peewee AA (2 teams + MFP)
 - Bantam AAA (Kensington with Michael Reyes)
3. Pitch, Hit & Run
 - Foundation for next year
 - MLB
4. Toronto Blue Jays Supercamp
 - Great success, best attendance in Maritimes
 - In good standing with Blue Jays
 - Back in October for instructional clinic
5. My First Pitch Program
 - New program designed so all players have opportunity to pitch
 - Very important with use of pitch count
 - Everyone should have an opportunity to learn
6. Beginning of a new Brand for Baseball PEI
 - Step towards rebranding Baseball PEI
 - New logo
 - Continue to promote
7. Facebook site
 - Constant updates, drills, information and promotion
 - 320+ Facebook likes in 5 months

8. Updated/new website & logo

- Updated logo helps rejuvenate Baseball PEI
- Kept up to date
- Promotion from around the Island
- More appealing to the eye

9. Longest Day of Play

- Took an opportunity to get kids outside
- Played catch/baseball at Victoria Park
- Did not work great but step towards next year
- Helps with branding of Baseball PEI

10. Michael Reyes

- Former MLB player
- Certified strength trainer
- Long resume with coaching: Mental, pitching, hitting and fielding
- Looking to help with Provincial/All-star teams for future Summers

11. Increased baseball numbers

- Up about 300 kids from last year, looking to continue to build
- Creating opportunities

12. First year learning experience

- Understand how and what needs to be done
- See the positives & negatives
- Understand the things we need to work towards

13. Baseball PEI has won Baseball Canada Province of the Year Award for 2013

Few things I plan to work on in Off-season

1. Scheduling
 - Game : Practice Ratio (all leagues)
 - Rally Cap
 - Make-up games/end of the year
 - Rescheduling/forfeits
2. Player's
 - Call-ups
 - Suspensions/ejections
3. Coaches
 - Suspensions/ejections
4. Umpires
 - Suspensions
5. Associations
 - Needs to be on the same page
 - Proper Board of Directors
 - RBI certified associations
6. Atlantics
 - Exactly what is involved and expected when hosting an Atlantic Tournament (\$, balls, medals, etc.)
7. Insurance coverage for traveling teams
8. Provincials
 - Exactly what is involved/expected from teams who are hosting
 - Do not make or decide not to go in Provincials – money back
 - If back out of Provincials after certain date – no money back
9. Nationals
 - Chef de Mission – Outline exactly what and when things are paid for under different circumstances (traveling with team/not with team)
10. Sponsorship
 - Proposal for Sign Station (Banners/signs from Sign City)
 - Proposal for MRSB

- Proposal for Tim Horton's (Rally Cap)
- Proposal for Chucker's Trophies and Medals

11. Honda

- Get vehicle for 2014 Summer Baseball Clinics
- Advertise both Baseball PEI and Capital Honda on vehicle

12. All forms for next season

- One pdf. file containing every single document needed for the entire year (Greeting letter, League registration, team roster, provincials, eliminations, constitution & policy, pitch count sheet, KidsSport, NCCP requirements, etc.)

13. 2014 Fall Convention

14. Rally Cap

- Leaders identified by March
- Coaching session with all Rally Cap coaches about the Rally Cap program and how the hats work.

15. Sponsorship packages

- Gold, Silver, Bronze (written down and stick with the criteria)

16. Challenger Program

- Find coordinators interested in being a part of the Challenger Program
- Sport for children with cognitive or physical disabilities
- Promotion
- A way to connect on another level

17. Girl's Day

- Promote Girl's Baseball
- Do not have to play softball
- National Women's Team
- Lots to strive for

18. Chewing Tobacco Campaign

- Users start as early as grade 7, first exposure average is 15 years old
- Most parents do not know
- 60 minutes = 8 cigarettes

- Average spent = \$1500
- Gum disease and oral cancer
- Stimulant and additive

19. Strike Out the Sun

- Sun protection for players, coaches and spectators.
- Sunscreen
- Clothing