



Baseball PEI Annual Presidents' Meeting Minutes

Saturday, 3 March 2018, 9 am

Room 212, Sport PEI

In attendance:

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of 15U/Bantam and 18U/Midget Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U/Mosquito Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Team, Baseball PEI
- David McQuaid, PEIBUA
- Dave Benton, Cornwall
- Sam Arsenault, Western
- Andy Worth, Charlottetown
- Steven Noonan, Bedeque
- Andrew MacKay, Bedeque
- Cale Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
- Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
- Tanner Doiron, Summerside
- Darren Cash, Kensington
- Joe Carroll, Stratford
- Desi Doyle, Northside

Associations Unable to Attend:

- Souris Minor Baseball Association

Meeting:

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
 - Regrets, and our sympathies to Randy Byrne and his family, with the passing of Randy's mother, Esther Langille. All Associations, but one, were present.
- 2) Approval of Agenda moved by Andy Worth, seconded by Desi Doyle. **Motion passed.**
- 3) Approval of the 2017 Presidents' Meeting Minutes moved by Dave Benton, seconded by Andrew MacKay. **Motion passed.**
- 4) Walter reviewed the resolutions from the AGM 2017.
- 5) Walter reviewed the calendar with all present. A lot of time was put into the thoughts on the calendar by the Executive. Coaches need to know the dates of the initial meetings! Note the dates for coaching clinics as well. Dates for Provincials and Eliminations were provided. A lot of consideration put into conflicts such as a two levels playing on the same weekend, where when division may typically umpire the other division. Length of the season has received a lot of consideration.
- 6) Walter noted Janet is the rep for Provincial Teams. All of the Provincial Teams have had opportunities for the kids to get on the fields. Provincial coaches have been contacted. No selections yet, just camps. It was asked if players out of Province can make a provincial team? Players should contact the coach and work out the details of how this will work. Numbers of players at camps are very good.
- 7) Walter shared with the group that Girls' Baseball is growing by leaps and bounds across Canada. On PEI, the Pinet's, Marc and MacKenzie, have a long list of girls wanting to play. 16U girls will play in the 15U/Bantam "AA" league and a few games with "A" teams. For the first time in a long time, if not first time, girls are playing in a league. Girls will enjoy playing in a league. Associations are encouraged to have all girls teams involved in leagues if numbers allow. There will be a clinic April 3rd at the Indoor Soccer Complex in Stratford just for girls. There is no age limit on the girls for this clinic. Nova Brunswick is going to National 16U Girls Championships this year. Newfoundland has St. John's area with girls playing. Need to be careful with smaller associations losing girls to Provincial Teams.
Baseball PEI asked to provide information to the Associations, letters to the schools.



Baseball PEI asked to check that the small associations where girls make up a key part of their local teams are not seriously affected by the provincial team playing in the league.

- 8) Walter discussed Provincial Teams playing in 18U/Midget “AA” (Provincial 15U team) and 15U/Bantam “AA” (Provincial 13U team) leagues this season. In regards to Provincial Teams playing in leagues, the “Host” team will have to look after field preparation, booking umpires, and if the game needs to cancel if inclement weather and contact umpires. The host will handle all the normal little games details except baseballs and payment of officials.

Baseball PEI investigate the most simple way for the Provincial teams to pay the fees, either end of season cheque, on-field payment, et cetera

13U/Peewee “AAA” category may pose a problem, with “AA” nights. Provincial 15U should not have the same conflict with 18U/Midget “AA” league.

- 9) The position of Baseball PEI representative for all Provincial tournaments. Walter shared the handout in regards to expectations of the position of the Baseball PEI representative at all Provincial tournaments.
- 10) Walter discussed the addition to the Association/zone bond, not having a publicly advertised Annual General Meeting before 30 April, and submitting the AGM minutes, will result in a \$100 fine.
- 11) For a potential 18U/Midget “A” league, it was determined that four teams are necessary to go ahead. Charlottetown/Sherwood could have a “AA” team, and three “A”. Cardigan can do a “AA” and Cornwall can do one.

Associations to ask their membership for interest in an 18U/Midget “A” league, and by 31 March associations will indicate their interest in an 18U/Midget “A” team and the league meeting which would follow would be separate from the 18U/Midget “AA” meeting moved by Allison Macdonald, seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**

- 12) Walter discussed the PEI Pitch Count rules will remain in effect for the 2018 Season. Eliminations will use the Baseball Canada pitch count rules due to the fact that all Baseball Atlantic Championships will be played with the Baseball Canada pitch count rule.
- 13) Walter discussed the RAMP InterActive offer with the group. It is a program to run an online registration for Associations. \$99 set up fee per Association, \$1.50 per player, credit card will cost 1.49%, (roughly another \$1.50). It won’t be run this year, but maybe 2019. Randy will check deeper into the cost for Baseball PEI. Associations to survey interest with parents and their own executives. Associations do want to continue “on-site” registrations due to the opportunities this presents to find occasional coaches and new officials, et cetera. This could be in association with online as well. There were also questions as to whether there was a way that associations can either use their websites that are on Baseball site or forward excel spreadsheets that could allow Baseball PEI to upload the information in that manner?
- 14) Walter spoke about the grassroots clinics. There were two four-week hitting clinics in the fall, and since January, there have been 13U Regional Clinics in Morell, Stratford Summerside and West Prince. 60-70 kids playing once a week that didn’t happen before. Two clinics upcoming are the Greg O’Halloran clinics (two days on catching and one day with infield work) and in April, Jason Dickson will host a camp on pitching for elite pitchers (better control, better power, how to get hitters outs).
Summer clinics better all the time. Connor Myers is now out of university so he is not available to do camps. Are there people/students interested in this work? Associations are asked to contact Baseball PEI if anybody comes to mind.
Two major league umpires came for a clinic. We need to get more officials out and working. Whatever associations can do to promote more umpires. With more teams at the 18U/Midget level, we will need more associations to find more “older” umpires. The PEIBUA will send out fees, information on levels and basics to the Associations.
- 15) Code of Conduct - Associations reminded to ask coaches to follow the Code of Conduct and Desi Doyle is going to support this at initiation clinics for NCCP.
- 16) Walter invited new business from the floor. On issue was with coaches convincing players moving down from “AAA” to stack a “AA” team. This is a difficult item for Baseball PEI to handle. Associations have to deal with this issue as pertinent information comes to them.
- 17) Allison Macdonald put forth the motion to adjourn the meeting 10:25 am.