



## Baseball PEI Annual Presidents' Meeting Minutes

**Saturday, 11 March 2017, 9 am**

**Room 212, Sport PEI**

### In attendance:

- Don LeClair, President, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of Bantam and Midget Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Darrel Kirev, Director of Mosquito Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Andrew Cameron, Cornwall
- Nora Dorgan, Western
- Gaye Hood, Charlottetown
- Steven Noonan, Bedeque
- Bob Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
- Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
- Carrie Adams, Summerside
- Darren Cash, Kensington
- Joe Carroll, Stratford
- Jeff McGrath, Northside
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

### Associations Unable to Attend:

- Souris Minor Baseball Association

### Meeting:

- 1) Don called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
- 2) A roll call was done for the purposes for everybody to introduce themselves to the group and to be highlighted on the roll call for the meeting. All but one Association had a representative present, and four members of the Baseball PEI Board of Directors were in attendance to make the total meeting attendance at fourteen (14) people.
- 3) The minutes of the 2016 Presidents' Meeting were reviewed.  
Nora Dorgan moved a motion for the adoption of the 2016 minutes; it was seconded by Gaye Hood. **Motion passed.**
- 4) Don reviewed the resolutions passed at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, as a reminder to all present:
  - Resolution # 1: The player registration fee for players in the Mosquito level-and-above will be increased from \$25 to \$35 as of the 2017 season.
  - Resolution # 2: Baseball PEI will set up a committee to explore options in setting up an indoor baseball training facility.
  - Resolution # 3: Baseball PEI will set up a structure where the league schedule does not influence seeding in Provincial tournaments, and every team registered in a Baseball PEI league is eligible to participate in a Provincial tournament.
  - Resolution # 4: That at the "AA" and "A" level, the league schedule will feature 12 games, plus four scheduled exhibition games included.
  - Resolution # 5: Baseball PEI will commit that one Provincial team will be sent to National Championships at the Peewee, Bantam, Midget, and Junior levels, based on the location of the Championship
    - (Ontario-east we will commit to sending a team; Manitoba-west we will examine finances and some other factors before committing).
  - Resolution # 6: Baseball PEI will officially remove the one-strike rule at Mosquito "A," remove the pitch count rules in Mosquito "A" and institute an innings-cap of one inning per game per pitcher in Mosquito "A."
  - Resolution # 7: If a player is younger than 9 years old, in order to play Mosquito "A" or above, the player will need to apply to Baseball PEI and to their local association to be eligible to play Mosquito "A" or above, and the player needs to pass a skills evaluation administered by somebody from their local association (which will require a fee to be paid to the evaluator).
- 5) Allison reviewed the proposed 2017 Policy and Procedures Manual. He informed the group that it was revamped by a committee of Walter MacEwen, Randy Byrne, Blair Christopher and himself. Allison highlighted the changes in this version compared to the 2016 version.



It was agreed by the group that in the fall of 2017, a policy concerning “AAA” teams not making any cuts until all “AAA” teams in the league are confirmed be investigated, as well as examining any possible policy changes necessary in regards to teams winning Provincial Championships but declining to attend the Baseball Atlantic Championships.

Allison Macdonald moved a motion that the presented version of the Policy and Procedures Manual be adopted as the official 2017 Baseball PEI Policy and Procedures Manual; it was seconded by Gaye Hood. **Motion Passed.**

- 6) Randy presented the 2017 Baseball PEI Calendar, highlighting the slight changes in comparison to the 2016 Calendar, and the planned dates for league meetings and Provincial Championships.
- 7) Randy presented the pitch count rules changes for 2017 on PEI. Baseball PEI is trialing a different rule in regards to a pitcher being able to finish a batter, but only being credited for pitching to the pitching-day threshold. This is for Baseball Canada, who will look at the average extra pitches thrown as the pitcher finishes the batter but is only credited for pitching to the threshold, and decide whether or not to implement such a rule for the entire country.
- 8) Randy, Allison, and Darrel discussed planned changes for league meetings. While the structure isn’t completely set, the goal is for the meetings to be more streamlined and have less time wasted. All in attendance were in agreement that this was a good goal, and some suggestions were offered on how to improve league meetings.
- 9) Randy gave the dates for the 2017 NCCP clinics. A discussion ensued about potentially in the fall looking at a PEI-style accreditation system where if for example, a person had been a former college/senior pitcher, they would be credited for the NCCP Pitching and Catching clinic here on PEI. That will be investigated in the fall.
- 10) Randy reminded the associations present of Baseball PEI’s plan to have an umpire mentoring system, the ask of associations to have an “Umpire-in-Chief” for all of their umpires, and the return of the Summer Clinics Program in 2017. Randy also informed the associations in attendance of the hope of Baseball PEI to set up winter clinics in different regions of PEI for Peewee-aged players (11, 12 and 13 years old) in the winter of 2017-2018
- 11) Gaye Hood put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am.