



## Baseball PEI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, 16 April 2018, 6 pm

Room 2L, Sport PEI

### In attendance

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Spencer Myers, Director of Administration and Skill Development, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI
- John Munro, Director of 13U/Peewee Competitions, 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

- Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U/Mosquito Competitions, Baseball PEI

### Meeting

- 1) Walter called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
- 2) The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed. A section was added for Kent to report on PEIBUA issues.
  - o Motion to approve the agenda moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) The Minutes from the last Board of Directors Meeting (18 January 2018) was briefly reviewed.
  - o Motion to approve the Minutes of the 18 January 2018 meeting moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) From the minutes, discussion took place on the timing of our annual Baseball PEI Awards. It was agreed more interest and nominations may come if the Awards Night was sooner after the end of the season and if the coaches of various teams are alerted to this during the season.
  - o Motion to hold the 2018 Baseball PEI Awards Night during the last two weeks of October moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) Walter gave a report on the current finances of Baseball PEI and highlighted the expenditures of the last couple of months. It appears that Baseball PEI may have approximately \$21,000 in the bank at this point. That is a truer reflection of our financial situation at this point of the fiscal year than would be at this point of the fiscal year in the past, as a bill from Baseball Canada for \$23,000 has been paid (which in the past would not be paid until we received from income from registrations and et cetera). With expected expenditures noted, Walter is pleased with our financial situation.
  - o Motion to approve the financial report moved by John Munro; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 6) Janet gave a report on the current situation of our Provincial teams, with all either starting some form of tryouts or finishing up I.D. camps and about to embark on tryouts.

The application process has finished for Chefs-de-Mission, and we have three Chefs-de-Mission selected: Vernon Doyle (21U), Janet Cameron (Canada Cup), and Jeff Young (13U National). We still need Chefs for the National 16U Girls, 15U and National Atlantic 13U Championships. Board members are urged to supply names to Randy within the next week or so.

Randy asked several people to serve on selection committees for Provincial teams requiring tryouts, and from the folks who stated they would serve on a committee, Baseball PEI will ask Reg Conohan and Dave MacDougall to serve on the selection committee for the Provincial 13U team, Walter MacEwen and



somebody TBD for the Provincial 15U team (maybe Allison Macdonald), and Don LeClair and Mike Cameron for the Youth Selects.

- 7) Randy updated the Board on the recent Girls Day Camp. 35 girls took part and the day was an absolute success. Things are looking positive for girls' baseball on PEI.
- 8) Walter and Randy updated the Board on the Greg O'Halloran Catching Clinic this past March. It went very well, the catchers involved learned a great deal, and it was unfortunate that O'Halloran became ill and could not run the Infielding camp on the Sunday as scheduled. In any case, it was a success. The Jason Dickson Pitching Camp is taking place this weekend at Holland College in Charlottetown, all spots are full and several coaches are attending. It, like the O'Halloran Camp, will be tailored towards high performance-type players and should be a great success.
- 9) Discussion took place on what rules should be in play if an 18U/Midget "A" league is indeed formed this year. It was agreed that at the 18U/Midget "A" level, all players should bat and substitutions should be unlimited – unlike at the 18U/Midget "AA" level, where teams bat nine players with the re-entry rule in effect – and there should be a five-run inning cap (except for the last two innings, which are open). All 18U/Midget "A" regular season games, like those of the 18U/Midget "AA" league, will be played on Mondays and Thursdays.
  - o Motion to permit 18U/Midget "AA" teams to call up affiliate players from the 15U/Bantam "AAA" league – minus those players playing with the Provincial 15U/Bantam team – moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed.**
- 10) The upcoming League meetings were discussed. It was agreed that the format used last year – all teams in a certain skill category meeting together first to discuss at things similar then breaking off into specific league meetings – will be adopted again this year. Coaches behaviour will be discussed thoroughly, as well as teams being warned that fines will be enforced this year and there will be no warnings (and John Munro will monitor that teams do upload scores and pitch counts on time as the season goes on). Meetings will start at 6:30 pm.
- 11) It was agreed that pre-season jamborees should be organized again this year at the 11U/Mosquito "AA," 13U/Peewee "A" and 15U/Bantam "A" levels, and coaches and associations be encouraged to have a coach's mentor with them on the bench (however, it will not be mandatory). Other leagues will be encouraged to set-up their own pre-season jamboree; that being said, Baseball PEI will not organize these. It will be up to the teams in their respective league to do so.
- 12) The 2018 - 2022 Baseball PEI Strategic Plan was talked about. The only change required to be made from the current presentation was that in the officials' section, slight changes be made to make it clear that Baseball PEI will be assisting the PEIBUA (as the PEIBUA is in charge of officials on PEI).
  - o Motion to approve the 2018 – 2022 Baseball PEI Strategic Plan was moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 13) Randy updated the Board on the RAMP InterActive plan for a free trial in their registration system. In Randy's opinion, going forward, it will make life more convenient for him and the associations, and appeal to parents due to convenience. His hope is of its adoption in 2019.
- 14) The idea of scheduling software was discussed, in order to make scheduling Baseball PEI leagues simpler. It was agreed that Baseball PEI should purchase the "Diamond Scheduler" software.
  - o Motion to approve the purchase of the "Diamond Scheduler" scheduling software moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 15) Kent reported on the PEIBUA SuperClinic with Trevor Grieve and Stu Scheurwater in February and it was a fantastic success. Mike Richards and Jonathan Schut attended an Umpires' Caravan in Halifax this



past weekend and now can run clinics for Level 1 and 2 umpires now (decreasing the burden on Kent and Jeff Brine for running these clinics). As well, posters and brochures have been created trying to recruit players/parents/fans to umpire and will be handed out at registration sessions at each association (with the majority of the associations' registration sessions on 21 April having an umpire there to hand them out and discuss some things with interested folks).

- 16) Randy informed the Board of the need for potentially three new Baseball PEI banners for Provincial Tournaments, as some of the older ones are getting in rough shape plus with more Provincial Tournaments, there will need to be more on hand.
  - o Motion to approve the purchase of three new Baseball PEI banners from Sign Station moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 17) The group discussed the potential for Cody Banks Arena in Sherwood to be decommissioned as an ice rink and be turned into a multi-sport facility. All present were in support of Walter sending a letter to people with the City of Charlottetown supporting this idea. As well, the Board discussed the value in Walter and Randy meeting with Kenny MacDougall at The Mount about potential ways baseball can become a part of their program. Walter and Randy will endeavour to do this within the next couple of weeks.
- 18) Randy reported to the Board that he received word late this afternoon that Matt Barlow was approved by the Provincial Government/Skills PEI, through the Post-Secondary Student program, to work with Baseball PEI for fourteen weeks during the summer. Dawson McCormack and Tessa Hood have both applied and it's the Board's hope they get positions with Baseball PEI for the summer through various governmental summer-student programs,
- 19) Allison Macdonald made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:52 pm.