



## 2021 Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting Minutes

23 October 2021

### Credit Union Place, Summerside

1. Meeting called to order by Walter MacEwen at 11:34 am.
2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates (all with a vote are underlined):  
In attendance: Walter MacEwen, Baseball PEI                      Cory Gaudet, Charlottetown  
Connor Myers, Baseball PEI                                      Andrew Cameron, Cornwall  
Janet Cameron, Baseball PEI                                      Patrick Kelly, Kensington  
John Munro, Baseball PEI    Desi Doyle, Northside  
Joelyne Taylor, Baseball PEI                                        Bob Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale  
Ian Clays, Baseball PEI    Adam Smith, Stratford  
Mike Richards, PEIBUA     Tanner Doiron, Summerside  
Randy Byrne, Baseball PEI (E.D.)                                Adam Connolly, Summerside  
Kevin McKenna, Bedeque    Nick Hann, Summerside  
Lisa MacKenzie, Three Rivers                                        Alf Blanchard, PEI Junior (22U) Baseball League  
- Associations with no representatives in attendance: Souris, Western
3. Approval for 2021 Baseball PEI AGM Agenda:
  - Motion by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
4. Approval of 2020 Baseball PEI AGM Minutes:
  - Motion by Ian Clays; seconded by Desi Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
5. Business Arising from the Minutes:
  - **None.**
6. Items to be Ratified by the Board:
  - **None.**
7. Reports from Board of Directors, CD for NCCP on PEI, and PEIBUA (specific reports are found in the Appendix I of these minutes):
  - a. President's Report: Walter MacEwen presented his report. Overall, it was a successful year.
    - Motion to approve Report by Tanner Doiron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
  - b. Finance Report: Walter spoke to the secure finances of Baseball PEI, which are very good at the moment. Baseball PEI was able to hold a season and bring in revenue – including the most successful Blue Jays Getaway fundraiser to date – but did not have to spend nearly as much with no National Championships. Also, Walter spoke to the review engagement of Baseball PEI's finances in 2020-2021 done by MRSB, which stated the finances were in good shape and there are no irregularities.
    - Motion to approve Report by Adam Smith; seconded by Lisa MacKenzie. **Motion Passed.**
  - c. Skill Development Report: Connor Myers presented his report.
    - Motion to approve Report by Joelyne Taylor; seconded by Desi Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
  - d. Provincial Teams' Report: Janet Cameron presented her report.
    - Motion to approve Report by Kevin McKenna; seconded by Adam Connolly. **Motion Passed.**
  - e. Female Baseball Report: Joelyne Taylor presented her report.
    - Motion to approve Report by Lisa MacKenzie; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
  - f. 11U Competitions Report: Randy Byrne presented the report on behalf of the absent Darrel Kirev, Director of 11U Competitions.
    - Motion to approve Report by Connor Myers; seconded by Joelyne Taylor. **Motion Passed.**
  - g. 13U Competitions Report: John Munro presented his report.
    - Motion to Approve Report by Lisa MacKenzie; seconded by Kevin McKenna. **Motion Passed.**
  - h. 15U and 18U Competitions Report: Ian Clays presented his report.
    - Motion to approve Report by Joelyne Taylor; seconded by Adam Smith. **Motion Passed.**
  - i. Coaching/NCCP Report: Desi Doyle presented his report. As well, he acknowledged the number of online clinics Randy Byrne ran this past summer.
    - Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Ian Clays. **Motion Passed.**



- j. Umpires' Report: Mike Richards presented his report. After this, there was a request that if fees were rising that minor baseball associations be given early notice (as many base registration fees partly on umpire costs), a discussion about the need for more adult umpires, a request to look at allowing umpires to be booked for a certain fixture of games all season, and the suggestion that associations look at their number and age of umpires before schedule home game nights during the season.
  - Motion to approve Report by Joelyne Taylor; seconded by Adam Connolly. **Motion Passed.**
- k. Executive Director's Report: Randy Byrne presented his report, and added that minor baseball associations should be proud of their role in the growth in minor baseball and the excellent cooperation they display with other associations and Baseball PEI.
  - Motion to approve Report by Janet Cameron; seconded by Lisa MacKenzie. **Motion Passed.**
8. Walter MacEwen submitted the financial forecast for the rest of the 2021-2022 fiscal year and a proposed budget for 2022-2023 (found in Appendix II of these minutes).
  - Motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget by Ian Clays; seconded by Connor Myers. **Motion Passed.**
9. Due to a change in the Baseball PEI Constitution and Bylaws at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, any member who wishes to put forth their name in consideration for election to a specific position on the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI must do so by seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting. The positions of President, Director of Skill Development/Administration, Director of Female Baseball and Director 15U and 18U Competitions were up for election for two-year terms, and the only incumbent Directors for each position reoffered themselves for election to each position:
  - a. President: Walter MacEwen
  - b. Director of Skill Development/Administration: Connor Myers
  - c. Director of Female Baseball: Joelyne Taylor
  - d. Director of 15U and 18U Competitions: Ian Clays
    - Motion for the approval of the acclamation of Walter MacEwen as President, Connor Myers as Director of Skill Development/Administration, Joelyne Taylor as Director of Female Baseball, and Ian Clays as Director of 15U and 18U Competitions moved by Kevin McKenna; seconded by Andrew Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
10. New business arising from the meeting:
  - a. Alf Blanchard spoke to the need for more baseball fields in the Charlottetown area and the need for repair/investment in baseball fields outside of Charlottetown, and asked what was Baseball PEI's role in this area. Walter MacEwen explained Baseball PEI's efforts in trying to get more Senior, 15U and 13U fields within the Charlottetown area, and Randy Byrne stated that Baseball PEI's role is to help minor baseball association lobby to government and other groups to secure more funding for fields and facilities.
11. John Munro moved that this meeting was adjourned at 12:16 pm.



## Appendix I - Directors' Reports

### **President's Report – Walter MacEwen**

Despite the role Covid-19 played in sport across the country, Baseball PEI, following direction from the CPHO, was able to continue the momentum established the previous year when we were the only province to be able to hold Provincial Championships and this year our leagues and playoffs continued essentially per normal. Our leagues ran smoothly thanks to all involved including our division directors and excellent cooperation from the associations, teams, coaching staffs and players plus fans.

Discipline issues got off to a shaky start in the first couple of weeks, but throughout the summer was very good and we thank those involved again, including coaches, players and officials. The incidents were significantly reduced from the previous year. Our Provincial teams did not get to travel to Nationals per se, but did train for and participate in Atlantic competition in most categories. The Provincial 13U team played a series of games against Nova Scotia while others participated in Atlantic competition under the Nationals concept.

Baseball Atlantic Championships also were hosted and our teams performed exceptionally well, winning five gold medals and three silver in the eight categories entered. Also, our Select team finished third and played well at the Atlantic Baseball Showcase in Halifax/Dartmouth featuring Junior and Select teams.

#### **Innovations:**

- Baseball PEI partnered to assist the start-up of the PEI Junior (22U) Baseball league, a first in many years.
- Conducted over 60 camps across the province and had weather cancel what would have been an all-time high 90 reserved camps. Our summer students Logan MacDougall and Jack MacKenzie earned rave reviews from many sectors and were perhaps our strongest team of instructors ever.
- Our Provincial Rally Cap Coordinator, Connor Myers, worked with our association Rally Cap coordinators to run programs as per the original concept of the program. This went well and with innovations for next year already in place, it is expected our youngest players will get even better instruction in those key ball enjoyment and skill creation with play develop so much.
- We ran a “low-income” program to assist low-income families to be able to have their children play baseball. There was a moderate uptake to this opportunity.
- We ran an assistance program for associations to use “pitching machines” in their program.
- We initiated a mentor program arrangement with the PEIBUA to mentor our first and second-year officials to increase their feeling of support and development early in the season. The hope was that these officials would maintain their interest in officiating in the upcoming years. Unfortunately, this program did not run as we had planned and managed only a part of the observations anticipated.
- Our female baseball program has seen strong growth and especially the Provincial 14U Girls team did very well, winning Gold at the Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championships. The Girls Grassroots Baseball Committee will be continuing to find ways to create interest from more players, increase the skill level of our players and try to attract the strongest ballplayers in our province to our game. Also, Summerside is hosting the National 16U Girls Championship next summer, and we hope this will also be a draw for more interest.

Our fundraiser continues to be well received and with this year having us see the most teams playing in many years and the most players participating, our net return was the highest ever. This program works very nicely for the teams and has helped create excess funding which we continue to use as we make new developments.

Fall baseball has also been a success, with 28 teams and 365 players. This recreational approach to the game during the nice weather leftover after seasonal playoffs makes a nice fit for players wanting to get in a few more weeks of baseball.

Again, the fall baseball scene includes both Senior and Intermediate leagues with three (one from PEI) and five teams in each respectively.

Our NCCP clinics were again well-received and pre-season training sessions in some categories where the coaches involved are less experienced seems to have shown better play by teams and less combative situations at games.

Our officials had a less stressful season with games. Back behind the plate again assisted with the calling of games compared to the difficult situations they were in the previous year with Covid-19 compliances in place. However, with our increased numbers of teams and players, it was extremely difficult for the officials to always be able to cover all the scheduled games. At our recent Board of Directors' meeting, several ideas were put forward to hopefully improve this problem; including recruitment of more adult officials which will help in Provincial Championships when the younger officials are needed but are often playing themselves. Also, with so many games, burnout was an issue and not surprising when many were trying to officiate almost every day of the week. This increase of games and increased lack of officials able to officiate also factored into the problem with the mentoring program since more officials were needed to do games when it was hoped they would be



available to mentor the youngest officials. It is much needed for the associations to assist us all in finding more people to officiate, especially those not playing themselves anymore even if they can do only one or two games a week. Joint work is needed by associations, Baseball PEI and PEIBUA to solve this problem.

We plan to run our winter regional camps again this winter with hopes to have 10U and 13U categories. This should provide a nice supplement to the players who want to play some ball in the offseason but are committed full time to other sports. As well, we will again try to have a high-performance camp with a focus on hitting, held over for two years due to Covid-19.

With the excellent work of our division directors and other Board members, plus special programs instructors, summer camp staff and led by our executive director Randy Byrne, we have had another successful year and the expectation for continued success in the future looks promising. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Baseball PEI President.

Walter MacEwen,  
President, Baseball PEI

### **Director of Administration and Skill Development Report – Connor Myers**

Last offseason Baseball PEI offered three different elite skills clinics that were each five weeks long. The specific skills focused on were hitting, pitching, infielding/catching. These clinics were mainly run by Logan MacDougall, Cole MacLaren, Dawson McCormack, and Ben MacDougall and were housed at Eastern Baseball Academy's facility. Registration was full for all clinics except the infielding/catching clinic. We also had a Spring Training Day Camp and a Western Region Pre-Season Camp last offseason.

On top of that, Baseball PEI also ran two female camps (one on a PD day and one on Easter Monday) during the offseason. There were a total of 205 participants in our offseason camps last season.

#### **Summer Clinics**

- 90 Scheduled Clinics
- 62 Clinics Completed (28 cancelled)
- 768 total participants
- 688 male
- 80 female

Logan MacDougall and Jack MacKenzie were hired as Summer Clinicians and completed all of these clinics. Their focus, like it has been in years past, was mainly on proper fundamentals of the game, including throwing, fielding, hitting, and pitching. Baseball PEI looks forward to a great offseason in 2021/2022 with a plan to run 13U, and potentially 10U regional camps from January - April. We also plan to offer a variety of one-day development camps during those months, along with at least one short-term elite skill camp.

#### **Rally Cap**

Rally Cap participation numbers were at an all-time high across the province this year. Some associations chose to split their Rally Cap into Jr. and Sr. divisions while others left it as one age category.

As the Provincial Rally Cap Coordinator I visited associations to see how the program was running and provided assistance when necessary. The program ran smoothly in most associations. I created a list of recommendations for implementation next year that includes encouraging associations to have their association rally cap coordinator in place no later than June 1 to allow time to find other volunteers to help run the program, developing 10 practice plans to be followed by associations who are interested, and developing a list of equipment that each association should have for each rally cap team.

Lastly, I would like to thank Randy, Walter, and the rest of the board of directors for all their work in making baseball so successful on the Island through these past two very challenging years.

Connor Myers,  
Director of Administration and Skill Development, Baseball PEI

### **Director of Provincial Teams Report – Janet Cameron**

I am pleased to write that all of our provincial teams (13U, 14U Girls, 15U, 16U Girls and 17U/Youth Selects), except for 18U, were able to attend or host some sort of interprovincial Maritime/Atlantic competition. The Provincial 15U team and Youth Selects reported having great experiences at their respectful tournaments – with the Provincial 15Us winning Gold – while the Provincial 13Us played a best-of-five series with Nova Scotia. The Provincial 13U team may have been a little disappointed that New Brunswick had not attended their event. Both the Provincial 14U Girls and the Provincial 16U Girls teams attended competitions this past season, with the Provincial 14U Girls team winning Gold. Baseball PEI is pleased with our evolving female numbers and development. Plans have already started for next season.



Our search for coaches for all Provincial teams for the 2022 season is completed. Baseball PEI made a public announcement regarding these positions earlier this week.

As well, our Executive Director and I met with each Provincial team head coach on an individual basis on Thursday, 21 October to discuss plans for the off-season and start-up preparation for next spring.

The Provincial Team division is also exploring the possibilities of creating lifestyle sessions focusing on athletes and their diets during-and-around training. Many of our baseball players are multi-sport athletes and can benefit from such seminars. For younger athletes, we will be looking at working closely with parents. We are also looking to do off-season strength and conditioning sessions for potential 2022 Provincial team players.

Janet Cameron,  
Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI

### **Director of Female Baseball Report – Joelyne Taylor**

Female baseball on PEI is slowly growing. In 2021, we had 209 girls register with minor baseball associations (199 for minor baseball during the summer), which was up from the 143 girls registered in 2020 and 98 registered in 2019. There are a lot of different reasons, including more girls being comfortable to play baseball with other girls, opportunities to play on Provincial teams at the age of 12-and-older and more girls seeing women involved with baseball. Also, some associations only charged \$50 for girls to register and play baseball, and I think that may have helped get a few more girls to register and play baseball (hopefully, they had a great experience and will come back next year). We hope this number continues to grow in 2022, and we can get to a point soon where we have some all-girls teams (one Summerside team within their Rookie programming was an all-girls team, which was fantastic to see).

We have a Girls Grassroots Baseball Committee set up to grow girls' baseball at the grassroots level, and have met a couple of times throughout the year. Some ideas that came out of the GGBC have led to initiatives for girls' baseball this year and will do so next year as well.

One of our goals is to get more women in positions of leadership in baseball to serve as role models for young girls, and to further foster that, Baseball PEI also covered the costs for any women/girls to get their umpire certification with the PEIBUA and/or NCCP certification. Unfortunately, only two girls registered to umpire; however, 28 different women took at least one NCCP clinic, so it was a mixed success with these programs. We hope that these women will continue to coach and be role models for young girls, and more women/girls to consider becoming an umpire.

We had two offseason camps for girls, and we had a lot of attendance at both (more than 20 participants at each). These camps had some girls who were already playing baseball and some girls who were looking to try, and I'm happy to say that some of those girls did register and play minor baseball this summer.

Our Provincial 16U girls team had a good summer playing games in both the 15U "A" and 15U "AA" leagues. At the ABC – 16U Girls tournament in Summerside, they had a disappointing weekend, going 0-5, but they were one of the youngest teams at that tournament. Baseball PEI sent a Provincial 14U Girls team to the Baseball Atlantic 14U Girls Championship in Hammonds Plains in early September – the head coach of the Provincial 16U Girls team, Evan Myers, also led this team – and they won the tournament on a walk-off home run! With the National 16U Girls Championships in Summerside next year, we are happy to see Evan Myers back as the coach and we are looking to prepare this team to be successful at this National Championship.

For the upcoming year, we plan on having the Provincial 16U Girls program work throughout the winter and grow more. We will look to have at least a couple of camps during the winter/spring and hope to be able to organize all-girls baseball jamborees at the start of the 2022 season (and maybe another one at the end of the season). We will also work with Baseball Canada to help grow girls' baseball on PEI and I look forward to an exciting 2022.

Joelyne Taylor,  
Director of Female Baseball, Baseball PEI

### **Director of 11U Competitions – Darrel Kirev**

#### **11U "AAA"**

This four-team league seemed to go well with little to no complaints. Regretfully I did not get to see as many games as I have in the past year.

I would like to congratulate the Eastern Express on their fourth title in five years and on winning the Baseball Atlantic 11U "AAA" Championship.

#### **11U "AA"**

This was a ten-team league, not as competitive as in past years with two teams Stratford and Western dominating in the games that they were involved in. Western was the class of the league going undefeated winning most games by the ten-run rule and



only two of the eighteen league games did anyone come within five runs of them. Stratford was also strong, only losses coming in games against Western.

I would like to congratulate Western on winning the silver medal at the Baseball Atlantic 11U “AA” Championships. Following such a good season I would like to encourage some of these Western players to seriously consider going out for a “AAA” team in 2022 or at least in 2023 for those that are moving up a division. Playing “AAA” would help with their development and offer them more of a challenge. Also, I would encourage their top players to consider trying out for the Provincial 13U team, if not in 2022 then in 2023 as there were a few players on this team that would have competed with top 11U “AAA” players in the province this season.

#### **11U “A”**

There were twenty-four teams and were no complaints worth mentioning. With the way that this league has continued to grow, I think that it is time we again discuss a way of tiering it. With 24 teams there is a lot of teams that you don’t get to play and the skill level of the teams can vary a lot from one team to another. It would be nice to have some system in place where teams would get a chance to play other teams that are in similar skill levels to where they are. I realize that this is a development league and it is not about wins or losses, but when there is such a wide difference in the skill level of the teams there are games that neither team has fun.

#### **9U**

We had forty-two teams, and as with the 11U division, it was a very quiet season. The complaint that I heard the most was about the quality of the ball that we are using. Some teams were going through several balls a game as they were ripping when they were being hit. One of the Summerside coaches David Kenny spent a lot of time looking into finding a solution, speaking with the Rawlings rep as well as reaching out to others. I know that he tried different balls and has found one that he would like us to look at for next season. From what I have seen and been told this does seem to be a much more durable ball for this level. The other complaint I did get was that some did not like that all of their players were not allowed on the field but I think that was because they put too many players on their teams.

Although I only got to see a few games the ones that I did see, I must say that I was impressed with the coaching at this level.

Darrel Kirev,  
Director of 11U Competitions, Baseball PEI

#### **Director of 13U Competitions – John Munro**

##### **13U “A”**

This past season, the quality of play in the 13U “A” division continued to improve. This division had seventeen teams competing, including three teams from Cornwall, two from Summerside, two from Sherwood, and two from Stratford. It is great to see the numbers increasing in the “A” division, going from thirteen to seventeen teams. Some of these teams were added at the deadline with 11 players on the roster. I’m glad associations were able to keep those teams going. This season, we eliminated the “no stealing home rule.” This would have been the bane of my existence the past two years as Director. There were zero emails or phone calls on the rule change this year. It certainly made coaches, umpires, players, and my life much easier this season. We had a few issues getting the scores/pitch counts posted, but this was rectified early in the season by teams. Of all the games scheduled for this division, there was only one game not played.

Congratulations to the three Cornwall teams, and to Sherwood/Parkdale Wood who made it to the Final Four. Ultimately, the Cornwall Foote team won the Championship game.

One recommendation I would like to make for this division is if we end up with more than twelve teams, we look at a division of teams based on ability at some point of the season. We had three levels of teams amongst the seventeen teams. For all teams involved, it is always best to play against teams of your own level of ability.

##### **13U “AA”**

The “AA” division had eight teams involved, the same as last year. The top six teams were very close to each other in the final standings, with only an eight-game lead difference between first-place and sixth-place. Kings County finished first in the regular season with Bedeque/Kensington close behind. In the Final of the Provincial Championships, Cornwall defeated Summerside. This demonstrated how competitive this division was. At the Baseball Atlantic Championships, held in Cornwall, Summerside won a silver medal. Cornwall was 2-2 in the round-robin, and just about advanced to the final on the tie-breaker. Congratulations to Summerside and Cornwall on their play at Baseball Atlantic Championships.

##### **13U “AAA”**

The “AAA” division had four teams involved, including Capital District, Eastern, Mid-Isle, and Summerside. Eastern was a dominant team during the season, going 16-3-2. Mid-Isle was 12-6-3 in second place. At the Provincial Championships, Eastern defeated Mid-Isle in the Championship game. Eastern went on to win gold at the Baseball Atlantic 13U “AAA” Championships



in St. John's NL, going 4-0 in the round-robin and defeating Miramichi, NB 13-1 in the Final. We also saw the value added from Walter MacEwen's scoring program, adding to the league looking more professional. The players enjoyed seeing their stats, and coaches could start to see trends with pitchers and hitters. Thanks to those coaches and managers who took part in this program during the summer. Congratulations to all the teams on their great seasons.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- We need to investigate a way for divisions with a larger number of teams (maybe +12) to find a way to tier at some point in the season. It will encourage all teams to be involved in a Provincial Championship and have closer, more meaningful games later in the season.
- For associations with multiple entries, or for neighbouring associations with two "A" teams in close proximity, I would encourage those associations to get together and try and field one "AA" and one "A" team.

This season, the number of suspensions and difficult situations at the field was down in the 13U division. It was another difficult year due to the pressures of Covid-19 on the field and off the field. I want to acknowledge Randy Byrne for his work on our behalf. I want to thank the coaches/managers/volunteers for their tireless work to make this a successful year. I want to thank the umpires and assignors for their work to ensure we had quality people in place to get the games played. With more teams being added each season, we need to also add more umpires. I encourage more adults to become involved in umpiring to help provide a great experience for our players. I also want to thank the Cornwall Association for hosting the Baseball Atlantic 13U "AA" Championships and to all associations and their support volunteers for hosting various eliminations, provincials, and Final Fours this summer. It requires a lot of hard work and great organizational skills. Thanks for stepping up for all our players!

John Munro,  
Director of 13U Competitions, Baseball PEI

## Director of 15U and 18U Competitions – Ian Clays

It was great to see everyone back on the field in a more normal situation. Even with Covid-19 still around and restrictions in place, it was a great year.

### Highlights

- 15U Provincial team did very well at two off-Island tournaments, including winning the Atlantic Baseball Challenge – 15U.
- Provincial 15U "A" Championships – won by Stratford over Summerside Day
- Provincial 15U "AA" Championships – won by Summerside over Stratford (Summerside won Silver at the Baseball Atlantic Championships)
- Provincial 15U "AAA" Championships – won by Summerside over Capital District (Summerside won the Gold medal at the Baseball Atlantic Championships)
- Provincial 18U "A" Championships – won by Summerside Kirev over Charlottetown
- Provincial 18U "AA" Championships – won by Cornwall over Summerside (Cornwall won Gold at the Baseball Atlantic Championships)

### Positives

- Lots of athletes enjoying the game at these levels.
- Great competitive ball games in all divisions.
- Proven ability to compete with our Atlantic counterparts.

### Areas to work on

- RESPECT – coaches, players, umpires, spectators – this was better than 2020 but still an area of concern.
- Issues of games played, importance and rescheduling – something to look at in the off-season to try and eliminate issues.

Thank you!

Ian Clays,  
Director of 15U and 18U Competitions, Baseball PEI

## Coaching/NCCP Report – Desi Doyle

Thanks to the continued ability to run a season – which many areas in the country still couldn't do this summer – our certification numbers were quite strong. Also, the NCCP pathway for baseball changed, which meant some terminology and requirements for certification at several divisions changed. There were 24 NCCP clinics offered in 2021, including 10 clinics





offered online via Zoom. As a result of all this, 63 new coaches entered the baseball NCCP pathway and there were 268 participants in NCCP clinics. Below is the attendance at these courses/modules:

Date	Module	Location	# of Attendees
12 April	Pitching/Catching	Online	12
19 April	Strategies	Online	7
12 May	Skills	Charlottetown	13
13 May	Initiation	Online	3
14 May	Teaching & Learning	Online	3
14 May	Absolutes	Online	3
15 May	Pitching/Catching	Charlottetown	5
15 May	Strategies	Charlottetown	3
14 June	Initiation	Charlottetown	9
26 June	Teaching & Learning	Charlottetown	20
26 June	Absolutes	Charlottetown	23
26 June	Planning	Charlottetown	8
8 July	Initiation	Online	11
15 July	Pitching/Catching	Summerside	13
15 July	Strategies	Summerside	7
17 July	Planning	Summerside	13
17 July	Teaching & Learning	Summerside	23
17 July	Absolutes	Summerside	22
28 July	Initiation	Online	12
3 August	Teaching & Learning	Charlottetown	19
3 August	Absolutes	Charlottetown	19
7 August	Initiation	Online	4
9 August	Teaching & Learning	Online	8
9 August	Absolutes	Online	8

As well, two coaches became NCCP 13U Certified and two more coaches became NCCP 15U Certified.

Desi Doyle  
Baseball Canada/NCCP Coach Developer

## Umpires' Report – Mike Richards

### Analysis

The PEIBUA was fortunate to regain some traction toward normalcy. We returned to traditional positioning for all games played. This year we were able to provide registrants with an online registration and e-learning component to be completed prior to taking an abbreviated on-field session. The benefits of having on on-field sessions was evident in the quality of umpiring at all levels.

Prior to the season, an emphasis on Mentorship/Supervision was established as we were not able to conduct any evaluation of any sort during the 2020 season due to COVID-19. A group of eight senior mentor/supervisors conducted twenty-seven mentorships and thirty-three supervisions. We set out to complete forty mentorships but were faced with shortages of on-field umpires at the High-Performance level that affected this number. The focus on prospective umpires that were keen and worked consistently became our top priority to create that connection.

We hope to capitalize on momentum gained from our mentoring/supervision numbers to create objectives and accomplish more in the coming seasons.

### Numbers:

This year a total of 120 umpires completed their certification requirements, this is up from 103 umpires registered in the 2020 season. Although, the increase in registered umpires is encouraging, 31 registrants officiated in five games or less during the 2021 season this essentially put our realistic number of umpires down to 89.

Burnout proved to be a challenge for us late in the season, the ability to fill assignments grew extremely difficult, as 42 total umpires did not work any games after August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### On Field:

2021 saw a reduction in ejections, from 49 in 2020 to 34 in 2021. Many ejections resulted in further discipline. Equipment or



rule infractions along with ball/strike arguments led to most of these ejections, however there was a slight increase in ejections that were of a violent nature. We remain hopeful that this number will continue to decrease in the future.

#### Provincial Recognition

Provincially, many umpires should be recognized for their success in the 2021 season.

Kalib Snow attended the 15U Atlantic Baseball Challenge in Moncton, NB, from his performance in the round robin portion of the event, Kalib received the Gold Medal plate assignment.

In the NB Senior Baseball League, four PEI umpires were selected to work playoff assignments with three advancing to work in the championship series between the Moncton Fishercats and the Charlottetown Islanders.

This year's Kings County Baseball League playoffs were officiated by Thane Arsenault, Jeff Brine, Kevin McKenna, Dave McQuaid, Kent Quigley, Mike Richards, Devin Schut, Jonathan Schut, Kent Walker, Lindsay Walker. The best-of-seven championship series was officiated by Thane Arsenault, Jeff Brine, Mike Richards, Jonathan Schut, Kent Walker, Lindsay Walker.

The 2021 ACBA Championship was hosted by the Holland Hurricanes, the performance of our umpires at this event was tremendous. We were happy to have Craig Hope of Moncton, NB accompany PEIBUA umpires; Thane Arsenault, Kevin McKenna, Dave McQuaid, Michael Mitchell, Kent Quigley, Jonathan Schut, Lindsay Walker. The Championship game between the Acadia Axemen and UNB Reds was umpired by Craig Hope (PU), Jonathan Schut (U1) and Dave McQuaid (U3).

#### In Closing:

In closing, I commend the efforts of my fellow PEIBUA executive members, through their time and effort committed towards our program, we continue to strengthen in all aspects of umpiring in Prince Edward Island.

We were also fortunate to include a strong group of Grass Roots assignors consisting of: Jeff Brine, Josh Burgess, Thomas Conway, Vanda Deighan, Kevin McKenna & Kalib Snow

I thank the Baseball PEI board members for their support throughout the year and hope to work efficiently as a team to succeed in the coming year.

Mike Richards  
Supervisor of Officials, PEIBUA

#### **Executive Director's Report – Randy Byrne**

After the challenging year that was 2020, there was some uncertainty heading into 2021.

2021 has been a very good year for baseball on PEI.

With restrictions and difficulties posed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, our normal offseason clinics and camps were different. We ran five-week camps for pitching, hitting, catching and infielding. As well, we had two girls-only one-day camps. Being unable to bring in anybody from off-Island to run skill-specific camps and the inability to get into school gymnasiums limited our ability to offer our usual offseason clinics. Hopefully, we will be able to get back to more normality clinic-wise this upcoming winter.

The 2021 summer season started on time, and our numbers were higher than ever. When you include minor baseball, 22U, Provincial teams, Intermediate and fall baseball, we had 2959 players in 2021, which is up from 2390 in 2020. That is a 23.8% increase in players, which is astounding. Also of note was the fact there were 209 female players registered this year, which is an increase of 68 players from 2020 and over double from our numbers of female players in 2019. We were able to have a relatively normal season, which included tournaments and some interprovincial travel (there were no Baseball Canada National Championships, however). We had Provincial Championships and Atlantic High-Performance events for our Youth Selects and Provincial 16U Girls, 15U and 13U teams (in replacement of National Championships). There were Baseball Atlantic Championships this year after a one-year hiatus, and for the first time in Prince Edward Island's history – and maybe for any province, we cannot confirm – we won either Gold or Silver in all eight Baseball Atlantic Championships. That is an amazing accomplishment and demonstrates the quality of baseball being played in our province, at all levels. The PEIBUA had the most officials ever registered at 120, there were fewer ejections and reports of unsportsmanlike behaviour in comparison to 2020, many coaches obtained their NCCP certification, and baseball is in a really good place in this province.

With all that being said, there is still a lot of work to do. We have too many teams, especially at the "A" levels, for our current competition structure. New ideas around Provincial Championships, divisions and tiering must be discussed during this offseason. While there were the most umpires ever registered, many did few, if any, games, and the result was many high-level umpires were burnt out by Provincial Championships and there were several postponements due to lack of umpires. We need more adult umpires. At the older levels, especially 18U, there are growing issues around respect from players. Our Provincial teams need to look at doing more in the areas of nutrition and strength/conditioning to take it to that next level. Also, it's getting



harder and harder for both Baseball PEI and the minor baseball associations to get volunteers. These are serious issues but there are already plans underway to address these issues and I expect Baseball PEI will have an active offseason. I hope minor baseball associations will do so too to ensure the 2022 season is even better than in 2021.

As usual, there are many I want to thank for a very successful season. I want to thank the Board of Directors of Baseball PEI – and especially President Walter MacEwen – for their tireless work and the support they give me. Without their wisdom, leadership and hard work, we wouldn't be in the place we are right now. I want to thank all the minor baseball associations for their hard work and cooperation. Without the volunteers on Boards, none of this would happen. I want to thank all coaches and volunteers for allowing this programming to take place, and finally, I want to thank all parents who register their children for baseball. It takes so many people for a successful season to happen and so many people are to thank for our successes.

I hope everybody has a great offseason.

Randy Byrne  
Executive Director, Baseball PEI



**Appendix II - Proposed 2022-2023 Budget**

**BASEBALL PEI PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2022-2023**

**Revenues**

Fall Ball	\$4,000.00	
Funding Legacy	\$2,500.00	lower; catch up from covid
PROV FUNDING	\$38,800.00	same as prev year
Summer student grant	\$13,100.00	same as last year
Coach Q credit (\$600 credit)		held over
Youth Selects travel credit (\$724.50) credit		held over
Sponsorship	\$1,250.00	covid, none last year
PEIBUA	\$500.00	insurance
Camps	\$5,500.00	expected 2021-22 winter
Baseball Canada NCCP	\$8,800.00	fees applied
League Fees	\$109,350.00	prev year
Association Fees		T
Playersx\$10		T
Players x \$25		T
ASSN PAID PROV		T
Blue Jay Fundraiser	\$23,000.00	T
Bookmart	\$50.00	
PROVINCIALS		T
	<b>\$206,850.00</b>	

**EXPENSES**

Source for Sports,3023	\$1,900.00	
SPORT PEI DDP	\$150.00	
SPORT PEI WAGE,3024	\$70,000.00	includes summer staff
SPORT PEI GI,3024	\$1,500.00	
SPORT PEI COPY/PRINT,3024	\$720.00	
SPORT PEI RENT,3024	\$1,325.67	
SPORT PEI PAYROLL SERVICE	\$172.50	
SPORT PEI MEMBERSHIP FEE	\$150.00	
sport pei insurance	\$5,800.00	
SOCCER COMPLEX,		
BASEBALL CANADA, 3026	\$2,500.00	NCCP
RAMP, 3027	\$4,400.00	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 3028	\$1,500.00	
WINTER CLINICIAN, 3030	\$3,500.00	winter programmer tbd
EASTLINK, 3031	\$900.00	
SPORT PEI FIBRE-OP	\$120.00	
Pragmatic Conferencing	\$150.00	



# Baseball PEI

GBL Merchant	\$125.00	
YOUTH SELECTS	\$3,000.00	
U16 /14 GIRLS	\$1,500.00	
KwikKopy	\$950.00	BJF
Local meetings,travel Board	\$1,500.00	
Baseball Atlantic Meetings	\$600.00	
Baseball Canada AGM	\$1,750.00	
Baseball Canada Convention Edmonton	\$3,500.00	
Website	\$2,000.00	
NCCP DESI	\$1,700.00	
SUMMER STUDENT	\$500.00	
ACCOUNTING/LEGAL	\$1,000.00	
Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	
PEIBUA	\$20,000.00	Prov/Elims
AWARD BANQUET	\$2,500.00	
BBCANADA FEES	\$6,350.00	
Awards/trophies	\$6,250.00	
MENTORING PILOT w/summer	\$1,000.00	
Assist officials to convention	\$1,500.00	
TEAMS to NATIONALS	\$7,500.00	
PROV/ELIM HOSTS/REPS	\$4,800.00	
CHEFS	\$6,000.00	
TEAMS TRAINING	\$10,000.00	
TEAMS ATLANTICS	\$7,500.00	extra to NF
Banners	\$450.00	
BJF expenses	\$2,000.00	prizes
Coach Dev, FL + GAT	\$3,500.00	
Rally Cap	\$3,500.00	Coordinator
ATH DEV LOW INCOME	\$1,200.00	
Scorer dev	\$500.00	
Ath Dev Pitch Machine	\$750.00	
BNS Service charge	\$130.00	
Camp Expenses reg	\$2,500.00	
Camp expenses elite	\$2,500.00	
Baseball Atlantic fees	\$550.00	
Scholarship	\$500.00	
	<b>\$206,893.17</b>	

