



2020 Baseball PEI Annual General Meeting Minutes
17 October 2020
Electronically, via Zoom

1. Meeting called to order by Walter MacEwen at 11:00 am.
2. Roll call and verification of voting delegates (all with a vote are underlined):
In attendance: Walter MacEwen, Baseball PEI Kris O'Brien, Cardigan
Connor Myers, Baseball PEI Scott Taylor, Stratford
Janet Cameron, Baseball PEI Scott Ellsworth, Cornwall
Darrel Kirev, Baseball PEI Rudy MacDonald, Bedeque
John Munro, Baseball PEI Jean-Paul Pendergast, Kensington
Joelyne Taylor, Baseball PEI Cale Doyle, Sherwood/Parkdale
Randy Byrne, Baseball PEI (E.D.) Tanner Doiron, Summerside
Mike Richards, PEIBUA Don LeClair (Past President, Baseball PEI)
Nicole Doucette, Western
- Associations with no representatives in attendance: Souris, Northside, Charlottetown.
3. Approval for 2020 Baseball PEI AGM Agenda:
- Motion by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
4. Approval of 2019 Baseball PEI AGM Minutes:
- Motion by John Munro; seconded by Cale 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:
 - a. President's Report: Walter MacEwen gave a report on this year as president. In the report, he discussed the successes of the 2020 season, despite the difficulties posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Walter spoke to some changes that had to happen due to the pandemic (including no interprovincial play, camps cancelled, Provincial team changes), the success of the fall baseball pilot, plans for the offseason of 2020/2021 and thanked all of those who contributed to success for the 2020 season.
- Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Connor Myers. **Motion Passed.**
 - b. Finance Report: Walter spoke to the secure finances of Baseball PEI, which – despite the uncertainty early on posed by the Covid-19 pandemic – ended up being very good as Baseball PEI was able to hold a season and bring in revenue but did not have to spend nearly as much with no Baseball Canada fees, no National Championships, and a few other differences. As well, Baseball PEI received some extra funding from government sources because of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, Baseball PEI will be looking to invest in some programs during the next season. Also, Walter spoke to the review engagement of Baseball PEI's finances in 2019-2020 done by MRSB.
- Motion to approve Report and the review engagement by MRSB of Baseball PEI's 2019-2020 finances by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
 - c. Skill Development Report: Connor Myers reported on the camps run in 2019-2020, including spring pitching camps in late February and clinics through the Summer Clinics Program. Unfortunately, a hitting camp in the spring had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. Connor also talked about fall baseball and the winter camps scheduled for the winter of 2020-2021.
- Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
 - d. Provincial Teams' Report: Janet Cameron detailed the efforts of the Provincial teams in 2020, despite National Championships being cancelled. Several of these teams continue to play a schedule during the summer and practised regularly.



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Since the Canada Summer Games were moved from 2021 to 2022 due to the pandemic, Baseball Canada has to decide whether to change the age category for the competition from 17U to 18U, leave it as 17U, or make other changes. Walter MacEwen explained the process that is underway from Baseball Canada's perspective. That decision has not been determined yet and will happen within the next few weeks.

- Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Darrel. **Motion Passed.**
 - e. Female Baseball Report: Joelyne Taylor gave the highlights of the 2020 season in terms of girls' baseball across the province. The Provincial 16U team practised regularly and played a schedule in the 15U "A" league, and is preparing for the 2021 National 16U Girls Championships in Summerside. There will work taking place so there can be a Provincial 14U Girls program set up, to serve as a feeder team to the 16U Girls team. Canadian Girls Baseball did not take place on PEI this summer due to the pandemic but is supposed to be back in 2021. Efforts have to be made to retain girls playing baseball at the 9U and younger levels.
 - Motion to approve Report by Connor Myers; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 - f. 11U Competitions Report: Darrel Kirev presented a report on the happenings of the 11U "AAA," "AA," "A" and 9U leagues in 2020. It outlined what took place this season, the league champions, and the lack of issues that accompanied these divisions, which speak to a positive summer.
 - Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Cale Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
 - g. 13U Competitions Report: John Munro spoke to the Provincial Champions in the 13U "AAA," "AA" and "A" leagues and how the seasons went at these divisions. Player and coach discipline and behaviour towards umpires need to be addressed, some more resources for teams as to how to post scores/pitch counts on the website should be created, and the rule not allowing baserunners to steal home on a wild pitch/passed ball needs to be scrapped.
 - Motion to Approve Report by Connor Myers; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **Motion Passed.**
 - h. 15U and 18U Competitions Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Ian Clays. The report highlighted the Provincial Champions in each category, the hard work by many to ensure a season was played, and the need for teams and players to hold themselves to a higher standard in terms of behaviour towards umpires.
 - Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
 - i. Coaching/NCCP Report: Randy presented the report on behalf of the absent Desi Doyle. In the report, it discussed the year in regards to NCCP coach certification on PEI – with numbers from each clinic – and progression of a couple of coaches along their certification path. PEI had a relatively normal year in terms of NCCP certification, which due to the pandemic, cannot be said for any other province.
 - Motion to approve Report by Darrel Kirev; seconded by Joelyne Taylor. **Motion Passed.**
 - j. Umpires' Report: Mike Richards expanded on his report, talking about the difficulties the PEIBUA had in 2020 due to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite these challenges, the PEIBUA made the necessary modifications and a longer registration period, which led to good membership numbers. Instances of ejections and umpire abuse rose significantly, which is a concern for the PEIBUA. Mike also thanked Baseball PEI and the executive of the PEIBUA for all of their work.
 - Motion to approve Report by John Munro; seconded by Connor Myers. **Motion Passed.**
 - k. Executive Director's Report: Randy Byrne touched on the success of the 2020 season, despite the obstacles created by the Covid-19 pandemic. While many things were cancelled, Baseball PEI moved forward with many events and programming and even created new programming (the Fall Baseball Project). With all of that being said, Baseball PEI must not rest on its laurels and continue to look to improve.
 - Motion to approve Report by Janet Cameron; seconded by Cale Doyle. **Motion Passed.**
8. Walter MacEwen submitted the financial forecast for the rest of the 2020-2021 fiscal year and a proposed budget for 2021-2022.
 - Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget by John Munro; seconded by Darrel Kirev. **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



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Baseball PEI must do so by seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting. The positions of Director of Provincial Teams, Director of 11U Competitions and Director of 13U 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. Director of Provincial Teams: Janet Cameron
- b. Director of 11U Competitions: Darrel Kirev
- c. Director of 13U Competitions: John Munro
 - Motion for the approval of the acclamation of Janet Cameron as Director of Provincial Teams, Darrel Kirev as Director of 11U Competitions and John Munro as Director of 13U Competitions for two-year terms moved by Jean-Paul Pendergast; seconded by Connor Myers. **Motion Passed.**

10. New business arising from the meeting:

- a. Kris O'Brien reported to all those in attendance that the Cardigan and Area Minor Ball Association will be changing its name to the "Three Rivers Minor Ball Association," as of their association's Annual General Meeting in either December 2020 or January 2021. The association will retain its nickname of the "Clippers." However, the Cardigan Minor Ball Complex will not change its name to "Three Rivers" and keep the name "Cardigan Minor Ball Complex" in honour of all the people of Cardigan who worked to help that complex grow throughout the years.

11. John Munro moved that this meeting is adjourned at 11:40 am.

