



Baseball PEI Board of Directors Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, 25 October 2018, 7:30 pm

On the call

- Walter MacEwen, President, Baseball PEI
- Janet Cameron, Director of Provincial Teams, Baseball PEI
- Spencer Myers, Director of Administration and Skill Development, Baseball PEI
- John Munro, Director of 13U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Allison Macdonald, Director of 15U and 18U Competitions, Baseball PEI
- Kent Walker, Supervisor of Umpires, PEIBUA
- Randy Byrne, Executive Director, Baseball PEI

Not on the call

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

Call

- 1) Walter MacEwen called the call to order at 7:31 pm.
- 2) There was a brief explanation by Walter on the proposal to change the formats for Provincial tournaments. All agreed to proceed with the proposal.
In 2019 and beyond, for all Provincial Championships/Eliminations with six or more teams, the pools will be seeded geographically; however, the teams will be mixed so all the pools in the competition equal the same number – or approximately same number for draws with an uneven number of teams – which will lead to teams playing some teams from other areas of the province. Motion moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed.**
- 3) There was a brief discussion about how to progress on the “Final Four” for “AA” and “A” divisions, and there was discussion about the two options suggested.
In 2019 and beyond, an early deadline will be established for associations to apply to host the “Final Four” in either “AA” or “A.” If nobody comes forward by that time, Baseball PEI will contact an appropriate association and run these competitions themselves, with assistance from the teams participating in these competitions. Motion moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 4) What was discussed at the Fall Forum in regards to getting games rescheduled at the 18U level was given. It was decided to go forward with the proposal given at the meeting and of which was agreed.
In 2019 and beyond, for both the 18U “AA” and 18U “A” leagues, every second Sunday evening be set aside for make-up games (so that, for example, the 18U “A” league sets aside every first and third Sunday of a month, while the 18U “AA” league sets aside every second and fourth Sunday of a month). Motion moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Janet Cameron. **Motion Passed.**
- 5) A brief was given to the Board of Directors about the discussion about time limits for regular season and exhibition games at the “AA” and “A” levels at the Fall Forum. All were in agreement to move forward with this resolution. As well, it will be discussed at league meetings and at umpire clinics that umpires and coaches will work together in games to ensure this resolution takes place.
In 2019 and beyond, at the “AA” and “A” levels – excluding 18U “AA” – for all regular season and exhibition games, when a game hits the one hour, forty-five-minute mark, no new innings



shall be started. Motion moved by Spencer Myers; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**

- 6) The Board of Directors discussed the issue of extra innings in regular season and exhibition games. There was some debate as to whether extra innings should take place at the “AA” and “A” levels, and if so if Baseball Canada/International rules would come into place. In the end, it was decided that extra innings are not necessary for regular season and/or exhibition games, and games ending in ties are fine.

In 2019 and beyond, if a regular season or exhibition game is tied after seven innings (or six in 11U) at the “AA” and “A” levels – excluding 18U “AA” – the game shall remain as a tie and no extra innings will be played. Motion moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**

- 7) The Board of Directors agreed that the proposed AP rules for “A” levels discussed at the Fall Forum. In 2019 and beyond, players on “AA” teams in an age-division lower will be permitted to be affiliated with a higher age-division “A” team. However, at Provincial Championships, those “AA” players will only be permitted to play the corner outfield positions and bat at the bottom of the batting order (so that skilled “AA” players cannot dominant “A” Provincial Championship games). Motion moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed.**

- 8) There was a review of the discussion at the Fall Forum about the RAMP registration system, with almost all associations thinking it was a good idea; however, there was concern about who would pay the \$1.50-per-player fee for using the system. The Board of Directors agreed to cover this fee for at least 2019.

For 2019, Baseball PEI will cover the cost of the \$1.50-per-player fee to use the RAMP InterActive registration system and will make the RAMP InterActive registration system mandatory for all associations. The fee aspect will be re-examined at the end of the 2019 season. Motion moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by Allison Macdonald. **Motion Passed.**

- 9) The discussion that happened at the Fall Forum by the associations in regards to having Eliminations to determine all PEI representatives at Atlantic Championships was reviewed. All associations present were against continuing this policy (except when the Atlantic Championship is in Newfoundland and Labrador). While the members of the Board of Directors saw great value in continuing the policy of having Eliminations to determine all Atlantic representatives, the reality is when all associations are against it, it is difficult to maintain such a policy.

In 2019 and beyond, Prince Edward Island representatives for Atlantic tournaments – except when the tournament is located in Newfoundland and Labrador – will be determined by Provincial Championships. Motion moved by Janet Cameron; seconded by John Munro. **Motion Passed (by a vote of 3-1).**

With that resolution passed, the Board of Directors felt it was best, for the potential success of the team representing PEI at Atlantic Championship, that the Provincial Championship follow the rules of the Atlantic Championship of which the winning team will be taking part. However, the Board of Directors notes their concern that there will be some parents/players disappointed how they will be potentially sitting in games at Provincial Championships after having relatively equal playing time during the regular season.

For 2019 and beyond, in any division in which the Provincial Champion will represent Prince Edward Island at an Atlantic Championship, the Provincial Championship for that age division shall follow the playing rules of the Atlantic Championship for that age division. Motion moved by Allison Macdonald; seconded by Spencer Myers. **Motion Passed.**



- 10) The Board of Directors reviewed the discussion at the Fall Forum about issues the associations in the Eastern zone are having in regards to “AAA” zones – especially at the 13U division – and the idea that maybe there should be more zones at the 11U “AAA” division. It was decided that the Board should think about this more and it should be discussed at the next Board of Directors’ meeting.
- 11) This is still confidential, but there is a chance the 2020 and 2021 Baseball Canada 16U Girls Nationals will be in Summerside. This could potentially be a boon for female baseball on PEI; that being said, we’d have to have a team playing at this event to see the benefits on this boon. At this point, it seems highly unlikely we’ll have our own team at the 2019 event. It was decided that Randy will approach New Brunswick about fielding a joint team in 2019 and a meeting shall be called – before the end of November – involving some of the members of the Board of Directors, parents of players on the 2018 Provincial 16U girls teams, and other interested parties about strengthening our girls program in order to field our own teams at the 2020 and 2021 National 16U Girls Championships.
- 12) Allison Macdonald moved for adjournment at 8:29 pm.