

# 2012 Semi Annual General Meeting

**Baseball Nova Scotia**  
**2012 Annual General meeting**  
**Sheraton Four Points - Halifax**  
**October 27, 2012**  
**2.00 PM**

## Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 2:02 pm .

## Motion to close credentials in 15 minutes

Moved By: Joel Rodgers  
Seconded By: Ken Lenihan  
Motion carried

## Announcements

Moment of silence observed for all friends of baseball that have passed away in the past year.

## Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Roger Noseworthy  
Seconded By: Bob Goudey  
Motion carried

## Approval of 2012 SGM Minutes - April 12, 2012.

Moved By: Mike Currie  
Seconded By: Brian Seabrook  
Motion carried

## Business Arising

- most of business arising resulted from Brad's untimely departure.

Voting credentials closed at 2:15 pm with 31 members in attendance.

## Executive and Committee Reports

- 6.1 President's Report
  - Jody provided a comprehensive written report that summarized quite a challenging year within BNS
- 6.3 Registrar's Report
  - written report provided by Kathy Stevens; highlights include BNS now having 8400 members, along with 13 new associations in 2012.
- 6.4 Executive Director's Report
  - Brandon provided a written report that detailed the ' roller coaster ' year that he experienced during his first year as ED.
- 6.5 Supervisor of Coaches report
  - written report provided by Paul Prince and presented by Brandon.
- 6.6 Supervisor of Umpires Report
  - written report provided by Andrew Downs.
  - several items were discussed during this report:

1. - Bob Goudey mentioned that some umpires feel they are not allowed/encouraged to umpire at the higher levels.
- 2.- a lot of discussion about consistent reporting of ejections and also the fact that some ejections did not happen as some umpires felt that they( the ejections) caused them more paperwork than they were willing to deal with.
- 3.- overall ejections were down about 25 in 2012 from 2011.
- 3(a)- Ejections are down significantly , whatever the reasons, in the past 5 years.  
In 2007 - approx. 125 ; in 2012 - approx 50 .

**Motion for approval of all executive Committee reports except the treasurers report**

**Moved By:** Mike Currie  
**Seconded By:** Chris Zinck  
**Motion carried**

#### **Executive and Committee Reports ( cont'd)**

##### **6.2 Treasurers Report**

- written report prepared by and expanded upon by Holly LaPierre.  
There were bills from prior years that Brad had not paid that have driven some of 2012 expenses significantly higher. In addition, there are some presentation changes that have made actual versus budget comparisons somewhat challenging.

**Motion for approval of the treasurers report**

**Moved By:** Brian Seabrook  
**Seconded By:** Roger Noseworthy  
**Motion carried**

#### **Regional Directors Reports**

##### **7.1 Bedford/Sackville**

written report provided by Kevin Richardson

##### **7.2 Cape Breton**

written report provided by Roger Noseworthy

##### **7.3 Dartmouth**

- written report provided by Scott Hagen  
- merge of Dartmouth and Cole Harbour went well  
- accolades to Dartmouth for their handling of Bantam AA Atlantics

##### **7.4 Fundy**

written report provided by Bobby Heighton

##### **7.5 Halifax**

no report - no regional director at present

##### **7.6 Highland**

written report provided by George Smith

##### **7.7 South Shore**

written report provided by Chris Zinck

##### **7.8 South West**

written report provided by Roddy Conrad

## 7.9 Valley

written report provided by Everett MacPherson

### Motion for approval of the Regional Directors Reports

Moved By: Joel Rodgers

Seconded By: Brian Lamb

Motion carried

### Bluenose League

- Brandon brought forward several issues with this league
  - willingness to travel
  - game rescheduling
  - Bluenose playoffs

**Note:** A 5 member Committee to be struck to overhaul the Bluenose League. This committee to be chaired by Brandon.

### Recreational Provincials

have lost their original purpose and deserve a quick and painless death.

### Provincial Qualifications

- main concern centers around some regions having only one registered team in a particular division whereby that team gets a free pass to Provincials ; at the same time there may be one or more regions with as many as 6-8 teams that have to playoff for one position at provincials.  
A committee will be set up to try and come up with appropriate solution(s) to this whole area of concern. This committee will deal with such ideas as whether there should be qualifying tournaments.

### Communication Policy

- regional directors need to be more involved , especially during the summer months, to alleviate the Executive director's job.

### Six team tournament format

- proposed format includes:
  - > two divisions of three
  - > Games to be played vs. opposing division
  - > Top 4 records advance to semi finals
  - > Seeding determined by:
    - A Record
    - B Head to head record
    - C differential runs

Motion made to adopt new format for the 2013 season.

Moved By: ???  
Seconded By: ???  
Motion carried

**Support for teams going to nationals**

- financial support for these teams will vary , based upon the distance they have to travel.

**Provincial Team reporting**

- we are going to try to set standards for provincial teams so we can measure a year's success against what had been projected prior to the start of the season.

**Communication / Marketing Board position**

- a person will be appointed by Jody .

**Umpiring Fees 2013 / 14 / 15**

Mosquito - Home \$30 - Base - \$25 = Total \$55  
PeeWee - Home \$30 - Base - \$25 = Total \$55  
Bantam - Home \$40 - Base - \$35 = Total \$75  
Midget - Home \$50 - Base - \$40 = Total \$90  
Junior/Intermediate - Home \$55 - Base - \$45 = Total \$100

Motion made to approve the above fees for the 2013-15 seasons.

Moved By: Bob Goudey  
Seconded By: Barry Gillis  
Motion carried

**Canada Games Update**

- major change for 2013 is the qualifying age ( Under 17 ) to mirror Youth Selects

Motion for 2013 ( 1 year trial program ) that players chosen for Youth Selects will be dedicated to the Selects program and not be required to play on a club team.

Moved By: Jody Frowley  
Seconded By: Brian Seabrook  
Motion carried

**Motion to eliminate Recreational Provincials and replace them with Regional Jamborees**

Moved By: Joel Rodgers  
Seconded By: Kevin Richardson

Motion carried

**Motion to increase Provincial and Bluenose fees to \$150.00 from \$125.00**

Moved By:  
Seconded By:  
Motion carried

Bob Goudey  
Lewis Aube

**The notion of two year terms for all Board positions was brought forward FOR DISCUSSION ONLY.**

- the premise of having two year terms for all positions is to help provide a degree of continuity that may not always be there at present.
- to ensure that there should never be a 100% turnover at one time, Executive positions would be elected on even years, regional directors on odd years.
- as this would be a constitutional change , we are merely starting the process at this meeting; further discussion should continue over the winter ,hopefully culminating with changes in place for the next AGM.

**Election of Officers**

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|------|---|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 18.1 | President   | - | Jody Frowley  | - Acclaimed                 |
| 18.2 | Vice President  | - | Barry Gillis  | - Defeated Bob Goudey       |
|      | Bob Goudey then moved that the results be unanimous and that the ballots be destroyed<br>Seconded by Brian Seabrook. Motion carried |   |               |                             |
| 18.3 | Treasurer   | - | Dave Parry    | - Acclaimed                 |
| 18.4 | Secretary   | - | Mike Currie   | - Defeated Barry Anderson   |
| 18.5 | Supervisor of Coaches   | - | Josh MacGinis | - Defeated Dennis Woodworth |
| 18.6 | Supervisor of Umpires   | - | Andrew Downs  | - Acclaimed                 |
| 18.7 | Registrar   | - | Ian Cox       | - Acclaimed                 |

**Other Business**

Barry Anderson made a Bylaws Review Presentation. The bylaw committee recommended several changes ( 5 in total) for the upcoming year.

(1.) - Article 3.5 Proposed - regarding delivery of meeting notices.

Motion to accept this change made by Barry Anderson, Seconded by Kevin Richardson , Motion Carried

(2.) - Article 4.10 Proposed - regarding detrimental conduct by an elected official.

Motion to accept this change made by Barry Anderson, Seconded by Everett MacPherson , Motion Carried

(3.) - Article 6.3 Proposed - regarding presidential appointments

Motion to accept this change made by Barry Anderson, Seconded by Mike Currie , Motion Carried

(4.) - Article 10 Proposed - regarding Secretary's sending out notices of meetings

Motion to accept this change made by Barry Anderson, Seconded by Everyone , Motion Carried

- (5.) - Article 19 Proposed - the Miscellaneous section is being overhauled with three main changes:
- ( i ) Inspection of the books can be done within 10 days of said request.
  - ( ii ) Executive Director can borrow up to \$2000.00.
  - ( iii ) Conflict of interest section.

*Motion to accept this change made by Barry Anderson, Seconded by Kevin Richardson , Motion Carried*

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm