

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Baseball Nova Scotia

Ramada Hotel, Dartmouth, NS

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Present:	Barry Gillis, President	Neil Gaskell, Supervisor of Coaches
	Mike Curry, Vice President	Joel Rodgers, BNSUD
	Shelley Bibby, Secretary	Andrew Downs, Supervisor of Umpires
	Brandon Guenette, Executive Director	Trevor Wamback, Technical Director
	Dave Perry, Treasurer	

Quorum was reached.

1. Call to Order

Barry Gillis called the meeting to order at 13:23.

2. Moment of Silence

Barry asked for a moment of silence to honour all lost in the baseball community.

3. Announcements

There were no announcements

4. Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Amendment to Agenda, addition to include "Amendment and approval of Agenda" at 4.

Item 12 was removed from Agenda due to redundancy: if bylaws pass under item number 14, change to delivery method will be automatic.

MOVED by Everett MacPherson, 2nd by Brian Lamb to approve agenda as amended. **Motion carries**

5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Holly LaPierre, 2nd by Rob Keough to approve minutes as distributed. **Motion carries**

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business from previous meeting

7. President's Report

President's report was submitted. No discussion ensued.

8. Executive Director Report

Brandon spoke briefly to his submitted Executive Director's report and goals for 2017. He noted that because the RD's roles will change there will have to be some committees formed to deal with some special interest areas. A LTAD plan will be rolled out this year. Brandon also spoke briefly to the success of the Rally Cap/My First Pitch initiative delivered by Trevor Wamback

9. Technical Director Report

Technical Director's report was submitted. Trevor spoke of achieving his goal for the year of 10 elementary schools to deliver the program and has set this winter's goal at 15 schools. The program introduction to the schools was very positively received. Trevor provided an overview of his plans for future development to maintain consistency in Rally Cap program delivery

Question from the floor (Ross Smith) regarding Trevor's availability to associations. Trevor confirmed that next year he will be expanding his training opportunities for clubs

MOVED by Chris Zinck 2nd by Brian Secord to close voting credentials at 13:53

10. Financial Report

Financial Report presented by Dave Perry (attached). Questions from the floor (Barry Anderson) regarding costs to date of legal fees for bylaws ; Dave responded approximately \$5000; question from Louis Aube on umpire grant money, then retracted due to misreading of line.

MOVED by Dave Perry to accept Financial Reports as submitted. 2nd by Jody Frowley. **Motion carries**

11. Election of Audit Committee

Election of Audit Committee not necessary

12. Regional Director/Supervisor of Umpires Report

Supervisor of Umpires and RD reports were submitted: Andrew Downs reminded everyone that there will be fee increases for next year which were announced last year.

Question from the floor (Holly LaPierre) asked about possibility of “grace” on fees for games with no-shows or default due to not enough players. She commented that weather cancellation doesn’t incur fee payments. Andrew’s response was that these are two different things and therefore can’t be treated the same way.

Ross Smith asked whether umpires are required to obtain CRC checks. It is currently not a requirement. Rob Keough suggested that this should be made a priority. Mike Crawford asked how to make sure we follow through on this President Barry Gillis responded that this concern would be reflected in the minutes.

Kim Conrod (DDMBA) asked if umpire no-show policies can be noted on Goaline websites? Louis Aube commented that this is an association issue, not an umpires issue.

13. Bylaw Committee Report

Mike Currie explained how the process started way back when Jody Frowley was president with the hiring of a lawyer. It has been a long two year process just to get started on the revisions. There are some significant changes such as voting credentials and decrease in number of Regions from 9 to 5. Clarification was given on voting credentials to become paid registrants 18 and over from the previous 1 vote per 20 registered members. Ross Smith asked for clarification of new regional divisions. Mike explained that the regions would loosely follow the NSSAF divisions however due to population size in HRM it would have to be split in this area.

Barry Dalrymple(LWF) wanted clarification on voting credentials.

Ken Lenihan(Bedford) also has concerns re: members not having a vote on fees.

Louis Aube wanted to confirm that the new bylaws will be a living document and have the ability to change. He also wanted confirmation that changes to operating handbook don’t have to go to an AGM to be changed

Barry Gillis suggested that a committee should be struck to deal specifically with year to year handbook changes.

Alana Doucette wanted further specifics as to how the boundaries for the new regions would be determined.

Ken Lenihan wondered where that line gets drawn and how does that geography get determined. He commented about possible inequity of numbers i.e. 2 RDs representing 3000 versus 1 RD representing 471.

Alana Doucette wanted to know what the mechanism will be to ensure that you are registered. Do you have to be individually registered by your association.

Dave Shankel (West Hants) asked if that meant that some junior players would qualify to vote.

Joel Carrol (DDMBA) wanted to know if “we” (parents) would have to ability to be registered in future

Ross Smith needed clarification on voting mechanism

Shelley Bibby clarified that under the old bylaws the system was 1 vote per 20 registered members of an association and if the new bylaws pass it will be 1 vote per registered member aged 18 and over

Joel Carrol wondered why he would risk losing his vote and vote for new bylaws

Everett MacPherson (RD) commented that the bylaws should be with regards to the future of the sport

Brian Secord spoke about voting to move forward with the new bylaws and trying to vote with our heads not our hearts

Rob Keough wanted to clarify if the document can change at anytime

Barry Dalrymple had a question regarding fee increases and if there was any sense that this will possibly change in the future

Stephan Hendricks (Cole Harbour) asked what recreation players get out of it? They could register only coaches not players if there are no votes representing the players. What would stop them from getting their own separate insurance?

Barry Gillis suggested we should continue to consult and hear from the membership through committees.

Mike Curry added that if the bylaws pass there will no longer be nominations from the floor.

MOVED by Joel Rodgers 2nd by Everett MacPherson to approve new bylaws as presented. Vote was recorded as 37 for, 4 against with 11 abstentions. **Motion carries**

Everett Macpherson asked to speak some exiting words and asked that we please continue to support the sport Provincially and not just Regionally.

15. Elections

Mike Curry explained that because Barry Anderson chaired the nominating committee, he would be running the election.

Two candidates were presented for the position of President- Alana Doucette and current President Barry Gillis. Alana spoke as to why she wanted to offer for the position. Barry Gillis spoke of his accomplishments and why he wanted to re-offer.

Barry A. advised that voting would be by secret ballot. Shelley Bibby advised that those who were eligible had received a ballot and were told they were eligible to vote in the election.

Question from the floor (Ken Lenihan) asking if we should re-check individuals to ensure that only eligible voters can vote.

Ballots were collected. Barry Anderson asked if Ms. Doucette wanted to appoint someone as her scrutineer. Chris Lerette and Brandon Guenette were selected as scrutineers.

Barry Anderson announced that Barry Gillis had won the vote.

The following positions were won by acclamation due to no other candidates:

VP Operations: Ken Lenihan

VP Finance: Holly LaPierre

VP Girls: Mike Crawford

Secretary: Shelley Bibby

There was discussion about the results and how they would be verified. Barry Anderson advised that because it was a secret ballot the ballots would be destroyed.

MOVED by Blaine Gallant, 2nd by Mike Curry to accept election results as presented. **Motion Carries**

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Joel Rodgers, 2nd by Allan MacDonald to adjourn. **Motion carries**