



**Baseball Nova Scotia**  
**Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Saturday April 20, 2013  
Stellarton, NS

**Executive present:** Jody Frowley, Barry Gillis, Dave Perry, Mike Curry, Andrew Downs, Brandon Guenette & Holly LaPierre (Special Events Coordinator).

**Board members present:** Joel Rogers (Umpires), Allan MacDonald (Halifax), Chris Zink (South Shore), Everette MacPherson (Valley), Joe Hickey (Dartmouth), Roddy Conrad (Southwest) & Roger Noseworthy (Cape Breton).

Jody Frowley called the **meeting to order** @ 2 pm. Roger Noseworthy (Cape Breton) made the motion to close voting credentials @ 2:15 pm. All agreed.

Jody asked for a **moment of silence** to remember past baseball members.

Chris Zink motioned to approve the **2012 AGM minutes** (October 27, 2012), Brian Secord (Eastern Passage) seconded. All approved without errors or omissions.

Dave Perry presented the **2012 year-end financials**. It shows BNS has approx. \$15,000 in the bank & in good shape to begin the 2013 season.

The membership wanted to know why the trophy/medal cost was higher than budgeted. Holly Lapierre (past Treasurer) explained the 2012 bill-included payments for past trophies/medals.

Also, the membership wanted to know why the "high Performance" expense was more than budgeted. Holly explained, Baseball Canada now charged BNS a \$4,000/team entry fee for teams going to Nationals (new in 2012). Our Midget, Youth Selects & Bantam Girls teams attended Nationals. These payments are reflected in revenue – thus it's an in/out.

Dave Perry motioned for acceptance & Roger Noseworthy seconded. All were in favor.

Jody introduced the **new Executive/Board members** – including Brandon Guenette (Executive Director). Also, in the interest of saving time, Jodi encouraged all to read the attached President, Executive Director & Regional Director reports at a later date.

All agreed.

Brandon presented the following recommendations made by the **Bluenose League/Provincial committee**.

During last falls AGM, it was announced Provincial R was to be replaced by Regional fun tournaments. However, the BNS board proposed "**B**" level **Provincials** for those non-rep teams who still want to participate in a competitive final. Like the AAA, AA & A teams this new B level would have to abide by Baseball Canada Pitch Count rules.

Peter George (Springhill Minor Ball) made motioned to accept the introduction of B Provincials. Brian Secord (Eastern Passage) seconded. Most members present accepted.

Brandon outlined the Bluenose/Provincial committee's recommendations for changes on how teams **qualify for Provincials**.

Joel Rogers motioned to accept the committee's recommendations (including the elimination of Bluenose Play offs) & Roddy Conrad (Southwest) seconded. All accepted.

Brandon thanked the committee for their work & indicated a document with the agreed changes would be available before May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Brandon indicated the **High Performance Committee** would soon be releasing a comprehensive report addressing:

1. Coach selection
2. Player selection.
3. Team guidelines.
4. Team evaluations.

Brandon expressed the board's desire that those playing for the **Canada Games team** should not be permitted to play for Midget club teams or below either before, during or after the Canada Games. These players may still be permitted to play for higher-level teams & other tournaments outside Nova Scotia.

Andrew Downs motioned to accept the restriction & Joe Hikes (Dartmouth) seconded it. All were in favor.

Jody announced Ian Cox had resigned as **BNS Registrar** & would welcome applicants for the position. If nobody applied Jody would appoint someone.

Andrew Downs indicated more **Umpires are needed** – a number of senior Umpires have retired. Please encourage members to take the course.

The **Honda Super Camp** is slated for May 31<sup>st</sup> & Holly reminded all that it's open to the entire Provincial membership.

Jody asked if there were any further questions or concerns from the floor. Ray Wagg (New Glasgow Baseball) & Shelley Bibby (West Hants Baseball) wanted to learn more about our **insurance coverage**. BNS has a liability & personal injury policy & Brandon offered to send them a copy.

Mike Curry asked if the **BNS By-Laws** could be reviewed & updated. Barry Anderson (Amherst Intermediate Baseball) offered to join any committee looking into it.

Jody made a motion to conclude the Semi-Annual @ 3:50 pm. All were in favor.