



AGM Notes

April 21st, 1:00 PM

Delta Dartmouth Hotel

1. Call to Order

- Called to order at 1:07 AM by Andrew Downs

2. Establishment of Quorum

- We have established quorum.

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve
 - Moved - Rodgers
 - Seconded - Joe Young
 - All agreed. Motion approved.

4. Approval of the Minutes from the previous Annual General Meeting, including all business arising from those minutes

- Motion to approve
 - Moved – Mark Raftus
 - Seconded – Chris Hatchard
 - All agreed. Motion approved

5. Executive and Board Reports

- President Andrew Downs referenced his update included in the AGM package.
 - Experienced significant events last year that impacted operations.
 - Baseball NS was awarded ‘Province of the Year’ at Baseball Canada meetings. Based on achievable objectives set out nationally.
 - Hosted Senior Women’s Nationals and North American Indigenous Games.
 - Review staffing update, including introducing Emma Hause. Increases capacity across the board.
 - Hosting Atlantic Challenger Jamboree in August.
 - Dartmouth hosting 22U National Championship.
 - BNS is hosting Baseball Canada Convention in November at Pier 21.

- Outlined Priorities - strategic plan, club licensing, Safe Sport, Club Support program.
- In closing, he's been very proud of what we've accomplished over the last 7 years and will be re-offering.
- Umpires Update by Joel Rodgers
 - Registration numbers are down in rural NS.
 - Doing two female only clinics this year.
 - Green Arm band program continuing - 7 or 8 other team sports have adopted this.
 - Game reports show issues on-field are down.
 - Need to work with fans to improve off-field issues.
- Girls Baseball by Mike Crawford
 - Referenced update in report.
 - Looking at increase in teams and players in Bluenose. We need more coaches and more umpires.
 - Female coordinators are growing the game in their regions (will have 3 this year)
 - Focusing on supporting tournaments in various regions with Girls Day this year.
- Technical Director Portfolio
 - Baseball 5 launched into schools, and Baseball Canada is now taking on a bigger role – creating more content. Determining the type of program this will be moving forward (grassroots or competitive).
 - Rally Cap is beginning, with 3 associations requesting hats so far. Last year focus was Cory teaching coaches, which will continue this year.
 - NCCP – positive feedback about hybrid clinics, so those will continue.
- Office updates
 - SafeSport just rolled out from a PSO perspective
 - There are 12 steps that we need to go through – we are in the process of submitting these this year
 - This will be ready by 2025, with a policy suite to be available to members / associations
 - Recreational Committee met last year, and we're in the process of finalizing our recommendations (will connect with Club Licensing program)
 - An email going out to all members / associations with new roles within the office and contact points
- Motion to accept updates
 - Moved by Glenna
 - Seconded by Bill Rogers
 - Motion passed

6. Approval of Financial Statements

- Financial statements were distributed throughout the room.
 - Our financial standing is good.
- Mike Beamish walked attendees through statements, highlighting that surplus numbers will change as year-end adjustments / updates are made.
- Do not expect any changes to our membership fees, with insurance fees being variable. Costs related to OSIC / SafeSport are anticipated, however unsure of estimated cost. We have budgeted.

- Will be updated at November meetings.
 - Mark Raftus questioned if increase in membership fees was due to increase in number or increase in fees, and the answer was both. Growth is coming from rural and female. DDMBA is increasing.
 - How do we lobby municipality for better / more facilities? We need to join together to do this.
 - Shifting roles allows Brandon to focus more on this sort of topic.
 - Proposal to accept financial statements as proposed (pending audit)
 - Moved by Chris Hatchard
 - Seconded Brian Second
 - Motion passed
7. Election of Auditor and/or Audit committee for the next fiscal year if determined necessary or desirable by the members
- Baker Tilly will be reviewing / auditing financials
 - Moved by Mike Beamish
 - Seconded by Tyler Fancy
 - Motion carried
8. Consideration of any business specified in the meeting notice
- Glenna Ingraham
 - Asked about ability to register as other than male/female
 - A third option (at least) is being added (undisclosed)
 - Brian Second
 - 17U Provincial Team members being allowed
 - Has discussed with parents / players on 17U team who want more playing time and innings
 - We are only province in country who does it this way
 - Question of whether the legitimacy of 18UAAA is compromised.
 - Number of AAA teams has gone up since this was implemented – size of league hasn't gone down.
 - Brandon – the format of the provincial team has been discussed, and we would need a proposal around this that is player centric. Explained how this discussion evolved when the decision was made 11 years ago.
 - No active discussion to change this
 - Brian – example of pitchers last year only having 20 innings of playing time
 - Example of difference between 13U and 15U teams being the amount of games
9. Election of Executive
- Andrew Downs up for re-election, as well as Sarah & Mike
 - President
 - One name put forward – Andrew Downs
 - Motion for Andrew to be president for two year term
 - Motion made – Tyler Fancy

- Seconded – Chris Munroe
- Vice-President Girls Baseball
 - No other names
 - Brian Second
- Secretary
 - No other names
 - Christian
 - Carried

10. Adjournment

Brian Second – 1:47