



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2021

Annual General Meeting

November, 2021



OVERVIEW OF 2021

- Covid still impacted what we were allowed to do
- Biggest covid impact was not having school tournaments
- No known cases of covid linked to baseball again in 2021
- A return to tournaments, Provincials and Atlantics



OVERVIEW OF 2021

- Program enhancements - 9U Minor and Major, new 17U division, new 21U team (BNL decision to have 21U female as part of the Minor division)
- Registration 982 – 9% increase vs 2020; 3% increase vs 2019
- A strong performance by all All-Star teams at provincials – 11U AAA and A Gold; 13U AAA, AA & A Gold; 14U AA Gold; 15U AAA, AAA and A Gold; 16U AA & A Gold; 21U Gold



OVERVIEW OF 2021

- Good performances at Atlantics especially at 15U and 13U AAA
- Successfully hosted 13U AAA Atlantics
- Piloted an 11U house league ranking night
- Continued Skills and Drills camps restarted in 2020
- Continued High Performance Program with PSA



OVERVIEW OF 2021

- Hosted 16U, 15U AA/A and 11U AAA/AA provincials
- Hosted the 2nd Annual Mike Buist Classic
- Developed additional resources for all-star coaches
- Reinstated mid-season tournaments in 15U, 17U and 18U and continued Hit, Run and Throw weekends in other divisions
- Continued Specialty Camps



OVERVIEW OF 2021

- Rolled out new sponsorship packages
- Achieved a large surplus due to one-time special grants to deal with covid
- Continued and improved processes and transparency around all star team selections
- Reviewed our fee structure for most activities



CHALLENGES IN 2021

- Ramping up tournaments with short notice
- Managing various priorities and meeting expectations
- Accessing corporate sponsors
- Some instances where coaches were not following proper protocols (9U especially concerning)



PRIORTIES FOR 2022

- Re-launch and re-examination of school tournaments
- Development of a new SJMBA logo and new medals
- Assessment of infrastructure priorities including a scoreboard for Edgar Hartery Memorial field (LSP), office storage space, lights for batting cages, piloting a portable scoreboard, and a scorer's hut at APH.



PRIORTIES FOR 2022

- Consideration of program changes “post”-covid – gear bags, spectator viewing areas, tournaments/Hit, Run & Throw
- Examination of all-star inter-league playoffs/final tournament
- Player/parent awareness re: all-star pickups for Atlantics
- Continuing to grow female baseball



PRIORTIES FOR 2022

- A review of 18U division - reduce defaults, ensure team balance, ensure a minimum number of games
- A review of 9U division – our entry division into more competitive play - a good experience for players, coaches and parents, appropriate coaching/fan behaviors during tournament play, reformatting year-end tournament



THANK YOU

- Kristyn Coley

- Mark Jones
 - ✓ Secretary-Treasurer
 - ✓ Longest serving board member – 11 years
 - ✓ Worked with 3 Presidents, 3 Exec Directors, many directors
 - ✓ played a key role in improving administration and financial management at SJMBA. A lot of program improvements
 - ✓ always the voice of reason



THANK YOU

- Our Executive and Board members
- Coaches and Team Managers
- Program Coordinators – Office, 7U, 9U, Day Camps
- Umpires
- Grounds Crew at St. Pat's



THANK YOU

- St. John's Amateur Baseball
- Parents and Players
- Members of Parliament, MHAs, Provincial & Federal Assistance
- JumpStart
- Sponsors – Sportscraft and Breton Group



THANK YOU

- Public Health/Department of Health
- Baseball NL
- Sport NL
- Premier Sports Academy



BNL NOMINEES

Nominees

- ✓ Luke Martin & Hudson White – Minor Male Player of the Year
- ✓ Jaida Lee – Minor Female Player of the Year
- ✓ Mark Healy & Danny Penton– Minor Coach of the Year
- ✓ Jamie Hillier– Minor Umpire of the Year
- ✓ Mark Jones – Senior/Junior Umpire of the Year
- ✓ Sean Gulliver – Senior Coach of the Year



BNL AWARD WINNERS

- Minor Coach of the Year - Mark Healy
- Minor Female Player of the Year - Jaida Lee
- Minor Male Player of the Year - Hudson White
- Minor Umpire of the Year - Jamie Hillier
- Honorable Mention - Senior Coach of the Year – Sean Gulliver



BNL UPDATES

- Continuing to explore tiered tournaments and/or team rankings
- Expand pitch counts at provincials
- All-star coaches that are considered “trained” should look to advance to “certified” status
- BNL Game of the Week/Baseball Day in NL/Other Ways to Promote Baseball



BNL UPDATES

- Considering rule changes at 12U and 14U
- Considering a 18U/19U female provincials to bridge the gap between 16U and 21U
- Umpiring – lowering age to 11U; expanded training through on-line platform; trying to grow umpires at Levels 2 and 3