



**SOFTBALL MANITOBA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
October 12, 2021 – Via ZOOM



**Present:**

Voting Delegates (27)			
President	Larry Giesbrecht		
Minor Division:	Greg Boden Claire Anderson Tara Conrad Marc Lyver Patrick Tetrault	Kristi Guilford Bev Neufeld (Advisory) Paul Fazio Renee Danchuk	Al Bruneau Daphne Weibe Jeremy Lough Norlyn Dickson
Adult Division:	Brady Woods Lori Vandal Les Newman	Bob Lanoie David Muswaggon	Mike Fennessy (Adv) Rafik Abi-Saleh
Officials Division:	Frank Fargey (PUIC) Manfred Glor	Terry Wolowiec (Adv) Bruce Luebke	Mike Klassen Tony Kuleza

Non-Voting Attendees			
Observers:	Marci Halls-Stronciski Bob Birch Carolyn Irvine Kristi Venton	Peter Foulidis Blaine Shewchuk Bobbi-Jo Guffei JayDeanne Palmeruk	Steven Hopfner Phil Fafard Sharon Coughlin Dewayne Henley
Sport Law:	Jason Robinson	Steve Indig	
Softball MB Staff:	Don Klym	Leigh Decker	

**1. Call to Order**

President/Chair (Larry Giesbrecht) called the meeting to order at 6.06 pm. The Chair welcomed the members and introduced Jason Robinson from Sport Law as the Voting Scrutineer. The Chair reminded the participants that, per our Rules of Procedure, speaking is limited to voting delegates only, unless prompted by the Chair.

**2. Determination of Voting Delegates**

27 voting delegates in attendance. (as listed above)

**3. Identification of Non-Voting Delegates**

Listed above.

**4. Motions**

8 motions were presented. (attached). Chair asked if there were any questions before proceeding to the motions – There were none. Chair noted to the members that the Staff and the Board of Directors worked extensively with Steve Indig from Sport Law to ensure that these motions would improve our overall governance and comply with the Manitoba Corporations Act and then proceeded with the 8 motions presented to the members.

## **Notice of Motion #1**

### **Composition of the Directors of Softball MB**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

- (LN) What if a Region has no Rep?
- (LG) Softball MB is confident with the ability to fill all Regions with local representation. If not, there is a process in place to assign one.
- (RAS) How will this affect Winnipeg based Leagues?
- (LG) No effect other than they will now know what Director is responsible for that Region. The Board will deal with all relevant concerns/plans brought forward from Regional Directors. The Regional Director is responsible for all areas of softball within that Region (Fastpitch, Slo-Pitch, Minor, Adult, 'A', 'AAA', etc.)
- (PF) Will the Regions be taken into consideration when electing Directors?
- (LG) The Regions have control of who is brought forward. Regional 'A' Leagues and 'AAA' Organizations can bring names forward.
- (ND) Will Minor Division matters still be dealt with by Minor Directors?
- (LG) No. With the New Structure there are no Minor Directors – Only Regional Directors. The Regional Directors will be responsible for all areas of Softball within their Region as well as the Boardroom.

### **Motion 1 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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## **Notice of Motion #2**

### **Softball MB Membership Voting Structure**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

None.

### **Motion 2 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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## **Notice of Motion #3**

### **Softball MB Committee Composition**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

None.

### **Motion 3 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Notice of Motion #4**

**Softball MB Appeals**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

- (ND) Why are we dealing with Appeals – I thought this was about Board Structure?
- (LG) While Board Structure was the leading subject at the SGM, other By-Laws requiring amending/review were also brought forward as part of the proposed transition.

**Motion 4 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Notice of Motion #5**

**Softball MB Protests**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

None.

**Motion 5 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Notice of Motion #6**

**Softball MB Suspensions**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

None.

**Motion 6 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Notice of Motion #7**

**Necessary Corrections to Softball MB By-Laws (result of adopting Motion #1)**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

- (LG) This pertains to the making of all necessary corrections within the SMB By-Laws, as a result of adopting Notice of Motion #1 and the revisions to the composition of the Board. This motion is to ensure that all minor revisions can be made that are directly related to the adoption of that motion.

**Motion 7 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Notice of Motion #8**  
**Softball MB Transition of Directors**  
Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

(LG) This pertains to the necessary transition of Directors that will take place as a result of adopting Notice of Motion #1 and the revisions to the composition of the Board. This motion is to ensure that all Director positions are properly filled and transition accordingly.

(DW) What Region is Norman?

(LG) Northern Manitoba

**Motion 8 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**Article 14**

**Softball MB Temporary By-Law – Board Transition as presented to the members.**

Larry Giesbrecht/Brady Woods

Discussion:

None.

**Article 14 Vote**

**Chair: The motion is carried. 27-0**

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**5. Adjournment**

The Chair advised Membership of the November 27-2021 AGM and thanked our Special Guests (Jason and Steve from Sport Law).

Chair noted that all matters of business on the agenda have been concluded and declared the meeting adjourned – Thanking the members for participating.

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Signed:  
Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed:  
Don Klym  
Executive Director  
Softball Manitoba