



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 26, 2022



Present:

VOTING

DELEGATES:

Larry Giesbrecht	(Chair)	
Lucy Chura	Kristi Guilford	Al Bruneau
Kevin Lanthier	Bev Neufeld	Daphne Wiebe
Tara Conrad	Les Newman	Brenda Woods
Marc Lyver	Rheal Chaput	Mike Fennessy
Brady Woods	Val Pelleck	Rafik Abi-Saleh
Bob Lanoie	Terry Wolowiec	Brad DeGraeve
Frank Fargey	Ian Proven	Bobbi-Jo Guffei
Blaine Shewchuk	Mike Klassen	Noelle Cunningham

OBSERVERS:

Paul Fazio	Grant Cobb	Kirt Swanson
Yvan Freynet	Neal Wirgua	Christine Wirgua
Sarah Shotton	Karli Reimer	Ian Cunningham
Jeremy Lough	Greg Bouchard	

SPORT MB

Pat Kirby

JBSC

Monte Miller

STAFF

Don Klym
Leigh Decker

1. Call to Order

Chair (Larry Giesbrecht): The meeting is called to order at **(9:00 AM)**. The meeting agenda was circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. A second handout (in addition) was handed out at morning registration.

Acknowledge Traditional Lands (Chair – Larry):

“Softball Manitoba would like to acknowledge that our offices are located on Treaty 1 Territory, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota peoples and the homeland of the Red River Metis. Softball Manitoba recognizes that we provide sport programs throughout the Province of Manitoba, and we acknowledge and respect all lands and treaties we operate on, including Treaty 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 10.”

Chair then provided a Welcome to The Membership and introduced / Thanked special guest, Pat Kirby – Our Sport MB Consultant.

Chair Announced the voting scrutineers for today’s meeting. (Don Klym - Executive Director of Softball MB and Leigh Decker - Finance & Administration Manager - Softball Manitoba).

2. Parliamentary Procedure = is Robert’s Rules of Order.

Rules of Procedure

Chair: I will remind participants that, per our Rules of Procedure, speaking is limited to voting delegates only, unless prompted by the Chair. Delegates will have 1 (2-minute max) to speak on a Motion. Only the Delegate presenting the Motion will have a 2nd (and final) opportunity to speak on a Motion.

3. Determination of Voting Delegates

Don: 25 voting delegates in attendance.

Chair: Section 3.05 of the Softball MB Bylaws state, "A Quorum at any General Meeting shall be a simple majority at all times of the voting Delegates in good standing attending the General Meeting". I hereby declare that there is a quorum and that this Special Meeting of the Softball MB members is in session.

4. Identification of Non-Voting Delegates

Don: 15 observers in attendance.

5. Minutes of the 2021 AGM and 2022 Special AGM

Chair: A copy of the minutes from the November 27, 2021, members meeting have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. As well as a copy of the minutes from the August 24, 2022 (Special AGM) members meeting is part of AGM 2022 Package #2. I will note that the 2022 SAGM Minutes were not specifically referenced in the circulated agenda, but we will also approve those minutes today as it is our duty to do so. If there any questions about this or objections to approving both sets of minutes, please raise those questions or concerns now.

Chair: Are there any corrections to the November 27, 2021 AGM minutes?

There were 'No Objections' to the November 27, 2021 AGM Minutes.

Chair: With No objections by the members, the minutes of the November 27, 2021 AGM are approved.

Chair: Are there any corrections to the August 24, 2022 Special AGM minutes?

Kevin - Yes.

Motion to Amend the Aug 24-2022 Special AGM Minutes Kevin Lanthier/Bobbi-Jo Guffei

- **Amendment #1 = Update date as August 24 (not 25th).**
- **Correction on Page 2 #4 – Motion 4.**

Currently Reads – "Prior to reading out the following Motion, Presenter MPSL President Kevin Lathier asked for a 15-minute recess to meet with his Executive to Amend MPSL Motion #1. The 15-minute recess request was denied and 1 minute was provided for the Amendment to be read. The MPSL was instructed prior to the Meeting to have any amendments prepared and ready to present immediately. Hearing that the Presenter stated that the League will go through with Motion #1 as presented to the Membership – without the Amendment.

Change to Read: *The Chair noted that the Motion conflicted with the existing SORs. Presenter MPSL President Kevin Lanthier asked for a short recess to meet with his Executive to Amend MPSL Motion #1. The 'short' recess request was denied and 1 minute was provided for the Amendment to be read. Hearing that the Presenter stated that the League will go through with Motion #1 as presented to the Membership – without the Amendment.*

Chair: The revisions have been noted. If there are no objections by the members, the minutes of the August 24, 2022 Special AGM will be approved as revised. I will note that there is no other Business Arising from either of these minutes.

6. Reports

Chair: We will not be conducting verbal reports as these reports have already been provided in writing, but we can entertain any questions regarding the reports. The following Reports were circulated to the members in advance of this meeting:

- **President's Report – Larry Giesbrecht**
- **Executive Director's Report – Don Klym**
- **Regional Reports - Board**
- **Officials Report – Frank Fargey**
- **Development Reports**
 - **High Performance – Brady Woods**
 - **AA – Greg Boden**
 - **CANPitch – Greg Bouchard**
 - **TOBACatch – Hailey Unger**
- **Competition Report – Don Klym**
- **Hall of Fame Report- Les Newman**

Chair: Are there any questions regarding any of these Reports? With no questions or objections by the members on these Reports – Softball MB notes the receipt of the 2022 Reports.

7. JBSC Financial Statements (Monte Miller)

Chair: A copy of the JBSC financial statements have been shared in the members this morning (AGM Package #2). Do the members have any questions regarding the JBSC financial statements?
There were No questions or concerns from the Membership on the JBSC Financial Statements.

8. Softball MB Financial Statements (Don Klym)

Chair: A copy of the Softball MB financial statements have been shared in the members this morning (AGM Package #2). Do the members have any questions regarding the Softball Manitoba financial statements?
There were No questions or concerns from the Membership on the Softball Manitoba Financial Statements.
Chair: I will note that the members have received the Softball Manitoba financial statements and that the Recording Secretary will note receipt of the Statements in the minutes.

9. Approval of ALL REPORTS

MOTION (Chair): Motion To Pass ALL Reports.

Motion – Val Pelleck
2nded - Frank Fargey
Carried - 23-0-2

10. Amendments to Bylaws, General Operating Rules and Division Operating Rules.

Notice of Motion #1

Chair: Motion 1 pertains to the Fill Rule and brought forward by MPSL President **Kevin Lanthier**. 2nded by **Brady Woods**.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #1

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Kevin Lanthier

Division Affiliation: Manitoba Premier Softball League (MPSL) **Date:** October 28, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Minor Division Operating Rules – Registration Page M4 F. Fill Rule

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

F. Fill Rule

1. The Fill Rule may only be used to add players to teams who do not have the minimum number of players to field a team. The purpose of the Fill Rule is to help ensure that each region is able to field a viable team. Effort must be made to recruit players in all regions. Special consideration will be given to areas that have adequate number of players but do not have pitchers or catchers.
2. The “fill” athlete must be a fully eligible player as defined by Softball Manitoba and have attended tryouts in their home catchment area, but not have been selected to their home region’s team.
3. No eligible athlete trying out for their home region can be displaced by a “fill” player from a different region.
4. The Softball MB Board of Directors will confer with relevant coaches and regional reps to determine the fill(s) based on availability, need and geographical proximity.
5. All “fill” players are to return to their home catchment area for tryouts the following year.

6. Once a “fill” player has been released from the team in their catchment area for 3 consecutive years, the player will no longer be considered “property” of their catchment.

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

Organizations/Teams applying through the Fill Rule may add a maximum of three (3) “fill” players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players. Fill Rule numbers reflect Minor Division Operating Rule 3.F2. (Provincial Competition – Pick-Ups)

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

Fill Rule information required by Softball MB for processing requests is the direct responsibility of the Organization applying. Data received will be recorded and applied to decisions regarding Player Movement Requests. This information also provides the Association with a history on Player Movement (Registering Out of Region) plus overall aspects of Regional and Organizational Stability.

Organizations requesting player(s) through the Fill Rule must provide the following information:

- Number of players that attended tryouts and how many were released.
- How many are on their current roster.
- Releases from these player’s home region signed by League/Organization President.

The Player Release Form can be found on our website under FORMS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

Effective January 31, 2023

F. Fill Rule

1. **The purpose of the Fill Rule is to sustain a full capacity of teams at the AAA level** and to ensure that each region is able to field a viable team. Effort must be made to recruit players within home regions. Special consideration will be given to areas that have adequate number of players but do not have pitchers or catchers.
2. The Fill athlete must be a fully eligible player as defined by Softball Manitoba and have attended tryouts in their home catchment area, but not have been selected to their home region’s team.
3. Fill athletes cannot displace a regional athlete who has demonstrated the capacity to compete or develop to a competitive AAA level of play.
4. All Fill players are to return to their home regional for tryouts in the following year.

Maximum Fill Players per Team:

Organizations/Teams applying through the Fill Rule may add a maximum of **FOUR (4)** Fill players to bring its roster up to **twelve (12)** players.

Decision Making Authority:

Decisions to release AAA players from a home region/catchment is the responsibility of the AAA Organization President. It is their responsibility to take into consideration how the release of an athlete impacts the programs and development of the teams in their region.

Fill Rule Tracking Information Required:

Organizations requesting player(s) through the Fill Rule must provide the following information to Softball Manitoba:

- Completed release form signed by the League/Organization President requesting the release of the player and the League/Organization President releasing the player.

The Player Release Form can be found on our website under FORMS.

Fill Rule information required by Softball MB for processing requests is the direct responsibility of the Organization applying. Data received will be recorded and applied to decisions regarding Player Movement Requests. This information also provides the Association with a history on Player Movement (Registering Out of Region) plus overall aspects of Regional and Organizational Stability.

RATIONALE

The Fill rule provides support to sustaining a full capacity of teams at the AAA level. Decisions to release AAA players is the responsibility of the AAA Organizations. It is their responsibility to take into consideration how the release of an athlete impacts the programs and development of the teams in their region for a one-year period. These changes shifts the decision making from Softball Manitoba to AAA Organizations for teams and players within their region and supports a more fluid application of the policy.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: **Carried** **Amended** **Withdrawn** **Defeated**

VOTE ON MOTION #1 = 20-3-2

Notice of Motion #2

Chair: Motion 2 pertains to the Provincial Competition Pick ups and brought forward by **Al Bruneau**. 2nded by **Daphne Wiebe**.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #2

MOTION #2 - Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: "A" League Presidents (WSWYSA, NESA, Bonivital, St James, Seine River)

Division Affiliation: Minor Division **Date:** October 24, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

M9 - F. Provincial Competition - Pickups

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. All Minor teams must compete in Provincial Championship with its registered players.
2. If a team entered in the Provincial Championship may add a maximum of three (3) pickup players to bring its roster up to eleven (11) players.
3. Pickup players must come from a team:
 - a. Registered with Softball Manitoba.
 - b. Within the same Community/Community Club.
 - c. 'A' Classification pickup players may only come from the same classification ('A').
 - d. All 'A' Classification pickup players must come from 'A' classification in the same or lower Age category. Clarification: '**AAA**' Classification players may not be picked up.
4. If no pickup players are available that meet the criteria, the team may request permission to pick up players meeting the criteria from the nearest community club, community, League or Region at the discretion of the **Minor Committee**.
5. All pickups must have approval prior to the Provincial. Teams must notify the Softball Manitoba office of their approved pick-ups prior to the Provincial.
6. Players may only participate in one Minor provincial/year. Exception – Rural double-rostered players can play in two classifications (**AAA & A**) and only with the teams they are registered with.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

1. All Minor teams must compete in Provincial Championship with its registered players.
2. If a team entered in the Provincial Championship may add a maximum of **four (4)** pickup players to bring its roster up to **twelve (12)** players.
3. Pickup players must come from a team:
 - a. Registered with Softball Manitoba.
 - b. Within the same Community/Community Club.
 - c. 'A' Classification pickup players may only come from the same classification ('A').
 - d. All 'A' Classification pickup players must come from 'A' classification in the same or lower Age category. Clarification: 'AAA' Classification players may not be picked up.
4. If no pickup players are available that meet the criteria, the team may request permission to pick up players meeting the criteria from the nearest community club, community, League or Region at the discretion of the Minor Committee.
5. All pickups must have approval prior to the Provincial. Teams must notify the Softball Manitoba office of their approved pick-ups prior to the Provincial.
6. Players may only participate in one Minor provincial/year. Exception – Rural double-rostered players can play in two classifications (AAA & A) and only with the teams they are registered with.

RATIONALE

To mirror / reflect changes to Fill Policy.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: **Carried** **Amended** **Withdrawn** **Defeated**

VOTE ON MOTION #2 = 21-0-4

Notice of Motion #3

Chair: Motion 3 pertains to the Boundaries and brought forward by **Al Bruneau**. 2nded by **Daphne Wiebe**.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #3

MOTION #3 - Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: "A" League Presidents (WSWYSA, NESA, Bonivital, St James, Seine River)

Division Affiliation: Minor Division **Date:** October 24, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Minor Division Operating Rules – Page M2 – 2. Classification – Boundaries & Appendix (website link)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

1. Classification - Boundaries:
 - i) The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.
The boundary for Softball Manitoba's 4 Minor "AAA" Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg within the Perimeter Highway.

These four (4) Winnipeg Organizations that can obtain their players from the five (5) Winnipeg Softball Associations which are Bonivital, North East, North West, St. James and Winnipeg Southwest Youth. Players representing Urban Organizations must reside within the boundary of the City of Winnipeg abiding by Softball Manitoba's definition of the City boundaries which is the Municipal Wards as defined by the City of Winnipeg.

- In U13 AAA category if a particular region does not have a team in the player's category/classification, in which event the player may at their option to play for a team in a different region in the player's age category/classification.
 - In U13 AAA category, a player is released from a team in the region in which they resides, in which case the player may play for a team in another region at their option, and the team from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the league, the transferred regional team and Softball Manitoba.
- ii) Boundary for the A teams shall be the "Province of Manitoba". For these Purposes, the Community/Community Centre boundaries shall be those recognized by the rural Community Centers as their particular boundaries. A player shall play on the Community/Community Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:
- That particular Community/Community Center does not have a team in the player's category, in which event the player may at their option play for any other team in the League in the player's age category.
 - That League does not have a team in the player's category in which event the player at their option may play for any team in another League in the player's age category with proper approvals from both leagues.
 - The player is released from the team in the League from the Community Center in the particular area in which they resides, in which case the player may play for any team in the League at their option from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the League, the transferred team and Softball Manitoba. The player is released from the Community Center team and the League in which case the player may play for any team in another League. Both the releasing team and the League shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred team and the League and to Softball Manitoba for approval.

Coaches and Managers will be held responsible to ensure only eligible players are registered on team rosters. In the event of any discrepancies, a player's eligibility to play on a particular team, the Executive of the League will rule. Any coach who knowingly signs an ineligible player, the coach and the ineligible player may be subject to suspension.

iii) NEW Program in 2022 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA').

AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee). The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

INFO ON WEBSITE:

Minor "AAA" Female Classification - Boundaries of Softball Manitoba:

The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 MB Games Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

Urban Boundaries / Catchment Areas:

For this the City of Winnipeg is divided into 4 quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current

'AAA' softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

Manitoba Angels - west of the Red River, north of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Westdale Community Club catchment.

Manitoba Thunder - East of the Red River, north of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the South Transcona Community Club catchment.

Smittys Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Lightning - East of the Red River, south of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg

The Change for 2020:

The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into effect for the 2021 season. (Commencing Sept-2020)

All athletes playing in the 2020 season at all age groups would be grandfathered to their current organization regardless of their urban address. Once an athlete leaves the program they are grandfathered to - They must return to the organization in their catchment.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

1. Classification - Boundaries:

iii) The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries. The boundary for Softball Manitoba's 4 Minor "AAA" Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg within the Perimeter Highway. These four (4) Winnipeg Organizations that can obtain their players from the five (5) Winnipeg Softball Associations which are Bonivital, North East, North West, St. James and Winnipeg Southwest Youth. Players representing Urban Organizations must reside within the boundary of the City of Winnipeg abiding by Softball Manitoba's definition of the City boundaries which is the Municipal Wards as defined by the City of Winnipeg.

- In U13 AAA category if a particular region does not have a team in the player's category/classification, in which event the player may at their option to play for a team in a different region in the player's age category/classification.
- In U13 AAA category, a player is released from a team in the region in which they resides, in which case the player may play for a team in another region at their option, and the team from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the league, the transferred regional team and Softball Manitoba.

iv) Boundary for the A teams shall be the "Province of Manitoba". For these Purposes, the Community/Community Centre boundaries shall be those recognized by the rural Community Centers as their particular boundaries. A player shall play on the Community/Community Center team entered in the Softball Manitoba recognized Minor League from the particular area in which he or she resides, unless:

- That particular Community/Community Center does not have a team in the player's category, in which event the player may at their option play for any other team in the League in the player's age category.
- That League does not have a team in the player's category in which event the player at their option may play for any team in another League in the player's age category with proper approvals from both leagues.
- The player is released from the team in the League from the Community Center in the particular area in which they resides, in which case the player may play for any team in the League at their option from which the player is released shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the League, the transferred team and Softball Manitoba. The player is released from the Community Center team and the League in which case the player may play for any team in another League. Both the releasing team and the League shall complete a consent form with a copy going to the transferred team and the League and to Softball Manitoba for approval.

Coaches and Managers will be held responsible to ensure only eligible players are registered on team rosters. In the event of any discrepancies, a player's eligibility to play on a particular team, the Executive of the League will rule. Any coach who knowingly signs an ineligible player, the coach and the ineligible player may be subject to suspension.

iii) NEW Program in 2022 'AA' – Players registering 'A' are eligible to play 'AA' as well following their 'A' Club season – check RAMP 'AA' dropbox. 'AA' may include up to 3 teams per Age Category per Region. (as per the 8 regions defined within 'AAA').

AA Provincials to be scheduled in August and play will be restricted to specific nights and/or specific weekends so that A programs are not hampered. (Determined by Softball Manitoba Minor Committee). The program will initially be implemented for a two-year period.

INFO ON WEBSITE:

Minor "AAA" Female Classification - Boundaries of Softball Manitoba:

The boundaries for Softball Manitoba's Minor "AAA" Rural Regional Organizations shall be those recognized by Softball Manitoba (as per Sport Manitoba's 2016 MB Games Rural Map/Boundaries). Players representing their Rural Regional Organizations must reside within these boundaries.

Urban Boundaries / Catchment Areas:

For this the City of Winnipeg is divided into 4 quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current 'AAA' softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

Manitoba Angels - west of the Red River, north of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Westdale Community Club catchment **and the Rural Municipalities of West St. Paul, Cartier, St. Francois-Xavier and Rosser.**

Manitoba Thunder - East of the Red River, north of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the South Transcona Community Club catchment **and the Rural Municipalities of East St. Paul and Springfield.**

Smittys Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, **(excluding the Westdale Community Club catchment)** as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. **Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of Macdonald.**

Winnipeg Lightning - East of the Red River, south of Provencher/Dugald Rd, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

Central: Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of Glenboro-South Cypress.

The Change for 2023:

The Urban Boundaries outlined above come into effect **January 31, 2023.**

All athletes **listed on a AAA roster** at all age groups **prior to January 31, 2023**, would be grandfathered to their current organization regardless of their urban/**rural** address. Once an athlete leaves the program they are grandfathered to - They must return to the organization in their catchment.

RATIONALE

Based on feedback and information provided by parents, "A" league Presidents, those involved in formation and development of "AA" programming, "AAA" organizations and a review of the players being released since 2020 these changes would reduce confusion regarding progression through "A" to "AAA" development and allow greater opportunities to establish and maintain programming in the Minor Division.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ___ Carried ___ Amended ___ Withdrawn X Defeated

VOTE ON MOTION #3 = 6–9-10

Notice of Motion #4

Chair: Motion 4 pertains to the Border Rule and brought forward by Softball MB's Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF MOTION - #4

Motion #4 – General Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** Minor Division

Date: October 28, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

General Operating Rules (Page 7): Article 7 The Border Rule – Provincial Championships.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Softball Manitoba has adopted The Border Rule and is part of the same agreement that Softball Saskatchewan has with Softball Alberta. The rule is as follows:

The Border Rule – or - Boundary Border Rule – (applies to Players that reside within 40 km of the border) that allows players who are residents of Saskatchewan (and Northern Ontario) to apply to us to play in a neighboring Province. The players must apply by May 15th. Once Softball Manitoba receives the application it will check with the neighboring Province (Saskatchewan) to see if they would allow the player to register with them. Players who reside in Manitoba who do not apply to play in a neighboring Province would be suspended should we find they have registered in another Province. This rule applies to adult players as well as minor players. This rule can also work in the reverse manner allowing Manitoba players that reside within 40 km of the border to apply to play in Saskatchewan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

That The Border Rule as written be deleted in its entirety.

RATIONALE

Saskatchewan has removed all references to border/boundaries and now require all athletes, regardless of age, to complete an Inter-Provincial Transfer request that is reviewed by Softball Saskatchewan's Board of Directors. In order to avoid confusion Softball Manitoba's Board of Directors is recommending that we follow the same process in order to ensure Manitoba athletes are provided opportunities to play within their Province and communities.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: **Carried** **Amended** **Withdrawn** **Defeated**

VOTE ON MOTION #4 = 23-0-2

Notice of Motion #5

Chair: Motion 5 pertains to Representation to Canadian Championships and brought forward by Softball MB's Board of Directors.

NOTICE OF MOTION – #5

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors **Division Affiliation:** Minor Division

Date: October 28, 2022

REFERENCE: (Section, article, number, page, etc.)

Minor Division Operating Rules Page M6

2. Representation to Canadian, Western Canadians or Provincials

1.Provincial Representation - b. iii

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

2.1.b.iii - The three highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province at the Canadian Championships. The next two highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province in the WCSC. EXCEPTION – Event Hosts. In special circumstances where the host of the Canadian Championships and/or Western Canadians are looking for more teams, there may be the possibility that another Manitoba team may attend these championships. This will be decided on an event basis by the Minor Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT (Motion. State whether revision, addition, deletion)

2.1.b.iii - The **two** highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province at the Canadian Championships. The next two highest ranking teams in the Provincial Championship will represent the Province in the WCSC. EXCEPTION – Event Hosts. In special circumstances where the host of the Canadian Championships and/or Western Canadians are looking for more teams, there may be the possibility that another Manitoba team may attend these championships. This will be decided on an event basis by the Minor Committee.

RATIONALE

Reducing the number of teams attending Canadian and Western Canadian Championships will provide a stronger competitive environment for those teams competing to represent the Province (as per Sport MB's Performance Pathway regarding 'AAA' classified programs). This will also allow for a larger pool of available athletes to be "picked up" by teams that are representing the Province at a Canadian or Western Canadian Championship.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: **Carried** **Amended** **Withdrawn** **Defeated**

VOTE ON MOTION #5 = 21-1-3

11. Elections (Board of Directors and Association President)

PRIOR TO ELECTIONS – Larry thanked Blaine Shewchuk and Bob Lanoie (departing Directors). And Terry Wolowiec (departing Advisory Board member).

Elections

- President – Larry Giesbrecht to serve as independent Chair for the Directors Elections.
- Vice President – Brady Woods to serve as independent Chair for the Presidential Election.

Chair: At the 2021 October Special Meeting of the Members, members adopted the proposed revisions to the Softball Manitoba Bylaws, which included changes to the Board composition as well as a Temporary Bylaw (Article 14) to assist with the transition from the current Board composition to the new Board composition. In accordance with Section 14.3 of the Temporary Bylaw, we will conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 6 Directors:

Currently In Place:

- Parkland Director – Greg Boden (serving to 2023).
- Westman Director – Bev Neufeld (serving to 2023).
- Winnipeg North Director – Brady Woods (serving to 2023).
- Norman Director – two (2) year term. Vacant.
- NW Ontario Director – one (1) year term. Vacant.

Move to Elect three (3) new Regional Directors as follows:

- Interlake Director – Karli Reimer - two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.
- Central Director – Kristi Guilford - two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.
- Wpg South Director – Al Bruneau- two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Acclaimed.
- Eastman Director – two (2) year term. (Serving to 2024). Vacant.

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the 3 Regional Directors beginning with Interlake and followed by Central and Winnipeg South.

Interlake Director – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Interlake Director position:

- Karli Reimer – new nominee

Karli has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Regional Director must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected.

Congratulations to Karli Reimer who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Interlake.

VOTE ON INTERLAKE REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-1

Central Director – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Central Director position:

- Kristi Guilford – Acclaimed.

Kristi has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Regional Director must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected.

Congratulations to Kristi Guilford who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Central.

VOTE ON CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-1

Winnipeg South Director – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Winnipeg South Director position:

- Al Bruneau – Acclaimed.

Al has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Regional Director must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected.

Congratulations to Al Bruneau who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Central.

VOTE ON CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-1

Norman Director – two (2) year term.

We have not received any valid nominations for the position of Norman Director position. As a result, the Board will look to fill this vacancy at an upcoming Board meeting and once it has done so, it will communicate the new Director to the members.

NW Ontario Director – one (1) year term.

We have not received any valid nominations for the position of NW Ontario Director. As a result, the Board will look to fill this vacancy at an upcoming Board meeting and once it has done so, it will communicate the new Director to the members.

Association President's Seat – three (3) year term.

VP Brady Woods to serve as independent Chair for the Presidential Election.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Softball MB President Position:

- Larry Giesbrecht – Acclaimed.

Larry has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, The President must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected.

Congratulations to Larry Giesbrecht who will serve the next three years as President of Softball Manitoba.

VOTE ON ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT = 23-0-0

Brady congratulated Larry and passed the gavel back to The Chair.

Chair: Notified Membership that the elections are concluded and Congratulated the newly elected Directors.

12. New Business

Chair: For the benefit of the members, a brief report on the following 5 Headings were provided to the Membership in The Supplementary Package. These are ALL available online at Softball Manitoba.

No questions were asked on any of the 5 topics.

The 5 included:

(a) Softball Canada Rules Changes.

More information available at <https://softball.ca/agm>

(b) 2023-24 Coach Plan on Background Screening (as per 2023 RAMP REGISTRATION).

More information available at <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/policies>

(c) Safe Sport

More information available at <https://softball.ca/safesport>

(d) Inclusion, Diversity and Access

More information available at <https://softball.ca/policies/inclusiondiversity>

(e) RAMP Gender Identity

CHAIR notified that any discrepancies on Registration/Rosters/Gender Eligibility between League Play and Provincial Play would be the responsibility of the League to ensure that teams are registered properly entering Provincial Play.

13. Adjournment

Chair: As we have concluded all matters of business on our agenda, I hereby declare that the meeting is adjourned. Thank you to all members for participating.

Adjourned.

1. Authorization

Submitted November 28, 2022

Don Klym – Executive Director



Larry Giesbrecht – President

