



SOFTBALL MANITOBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 23, 2024



Present:

VOTING

DELEGATES:

Larry Giesbrecht	(Chair)	
Lucy Chura	Kristi Guilford	Al Bruneau
Erin Peters	Bev Neufeld	Brenda Woods
Frank Fargey	Les Newman	Rafik Abi-Saleh
Greg Boden	Brad DeGraeve	Brady Woods
Jeff Kisiloski	Val Pelleck	Bruce Luebke
Les Ellchuk	Terry Wolowiec	Greg Bouchard
Jeremy Lough	Karli Reimer	Tommy Dahl
Roxanne Cure	Tony Kuleza	Stef Brunel

OBSERVERS:

Angie Picton	Phil Neufeld
Tyler Russell	Chris Tornato
Adrian Brown	Stephen Ceslak
Kadria Spencer	Jace Guilford
Tasha Worms	Jared Cormier
Joel Neufeld	Bobbi-Jo Guiffei
Russ Kihn	Kara Hildebrand

STAFF

Don Klym
Leigh Decker
Monte Miller

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.

Chair Announced the voting scrutineers for today’s meeting. (Don Klym - Executive Director - Softball Manitoba and Monte Miller – Program Coordinator – 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 and league or organization presidents only, unless prompted by the Chair. Delegates will have 1 (3-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: 17 observers in attendance.

5. Minutes of the 2023 AGM

Chair: A copy of the minutes from the November 25, 2023, members meeting have been circulated to the members in advance of this meeting. If there any questions about this or objections to approving these minutes, please raise those questions or concerns now.

Chair: Are there any corrections to the November 25, 2023 AGM minutes?

There were 'No Objections' to the November 25, 2023 AGM Minutes.

Chair: With No objections by the members, the minutes of the November 25, 2023 AGM are approved.

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**
 - Question was asked about issues that arose and what is the AA Committee doing to fix them.
 - Will there be more flexibility in 2025 for AA athletes to practice/play more – less restriction on them?
 - With no Board in place, AA will stay developmental and run by Softball Manitoba.
 - It was encouraged that more people need to get involved and attend Regional AA meetings that start in January 2025.
 - **MSA – Paige Churchill**
- **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 2024 Reports.

7. 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.

8. Approval of ALL REPORTS

MOTION (Chair): Motion To Pass ALL Reports.

Motion – Tony Kuleza
2nd – Les Newman

Carried - 24-0-0

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

Notice of Motion #1

Chair: Motion 1 pertains to **Softball Manitoba's Not for Profit Status as defined in our Constitution** brought forward by the Softball Manitoba Board of Directors as a requirement put forth by Sport Manitoba, 2nd by Terry Wolowiec.

NOTICE OF MOTION #1

Constitution and Bylaws

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors

Date: October 23, 2024

REFERENCE: Softball MB Information Handbook - Constitution – Article V - Not-For-Profit Status

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

New.

Statement of Not-For-Profit Status is only on our website, we will add this to the wording in our By-Laws.

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

To Add:

- a. Article V Not-For-Profit Status - No Gain for Members. The Corporation will be carried on without the purpose of financial gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Corporation will be used in promoting its objects.

RATIONALE

Requirement by Sport MB to add to Constitution.

Note = Current Article V (Dissolution) will be renumbered to Article VI.

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

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #2

Chair: Motion 2 pertains to **Softball Manitoba defining what a Member in Good Standing is** brought forward by the Softball Manitoba Board of Directors as a requirement put forth by Sport Manitoba, 2nd by Frank Fargey.

NOTICE OF MOTION #2

Constitution and Bylaws

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors

Date: October 23, 2024

REFERENCE: Softball MB Information Handbook - By-Laws – Section 1 – Interpretation.

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

New.

Member in Good Standing not defined in Softball Manitoba’s By-Laws.

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

To Add:

Member in Good Standing – Association *Members in good standing* are those whose rights as **members** of the assembly are not under suspension as a consequence of disciplinary proceedings.

(Discipline, Suspension, Outstanding Fees, etc.)

RATIONALE

Requirement by Sport MB to add to By-Laws.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #3

Chair: Motion 3 pertains to the **Amalgamation of Manitoba Thunder and Winnipeg Lightning in the Minor Division Operating Rules** brought forward by Softball Manitoba Board of Directors, 2ns by Rafik Abi Saleh.

NOTICE OF MOTION #3

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 1, 2023

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

Minor Division Operating Rules - Page M2 - 1. Registration, A. 2 Classification – Boundaries i)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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, divided into four (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 and the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

Smitty's 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 Urban Boundaries outlines above come in effect January 31, 2024. All athletes listed on a AAA roster at all age groups prior to January 31, 2024, 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.

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

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, divided into four (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.

Smitty's 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, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

The Urban Boundaries outlines above come in effect January 1, 2025.

RATIONALE

- The amalgamation was brought forward by the two (2) organizations as a resolution to an on-going challenge to form competitive teams in their Urban Regional Boundaries due to the number of athletes available. The amalgamation of these two (2) organization's boundaries has no impact on the Regional Boundaries of the other AAA organizations currently operating as per Softball Manitoba's Minor Division Operating Rules (MDOR).
- The amalgamation will not impact the current "A" programs as both NESAs and Bonivital Softball will continue to operate as they always have regarding formation of the community-based softball programs.
- The amalgamation brings our current Regional Boundaries closer to the existing Boundaries in place for Sport Manitoba's Manitoba Games programming.
- The amalgamation will allow athletes in the new Urban Regional Boundary greater access to opportunities to "AA" programming as the change will increase the area from which "AA" athletes can be selected.

AMENDMENT – 1st: Greg Bouchard, 2nd: Al Bruneau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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 **3** Minor 'AAA' Urban Regional Organizations is the City of Winnipeg, divided into **three (3) regions** with each **region** representing the **3** 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 Wpg. Adding athletes residing in the Westdale C.C. catchment.

Smitty's 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, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. Adding athletes residing in the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

The Urban Boundaries outlines above come in effect January 1, 2025.

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

VOTE: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #4

Chair: Motion 4 is a housekeeping motion pertaining to the **Amalgamation of Manitoba Thunder and Winnipeg Lightning in the Minor Division Operating Rules** brought forward by Softball Manitoba's Board of Directors, 2nd by Val Pelleck.

NOTICE OF MOTION #4

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Softball Manitoba Board of Directors

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 1, 2024

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

Minor Division Operating Rules

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

N/A

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

Softball Manitoba's Board of Directors be granted authority to make the necessary changes to the Minor Division Operating Rules to remove references to Manitoba Thunder and to change four (4) Urban Boundaries to three (3) Urban Boundaries.

RATIONALE

This is a simple housekeeping of the Minor Division Operating Rules to ensure all language matches as a result of the amalgamation of the Manitoba Thunder with the Winnipeg Lightning.

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

Vote: 24-0-0

Notice of Motion #5

Chair: Motion 5 pertains to the **Minor Division Operating Rules, Boundaries** brought forward by Macdonald Minor Ball, 2nd by Brady Woods.

NOTICE OF MOTION #5

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Stephen Ceslak – President, Macdonald Minor Ball

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: Oct 18, 2024

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

Minor Division Operating Rules - Page M2 - 1. Registration, A. 2 Classification – Boundaries i)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

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, divided into four (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 and the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

Smitty's 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 Urban Boundaries outlines above come in effect January 31, 2024. All athletes listed on a AAA roster at all age groups prior to January 31, 2024, 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.

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. - M 3 - Updated: March 1, 2024 • 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.

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

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, divided into four (4) quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current AAA softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

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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 Municipality of East St. Paul.

Smitty's Terminators - west of the Red River, south of the Assiniboine River, as per the electoral boundaries of the City of Winnipeg. **Adding athletes residing in the RM of Macdonald.**

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

The Urban Boundaries outlines above come in effect **January 31, 2025**. All athletes listed on a AAA roster at all age groups prior to **January 31, 2025**, 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.

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. - M 3 - Updated: March 1, 2024 • 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.

RATIONALE

To resolve the inconsistency in boundaries for Macdonald Minor Ball at the AA & AAA level by aligning with the existing A boundary within Winnipeg South West. This would help create more interest in our athletes playing at the higher level to help grow the sport.

The RM of Macdonald has a reputation of having excellent athletic players who come from communities heavily invested in the sport of ball. It is very concerning that our softball registration numbers have been decreasing from 166 in 2021 to 145 in 2023 and 144 in 2024. Meanwhile, our baseball registrations, where we are part of Winnipeg South at all levels, continue to skyrocket from 141 in 2021 to 155 in 2023 and 179 in 2024.

Also concerning is the number of our AAA softball players which have continued to drop significantly from 17 players 5 years ago (prior to the boundary lock down, all playing for city organizations) to just 6 in 2024 playing for Central Energy.

The main reason for this, based on our poll to the association, was due to the major logistical challenge. Being placed within the vast Central region for AA & AAA pushes our athletes, who have the desire and skill level to play high level sports, to other competitive sporting opportunities instead of softball.

Our June poll to our 144 current "A" level registrants yielded 55 responses: 36 athletes clearly stated they were only interested in playing at a higher level if we were part of Winnipeg South West; 11 stated they would play at a higher level regardless if we were part of Winnipeg South West or Central; 1 wanted to be part of a city region just preferred not to be Winnipeg South West; and 7 responses had no interest in playing at a higher level.

We also polled our existing 6 AAA players separately so anonymity could be achieved: 4 were in favour of a potential move; 1 was not in favour; and 1 did not respond.

Our poll strongly suggests that 36 additional players would want to tryout/play at a higher level (AA or AAA) that aren't doing it today. The primary reason being the drastic reduction in travel commitment for practices and games if allowed to be based out of Winnipeg South West.

This change would also help level the registration gap between regions by moving 144 athletes to the much smaller region of Winnipeg South West, with only 300 registrations, compared to the Central Region, who already have 1,150 registrations.

Our Macdonald Minor Ball program is heavily dependant on this change to help us grow, which in turn helps grow and strengthen the game overall.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ___ Carried ___ Amended ___ Withdrawn X Defeated

Vote: 5-14-5

Notice of Motion #6

Chair: Motion 6 pertains to the **Minor Division Operating Rules, Boundaries** brought forward by St. James Softball. The motion was withdrawn by St. James Softball.

NOTICE OF MOTION #6

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Jeremy Lough - President, St. James Softball

Division Affiliation: Minor Division

Date: October 22, 2024

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

Minor Division Operating Rules - Page M2 - 1. Registration, A. 2 Classification – Boundaries i)

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

Classification - Boundaries:

- ii) 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, divided into four (4) quadrants with each quarter representing the 4 current AAA softball organizations. The following organizations would exist in the areas below:

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Smitty's 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.

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

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, divided into four (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 Headingley, St. Francois-Xavier and Cartier.**

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 Municipality of East St. Paul.

Smitty's 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.

RATIONALE

There is a significant discrepancy in the number of overall athletes available to the northwest urban region, with some rural regions having 5x our numbers. We are currently unable to form competitive "AA" or "AAA" teams due to this lack of numbers. Athletes from Headingley, St-Francois and Cartier have always registered and played in our St. James "A" league and would like to be eligible for our "AA" and "AAA" categories. These families have been polled and the results are 100% in favor of becoming part of our region. Last season, in the U11-U19 "A" divisions, we had just 21 players registered from these communities. This represents less than 2% of the Central regions registered athletes and would not negatively affect their ability to form competitive teams but could make the difference between us being able to field a team or fold. There is almost no chance of growth in the northwest urban region due to the size of the airport and the downtown/north end area where there will likely never be facilities.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: ___ Carried ___ Amended __X__ Withdrawn ___ Defeated

Notice of Motion #7

Chair: Motion 7 was put forward by Jeremy Lough from St. James Softball regarding changes to the Fill Rule. A review of the Fill Rule has revealed that this MDOR was changed at the 2022 AGM as a result of a motion filed by MPSL and passed by the membership. Therefore, the rule cannot be changed for a period of 3 years as per Softball Manitoba By-Laws.
By-Law 16.03 (a).

Approved changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, General Operating Rules and Divisional Operating Rules may not be reversed or changed at a subsequent Annual General Meeting prior to the approved change being implemented for at least a period of three (3) years

As a result, this motion is deemed "Out of Order" as per our By-Laws and will not be brought to the floor for vote by the membership.

Notice of Motion #8

Chair: Motion 8 pertains to the **Slo-Pitch Division Operating Rules, Senior Provincials** brought forward by Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League. This motion was submitted past the deadline and therefore requires 100% support to bring it to the floor. The motion was brought forward by Les Newman, 2nd by Greg Boden.

Vote to Bring to the Floor: 24-0-0

NOTICE OF MOTION #8

Division Operating Rules

Submitted by: Les Newman - President, MSSTL

Division Affiliation: Adult Division

Date: Nov 13, 2024

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

Slo-Pitch Division Operating Rules - Page SP 8 - 18. Senior Masters Provincial Competition, #3

WHEREAS (Article as currently written.)

3. Provincial Championship Team Rosters may have up to a maximum of 20 players plus 3 non-playing coaches/managers. MSSTL Winnipeg League teams' rosters will be those submitted to Softball Manitoba (SMB) through online RAMP registration (ADD/DELETE deadline July 1). MSSTL non-Winnipeg League teams' rosters will be those submitted to SMB through the MSSTL (ADD/DELETE deadline July 6) but allow for up to three (3) pickups whose names must be submitted to SMB by July 10. Pickups must be a) registered with SMB, b) from non-Winnipeg League MSSTL teams and c) non-competing teams in this year's SMB Provincial Play downs.

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

3. Provincial Championship Team Rosters may have up to a maximum of 20 players plus 3 non-playing coaches/managers. MSSTL Winnipeg League teams' rosters will be those submitted to Softball Manitoba (SMB) through online RAMP registration (ADD/DELETE deadline July 1). MSSTL non-Winnipeg League teams' rosters will be those submitted to SMB through the MSSTL (ADD/DELETE deadline July 6). **All teams will be allowed three (3) pickups whose names must be submitted 10 days prior to the Championship start. Pickups must be a) registered with SMB through the Ramp System, b) non-competing teams in this years Provincial Play downs.**

RATIONALE

MSSTL feels that most teams only need to pick up players as a result of injuries, and many of these happen after July 10th but before the Provincials. There are also teams that have no intention of entering Provincials at the beginning of the year but have some players that would like to participate. Pickups would be to replace injured players, not to make teams more competitive.

FINAL IMPLICATIONS: X Carried Amended Withdrawn Defeated

Vote: 24-0-0

10. Elections (Board of Directors and Advisory Board)

President – Larry Giesbrecht to serve as independent Chair for the Director Board Elections.

Chair: We will now conduct the necessary elections and conclude this AGM with the following 4 Directors:

Currently In Place:

- Central Director – Kristi Guilford - two (2) year term. (Serving to 2026) Acclaimed
- Interlake Director – Karli Reimer - two (2) year term. (Serving to 2026) Acclaimed
- Parkland Director – Greg Boden - one (1) year term. (serving to 2025)
- Westman Director – Bev Neufeld - one (1) year term. (serving to 2025)
- Wpg South Director – Al Bruneau- two (2) year term. (Serving to 2026) Acclaimed

Elect two (2) new Regional Directors as follows:

- Eastman Director – two (2) year term. (Serving to 2026) - VACANT
- Norman Director – two (2) year term. (serving to 2026) - VACANT

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the Adult Fast Pitch Advisory Board Position.

Minor Advisory Board Position – two (2) year term.

We have received the following valid nomination for the Adult Fast Pitch Advisory Board Position:

- Brenda Woods – acclaimed

Brenda has accepted the nomination. In accordance with Section 5.07 of the SMB Bylaws, a Adult Fast Pitch Advisory Board Member must receive a majority of all votes cast in order to be elected. Congratulations to Brenda Woods who will serve the next year as Adult Fast Pitch Advisory Board Representative.

VOTE ON ADULT FAST PITCH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER = 24-0-0 in favor.

Elections Chair (Larry): We will now elect the 4 Regional Directors.

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 = 23-0-1 in favor.

Interlake Director – two (2) year term.

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

- Karli Reimer – acclaimed

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 = 23-0-1 in favor.

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 Winnipeg South.

VOTE ON WINNIPEG SOUTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 23-0-1 in favor.

Eastman Director – two (2) year term.

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

- Adrian Brown

Adrian 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 Adrian Brown who will serve the next two years as Regional Director for Eastman.

VOTE ON EASTMAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR = 24-0-0 in favor.

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

11. New Business

Chair: For the benefit of the members, a brief report on the following 2 Headings were provided to the Membership in The Supplementary Package.

The 2 included:

(a) Softball Canada 2025 Special Operating Rule Changes

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/2025-rule-changes>

(b) Softball Manitoba 2025 Competition Calendar

More information available at, <https://www.softball.mb.ca/content/2025-competition-calendar>

12. For The Good of The Association:

- Larry spoke on the importance of Governance at the League and Club level. All must ensure that finances must run through a club/league bank account, not personal accounts.
- Any issues arising must be dealt with at the club/league level first while making Softball Manitoba aware. If the issue cannot be resolved, then it can be brought forth to Softball Manitoba.
- The Board will assist in creating a Committee to discuss boundaries at the A, AA and AAA level with input from all regions and levels.
- Zero tolerance issues that umpires encountered in 2024.
- Larry encouraged members to reach out to their Regional Director to bring forth ideas and issues to help development within the region.
- Don thanked All those in Attendance (A League Presidents, AA Contacts, AAA President and Organizational Presidents, Clinicians, Provincial Hosts, Our UDC, Board and President and of course Staff for all their work & Assistance in making 2024 a Successful Softball Season.
- The President thanked staff, board, coaches, athletes, parents and wished everyone Best of luck in the upcoming season.

- Les Newman announced HOF Inductees and when the dinner is taking place. The 2025 Inductees are:
 - 2 from the All Around category - Lorne Seneshen and Gord Zamzow.
 - 2 from the Athlete category - Reid Birss and Rob Olson.
 - 1 from the Builder category - Ed Shore.
 - 3 from the Team category - 1965-1966 Portage Bisons/Seals,
 - 1999-2003 Smitty's Terminators,
 - 1983-1985/1987-1989 Internationals/Asham's Fastball Team

Motion to destroy the ballots:

1st Greg Bouch

2nd Rafik Abi Saleh

14. 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 – 11:07 a.m.

1. Authorization

Submitted November 27, 2024

Don Klym – Executive Director



Larry Giesbrecht – President

