



## Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:00 pm via Zoom

### Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)  
Mark Gough – Vice President  
Ron Campbell - Provincial Umpire in Chief  
Dan Mersereau – Adult Coordinator  
Angela Sanford - Timbit Softball Coordinator  
Darleen Sobey – Region 6 Director  
Gracelyn Kaine - Minor Female Coordinator

### Non-Voting Members (Staff):

Hillary Pineau – Executive Director  
Matt Whipple - Technical Director

### Vacant Positions:

Region 2 Director	Region 8 Director
Region 3 Director	Minor Male Coordinator
Region 4 Director	Slo Pitch Coordinator
Region 7 Director	

### Absent:

Breanna Saulnier - Region 5 Director

## 1. Presidents Welcome

### a. Land Acknowledgement

- i. Softball New Brunswick's office is located on the traditional unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik (Wool-us-took-way) Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy) nations.
- ii. We honour the traditional lands and homelands of all indigenous peoples and communities across Canada, including First Nations, Inuit, Métis living both on and off reserve, in rural and urban communities.

### b. ***Motion to accept the agenda as presented and the minutes of the previous meeting.***

- i. ***First: Gracelyn Kaine***                      ***Second: Mark Gough***

***Carried***

## 2. Softball NB Handbook

### a. Hillary Pineau shared a preview of the draft handbook to the Board

- i. She outlined her anticipated time to complete the handbook is the end May
- ii. Action Item:
  1. Hillary Pineau will circulate the draft handbook to the Board with the meeting minutes for an opportunity to review and provide feedback



### 3. Hall of Fame Banquet

- a. Hillary Pineau reviewed the logistics of the upcoming Hall of Fame banquet with the Board of Directors
  - i. She requested that the board arrive to the ballroom around 4:00pm to assist with the setup of the venue

### 4. Canada Games Review

- a. Gracelyn Kaine agreed to lead the review of the 2022 program. Ron Campbell and Mark Gough will support.
  - i. Action Item:
    1. Hillary Pineau to provide Gracelyn with the following information
      - a. Player contact information (Male & Female)
      - b. Key program milestones
        - i. Tryout Process / Player Releases
        - ii. Team training schedule / Game schedule
        - iii. Overall experience

### 5. Provincial Team

- a. Tryout update
  - i. U15 Girls
    1. 4 Identification camps completed (Fredericton, Woodstock, Moncton, Saint John)
      - a. Coaching staff cut down to 22 athletes after the 3rd ID camp
  - ii. U17 Girls
    1. 4 Identification camps completed (Fredericton, Woodstock, Moncton, Saint John)
  - iii. U19 Women's
    1. 2 Identification camps completed (Fredericton, Saint John)
  - iv. U17 Boys
    1. 2 Identification camps completed (Fredericton, Saint John)



- b. We've seen approx. 75-80 athletes come out for the program this year.
- c. Coaching staff

***Scott Willis and Dan Mesereau left the meeting at 8:26pm***

**i. U15 Girls**

- 1. *Motion to accept Aiden McGee as an assistant coach of the U15 Girls NB  
Selects Provincial Team for the 2023 season*
  - a. *First: Mark Gough                                  Second: Ron Campbell*  
*Carried*

**ii. U15 Boys**

- 1. *Motion to accept Michelle Vautour as the Head Coach of the U15 Boys  
NB Selects Provincial Team for the 2023 season*
  - a. *First: Mark Gough                                  Second: Ron Campbell*  
*Carried*

**iii. U19 Women's**

- 1. *Motion to accept Kevin Walsh (Head Coach), Thaddee Bourque (Assistant  
Coach), and Jeremy Tracy (Assistant Coach) as the coaching staff for the  
NB Selects U19 Women's Provincial Team for the 2023 season*
  - a. *First: Angela Sanford                                  Second: Mark*  
*Carried*

**iv. U17 Boys**

- 1. *Motion to accept Jeff Harding as an assistant coach of the U17 boys NB  
Selects Provincial Team for the 2023 season*
  - a. *First: Mark Gough                                  Second: Gracelyn Kaine*  
*Carried*

**d. Discussion**

- i. Mark Gough suggested to the Board that all NB Selects teams should have a minimum of one (1) coach and/or manager of the same gender as the athletes. All members of the Board were in agreement.



1. This is to support and provide safety for athletes and coaches involved
- ii. Gracelyn Kaine recommended the teams have a team Board liaison to check in with the athletes independently on a regular basis
  1. The Board indicated this should be discussed further in future discussion

***Scott Willis and Dan Mersereau returned to the call at 8:41pm***

## **6. Provincial Championship Hosts**

- a. April 15th Deadline
  - i. Deadline has passed and only one application has been submitted to date
  - ii. Action Item: Hillary Pineau will re advertise the applications to the membership next week and contact all association Presidents/Executive Directors with deadlines and host applications. She is requesting the Board continue to promote the opportunity.

## **7. Umpire Fees**

- a. Ron Campbell outlined to the Board that in order to recruit and retain officials, a review of the Provincial Championship and Qualifier umpire fees must be considered. He has completed a cross comparison of fees across the country, and NB is currently one of the lowest paid.
  - i. Proposal
    1. 2 Umpire System - \$40 per umpire
    2. 1 Umpire System - \$60 per umpire
  - ii. ***Motion that all Softball New Brunswick Provincial Championship and Qualifier umpire fees will be as follows beginning in 2023:***
    - a. ***2 umpire system - \$40 per umpire***
    - b. ***1 umpire system - \$60***

***First: Ron Campbell***

***Second: Angela Sanford***

***Discussion: The Board agreed that consistency across age groups is preferred.***

***Carried***



- iii. **Motion to increase the Softball New Brunswick Travel policy mileage from \$.35 to \$.40 per KM.**

1. **First: Ron Campbell**                      **Second: Angela Sanford**

*Discussion: In addition to increasing the umpire game fees, increasing the travel policy mileage to align closer with associated Provincial Sport Organization is required.*

**Carried**

- iv. **Motion to increase the U9 Provincial Championship registration fee to \$250, to correspond with the increase in tournament costs (Umpire fees, plaques, etc.)**

1. **Angela Sanford**                      **Second: Mark Gough**

**Carried**

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

- a. Board of Directors reviewed the six (6) Notice of Motions that will be presented at the Annual General Meeting
- i. Hillary Pineau advised the Board that she was getting further consultations regarding Notice of Motion #5. If an amendment is required, she will forward the proposed amendment to the Board for review in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Reports
- i. Hillary Pineau reminded the Board to submit their reports for the Pre AGM Booklet by Monday so they can be circulated in advance of the AGM to members.
- c. Board Nominations
- i. The Board reviewed all nominations submitted for the Board of Directors
1. Minor Male Coordinator
- a. No nominations submitted
2. Minor Female Coordinator
- a. 1 nomination submitted



- i. Stacy Blois
3. Slo Pitch Coordinator
  - a. No nominations submitted
4. Timbits Softball Coordinator
  - a. 1 nomination submitted
    - i. Angela Sanford
5. Vice President
  - a. 1 nomination submitted
    - i. Dan Mersereau

#### **9. Old Business**

- a. Scott Willis requested that the Board consider revisiting the opportunity of bringing Eastern Canadian Qualifiers or Provincial Championships to communities where there is opportunity for growth (Woodstock, Miramichi, etc.)
  - i. Board is interested in looking into this option for 2023
    1. Need to identify a few locations to host the tournaments
- b. Angela Sanford asked the board to put out feelers for Middle School
  - i. Angela indicated that there has been expressions of interest already, and hopes the tournament grows this year

#### **10. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn
  - i. Mark Gough
    1. The Board expressed their sincere appreciation for the dedication and service that Mark Gough has put in over his near 5 years on the Board of Directors of Softball New Brunswick!