



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting
April 25th, 2022 - 7:30pm
Meeting Agenda

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Bobby Despres – Coaching Coordinator
Darleen Sobey – Region 6 Director
Angela Sanford – Timbits Softball Coordinator
Dan Mersereau – Region 3 Director
Ron Campbell (Provincial Umpire in Chief)

Non-Voting Members (Staff):

Hillary Pineau – Executive Director
Matt Whipple - Technical Director

Absent:

Gracelyn Kaine - Minor Female
Mark Gough – Vice President
Dan Caplin - Region 8 Director
Kelley Piercy – Region 4 Director
John Paixao - Treasurer (Non Voting)

Vacant Positions:

Region 2 Director
Region 5 Director
Region 7 Director
Adult Coordinator
Minor Male Coordinator
Slo Pitch Coordinator

Agenda:

1. President Welcome
2. [Land Acknowledgement](#)
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting
 - i. First: Bobby Despres Second: Ron CampbellCarried: 6-0
4. Hall of Fame Banquet
 - a. Hillary Pineau discussed that there are several positions that will need to be filled for volunteers for the banquet this evening. Each board member attending was asked to come forward and fill a role
 - b. Roles
 - i. Door - 2
 - ii. 50/50 - 2
 - iii. Silent Auction - 1 or 2
 - iv. Decorating - Board Members
5. Summer Student Positions
 - a. Hillary Pineau provided an update on the summer student positions received by Softball NB and her plan to fill these positions
 - i. 8 positions
 1. 6 fed 2 seed



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- ii. Hillary Pineau indicated a need of 4-6 for caravan program
 - iii. 1 office staff
6. Notice of Motion Submission
 - a. [Coaching Coordinator Position](#)
 - b. The 1 proposed notice of motion was reviewed by the Board of Directors. All were in agreement with the intent of the motion
7. Board of Directors Nominations
 - a. President - 1 nomination submitted
 - b. Coaching Coordinator - 1 nomination submitted
8. U15 Girls Provincial Team
 - a. Motion to approve Rob Scott as the U15 Girls Provincial Team Head Coach for 2022
 - i. First: Angela Sanford Second: Bobby Despres
Carried: 5-0-1
9. Minor Playing Rules
 - a. Matt Whipple presented a rule overview document he created to simplify the rule changes associated with the change in age categories. Board was in agreement that the document was well done and Matt will send out to associations throughout the province and regional directors.
10. [Player Eligibility](#)
 - a. Board reviewed and supported the player eligibility document that was approved in 2021, but was updated to reflect the new age categories for 2022.
11. Player Release Requests
 - a. Matt Whipple explained that there will be a number of releases coming from Region 5 this year due to the Moncton Rebels team folding
 - b. Matt will be working on the best options on how to distribute the releases in a fair manner to ensure an equitable experience for all players and meaningful competition for all teams. Will come back to the board for further direction.
12. Janiva Willis NBSHF Advertisement
 - a. Motion to purchase a full page advertisement for the NB Sports Hall of Fame in support of Janiva Willis
 - i. First: Bobby Despres Second: Dan Mersereau
Carried: 6-0
13. New Business
 - a. Junior Men's National Team Camp
 - i. Matt Whipple explained that Softball Canada will be hosting a Junior Men's National Team (JMNT) camp in Fredericton on Saturday, June 11th. A minimum of 10 athletes must register to hold the event.
 1. Matt will be sending the information out to male athletes in the age group
 2. Matt is recommending that Softball NB contribute up to a maximum of \$1000 toward the cost of the JMNT athlete registration
 - a. Motion to pay up to \$1000 toward the cost of the Junior Men's National Team New Brunswick Athlete Registration Cost



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- i. First: Bobby Despres Second: Dan Mersereau
Carried: 6-0

b. Computer

- i. Scott Willis asked the board to consider purchasing a new computer for him as president. His current computer has been repaired and cleaned previously to elongate its life, but does not work well any longer.

1. Motion to allocate up to a maximum of \$2000 toward purchasing new office technology for the Softball NB President from the 2022 budget

- a. First: Bobby Despres Second: Ron Campbell
Carried: 6-0

14. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn
i. First: Bobby Despres



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