



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

February 28th, 2022 - 7:30pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Mark Gough – Vice President
Ron Campbell – Provincial Umpire in Chief
Angela Sanford – Timbits Softball Coordinator
Gracelyn Kaine - Minor Female
Patrick Thibault - Region 1 Director
Darleen Sobey – Region 6 Director
Bobby Despres – Coaching Coordinator
Dan Mersereau – Region 3 Director

Non-Voting Members (Staff):

Matt Whipple - Technical Director
Hillary Pineau – Executive Director

Absent:

Linda Eckert - Slo Pitch Coordinator
Dan Caplin - Region 8 Director
John Paixao - Treasurer (Non-Voting)
Kelley Piercy - Region 4 Director

Vacant Positions:

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

1. President Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
 - a. President Willis started the meeting at 7:30pm and thanked everyone for taking the time to join the call. He acknowledged that the Softball New Brunswick office is located on the traditional unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik and Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati Nations.
2. [Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting](#)
 - a. **Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting**
 - i. **First: Bobby Despres** **Second: Mark Gough**
Carried: 8-0
3. Update on Provincial Teams
 - a. [Approval of Assistant Coaches](#)
 - i. Hillary Pineau and Matt Whipple presented recommended Assistant Coaches for the U17 Girls, U17 Boys, and U19 Women's Provincial Team Program
 1. U17 Girls (Head Coach - Rob Moore)
 - a. Thaddee Bourque (Southern Black Bears)
 - b. Laurie Muise (Oromocto Silverbacks)
 - c. Breanna Saulnier (Moncton Rebels)
 - d. Amanda Feicht (Southern Black Bears)



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- e. ***Motion to accept the 4 proposed assistant coaches for the 2022 U17 Girls Provincial Team***
 - i. ***First: Bobby Despres*** ***Second: Ron Campbell***
Carried: 7-0-1
 2. U17 Boys (Head Coach - Dan Mersereau)
 - a. Scott Willis (Region 3)
 - b. Matt Whipple (Region 3)
 - c. ***Motion to accept the 2 proposed assistant coaches for the 2022 U17 Boys Provincial Team***
 - i. ***First: Angela Sanford*** ***Second: Mark Gough***
Carried: 7-0-1
 3. U19 Women (Head Coach - Jeremy Tracy)
 - a. Jody Cole (Moncton Rebels)
 - b. Janice Hicks (Fredericton Fury)
 - c. Kathleen Jones (Oromocto Silverbacks)
 - d. ***Motion to accept the 3 proposed assistant coaches for the 2022 U19 Women's Provincial Team***
 - i. ***First: Dan Mersereau*** ***Second: Ron Campbell***
Carried: 8-0
- b. U15 Girls
 - i. U15 girls' Call for Head Coach applications went out February 28th. Deadline is in two weeks (March 14th)
4. [Slo Pitch Rollout](#)
 - a. 2022 Slo Pitch Package went live on February 28th
 - b. Hillary Pineau sent direct communication to leagues identified as priority for 2022. She will continue rolling out content through social media and Sportsengine throughout the week
 - c. Targeting 100 slo pitch teams (double from 2021)
5. [Summer Student Proposal Update](#)
 - a. Scott Willis provided an update regarding summer student job applications.
 - i. SEED and Canada Summer Jobs applications have been submitted
 - b. Scott Willis has reached out to local MLA's throughout Regions 3,4,5 (where jobs were requested) and provided additional information on the Caravan Program
6. Storage Unit
 - a. Hillary Pineau is requesting the BOD consider the rental of a 5'X10' storage unit for additional equipment, supplies, etc.
 - i. Cost is \$128/month + tax for 5X10' unit



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- ii. Reason for additional storage
 - 1. New Sport NB storage is much smaller than our old space
 - 2. SNB has exceeded the space at Sport NB we've be allotted already
 - 3. SNB has a lot of items coming over the next few weeks/months to store
 - a. Provincial Team Jerseys
 - b. Equipment
 - c. Helmets
 - d. 40 dozen balls
 - e. Rule Books
 - iii. Being stored in the additional space would be items that are not used on a regular basis.
 - 1. Additional Caravan equipment / shirts
 - 2. Equipment
 - b. Hillary Pineau recommends renting this storage space until the end of the year and we will re-evaluate our storage needs at that point.
 - c. ***Motion to allow staff to rent a 5'X10' storage space, not to surpass \$2,000 per annum***
 - i. ***First: Bobby Despres*** ***Second: Mark Gough***
Carried: 8-0
7. Provincial Championship
- a. The Provincial Championship call for hosts are out now. Deadline to apply is March 31st.
 - b. Hillary Pineau asked the BOD to push this information out to members
 - c. Hillary Pineau reviewed with the BOD the [2022 Age Change, Pitching Distances, and Base Paths](#)
 - d. [2022-2023 rule changes](#) were reviewed by the BOD.
8. Eastern Canadians
- a. U13 B/G Hosts
 - i. The U13 Girls/Boys Eastern Canadian calls for hosts are out now. Deadline to apply is March 11th.
 - ii. Hillary Pineau asked for the Regional Directors to push this information out to their members
 - b. Qualifiers
 - i. Hillary Pineau is recommending to the BOD that SNB should return to Moncton for the female qualifier for 2022 and revisit the January Qualifier Proposal for 2023 to target new areas for growth. This is due to the short timeline, planning process, and the amount of stuff SNB has scheduled for 2022. Victor Bastarache has 5 fields booked for the event. The male qualifiers will occur in Region 3



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- ii. The rest of the January Qualifier Proposal (Registration Fee, Awards, etc) will occur in 2022.
- 9. Revitalization plan for pitching program
 - a. Bobby Despres and Matt Whipple will be working together to develop a framework to develop a sustainable pitching instructor program. This framework will unify the pitching instruction being taught across the province, will identify key individuals to hold sessions, develop consistent costs, times, and lesson plans.
 - b. The administration will run through the Softball NB office by the Technical Director
- 10. Regional Profiles
 - a. Hillary Pineau put out a reminder to Regional Directors to submit their profile funding for 2022.
- 11. 2022 Regional Plans
 - a. Regional directors on the call reviewed their 2022 plans
 - b. Hillary Pineau requested that Regional Directors submit their plans in writing
- 12. Next Meeting
 - a. March 21st, 2022
- 13. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to Adjourn
 - i. First: Bobby Despres



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