

Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting March 28th, 2022 - 7:30pm Meeting Minutes

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Mark Gough – Vice President
Gracelyn Kaine - Minor Female
Angela Sanford – Timbits Softball Coordinator
Bobby Despres – Coaching Coordinator
Kelley Piercy – Region 4 Director
Dan Mersereau – Region 3 Director
Darleen Sobey – Region 6 Director

Vacant Positions:

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

Non-Voting Members (Staff):

Hillary Pineau – Executive Director Matt Whipple - Technical Director

Absent:

Ron Campbell (Provincial Umpire in Chief)
Dan Caplin - Region 8 Director
Linda Eckert - Slo Pitch Coordinator
John Paixao - Treasurer (Non Voting)

Agenda:

- 1. Presidents Welcome
- 2. Land Acknowledgement
- 3. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting

i. First: Angela Sanford Second: Gracelyn Kaine

Carried: 6-0

- 4. Board entered closed session at 7:37pm
- 5. Board entered closed session at 7:41pm
- 6. Update on WOSS
 - a. Hillary Pineau recapped her and Stacy Blois' experience at the Women of Softball Summit.
 - i. A really positive experience with a lot of valuable information
 - ii. Hillary Pineau made connections with Kaleigh Rafter of the WNT
 - Kaleigh Rafter is willing to do a clinic in July for NB athletes prior to the U19 Canadian Championships. Hillary will be connecting with Kaleigh to determine clinic details.







- Hillary/Stacy are going to connect and discuss/summarize information from the weekend and begin the planning process for the NB WOSS event.
- 7. Coaching Course Facilitator Fees
 - a. Bobby Despres presented comparable fees across the country for coach facilitators payments.
 - i. NB is currently the lowest paying PSO for coaching courses
 - ii. Bobby indicated that in the future a review of the fee structure will need to be completed in order to be able to recruit and retain new facilitators
 - b. Motion to increase the coaching facilitator fee from \$100/day to \$200/day

First: Kelley Piercy

Second: Angela Sanford

Carried: 6-0

- 8. U19 Women's Canadian Championship
 - a. Bank account
 - i. Hillary Pineau and Scott Willis presented the proposal of opening a 2nd bank account (under Softball NB) for any specific to championship events (i.e. U19 Women's Canadian Championships)
 - 1. This will eliminate confusion and separate any Canadian Championship transactions going in and out
 - 2. Can be used beyond U19 Women's for any other championship SNB hosts
 - a. Eastern Canadians
 - b. Softball Canada AGM
 - 3. This account will fall under the main SNB bank account
 - a. Account will still require 2 signatures
 - i. Hillary Pineau
 - ii. **Scott Willis**
 - iii. Mark Gough

- 9. Umpires
 - a. Safe Sport Course
 - Hillary Pineau had a discussion with Ron Campbell on the Safe Sport course through the Locker
 - 1. Safe Sport training needs to be mandatory for all umpires prior to stepping on the field (Board outlined in a 2021 meeting when the Safe Sport Policy Suite was being implemented that in 2022, it would be required for all umpires).
 - 2. Matt Whipple will be working with Ron Campbell on an information roll out for our member umpires







- Ron Campbell is in agreement that this is needed, but did outline that he
 will get some resistance and potentially lose members who register for
 slo pitch only
- b. 2022 Individual/Team Registration
 - i. Individual Registration Launches April 1st
 - ii. Team Registration Launches April 4th
 - iii. Regional Directors need to push information out to members right away
- c. Register through Sportsengine
 - i. Registration is Live Now
- 10. Eastern Canadian Championships
 - a. U13 B/G Bids
 - i. Hillary Pineau provided an update to the board that SNB has received two bids for the U13 B/G Eastern Canadian Championships, which will be hosted in NB.
 - 1. Fredericton Fastpitch Association For the U13 Girls
 - 2. Oromocto Minor Softball Association For both the U13 Girls and Boys
 - ii. Board agreed that the staff, in conjunction with Mark Gough, Gracelyn Kaine, and Angela Sanford will decide the location of championships.
- 11. Treasurer Role
 - a. Table Treasurer Role discussion to the next meeting
- 12. SNB AGM
 - a. Deadline
 - i. Notice of Motions March 31st
 - ii. Nominations to BOD April 15th
 - b. Schedule for April 30th
 - i. 10am Annual General Meeting
 - ii. 1-4pm Board Meeting
 - iii. 5pm Hall of Fame
- 13. Provincial Teams Update
 - a. Tryout dates finalized for U17/U19 girls and U17 boys in progress
 - b. U15 Girls Update
 - i. Search for a coach is still in progress. Matt has been in contact with several potential coaches to fill the roll
 - ii. Location for NB provincial weekend Hillary Pineau and Matt Whipple are recommending for it to be in Moncton
- 14. Canada Games Update
 - a. Women's







i. Appeal process was completed. The appeal was not granted to the athlete who was removed from the program.

b. Men's

i. Matt Whipple provided an update to the board that the coaches are having challenges with receiving commitment from the players in the program.

15. Coaching Coordinator Position

- a. Hillary Pineau and Scott Willis presented a notice of motion to the board for review prior to submitting for the AGM.
 - Motion: To suspend the Coaching Coordinator position from the Softball New Brunswick By-Laws and its associated voting position on the Board of Directors as of April 30th, 2022
 - ii. Rationale: The administration of all aspects of the coaching portfolio file will now fall under the Technical Director staff position, making the Coaching Coordinator position redundant.
- b. Board was in support of submitting this notice of motion to the Annual General Meeting

16. Hugh Mitchener - CEO

- a. Hugh Mitchener is retiring after 24 years
- b. Hillary Pineau and Scott Willis will be looking at a retirement gift to give to Hugh
 - i. Will update the board will recommendations at a later date

17. New Business

- a. No new business
- 18. Next Meeting
 - a. April 25th at 7:30pm
- 19. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn
 - i. First: Bobby Despres



