



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

Monday, May 29th, 2023

8:00pm

Attendance – Voting Members:

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

Absent:

Breanna Saulnier - Region 5 Director

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	

1. Presidents Welcome

- a. [Land Acknowledgement](#)

2. Summer Staff

- a. Hillary Pineau updated the Board that 4 summer staff have been hired (2 SEED, and 2 Canada Summer Jobs). She reviewed each of their main tasks
- i. Cameron Rogers
 1. Canadian Championships
 2. East Coast Showdown
 3. Eastern Canadian Qualifiers
 4. Provincial Championship Preparation
 5. Eastern Canadians
 - ii. Pierre Luc Savoie
 1. Media and Marketing
 2. Drill Bank development
 3. Provincial Team content creation / writeups
 4. Canadian Championships
 5. East Coast Showdown
 6. Association breakdown (report)
 - iii. Aidin McAdam
 1. Community Caravan
 2. East Coast Showdown
 3. Canadian Championships



4. Eastern Canadians
- iv. Lilly Innis
 1. Community Caravan
 2. East Coast Showdown
 3. Canadian Championships
 4. Eastern Canadians

3. Timbits

- a. Angela Sanford provided an update to the Board of Directors regarding the status of Timbits Softball
 - i. Receiving a significant amount of booking inquiry
 - ii. Program will be focusing on being a regular presence (multiple sessions) in certain areas
 1. Grand Manan and Campobello Island starting up programs
 - iii. Angela is finalizing the summer schedule and will be trying to focus on day sessions and minimizing the number of evening sessions to 2 nights per week for a better work/life balance for summer students

4. Umpires

- a. Ron Campbell provided the Board of Directors with an update regarding the umpire program
 - i. Anticipating 105 registered officials this year
 - ii. Going to be a challenging summer with a rise in the number of club tournaments, registered teams, etc.
 - iii. 8 umpires will be attending the Canadian Championships (6 Fast Pitch, 2 Slo Pitch).

5. Provincial Teams

- a. Hillary Pineau provided an update on the Provincial Team Program
 - i. May 22nd - Hosted an orientation day at Prospect Park for all Provincial Team programs. Welcomed athletes to the program, reviewed policies and details. Athletes received their uniforms and SWAG and had a 3 hour practice. Event was very successful and Hillary recommends this orientation day happening each year
 - ii. U15 Girls
 1. Attended their first Atlantic Softball League weekend in PEI from May 27-28th in PEI. Team played very well and finished 2nd place
 - iii. U17 Girls



1. Attended their first Atlantic Softball League weekend in Nova Scotia from May 27-28th. Team also played very well and finished 2nd place in their division
- iv. U19 Women's
 1. Hosted their first Atlantic Softball League weekend in Oromocto, NB from May 27-28th. Team was very strong and finished 2nd place after going undefeated in the round robin.
- v. U17 Boys
 1. Competed in the Greater Fredericton Men's Fastpitch League on May 27th. The team played 4 back to back games. Despite going 0-4, the team really competed hard.

6. Provincial Championships

- a. Middle School
 - i. Angela Sanford has been planning the tournament and anticipated a minimum of 8-12 teams in the female divisions and are waiting to see on the male side.
 1. Will be a two day event in Sussex
- b. Hosts
 - i. Hillary Pineau updated the Board of Directors that there are still some openings for select Provincial Championship tournament hosts. She will be reaching out directly to each age category to follow up and consider hosting. She will be contacting the associations by the end of the week who have submitted bids to advise them they have been selected for their divisions.
- c. Supervisors
 - i. Hillary Pineau requested that each Board Member consider hosting a Provincial Championship this year.
 1. Action Item - She will be sending out a form for the Board to input their weekend availability.

7. Eastern Canadians

- a. Qualifiers
 - i. Qualifiers will be held in Moncton, NB from July 8-9th.
 - ii. A call for team registration went out on May 27th with a deadline of June 8th to register.
- b. Boys ECSC
 - i. Hillary Pineau outlined to the Board that the U13 boys and U17 boys are currently open for a host province. She presented to the Board of Directors a proposal for Softball New Brunswick to submit a request to host both of these



tournaments in Fredericton. This will assist in the promotion of the male side of the game. Funds made from the tournament would be used for Technical Leadership programming.

1. Board was in support of the proposal
2. Motion for Softball NB to host the U13 Boys and U17 Boys Eastern Canadian Championships in Fredericton, pending acceptance from the Eastern Canadian committee
 - a. First: Ron Campbell Second: Angela Sanford
Carried: 6-0

8. Canadian Championships

- a. U17 Boys Canadian Championship
 - i. Host committee is currently undergoing planning for the event
 - ii. Anticipate 10-11 teams
- b. Confirmation of Participation
 - i. No Slo Pitch teams from New Brunswick will be attending Canadian Championships, despite being in London, Ontario
 1. Scott Willis indicated this should be revisited next year as there are a high number of slo pitch release requests (Men's & Women's) submitted to compete in Nova Scotia
 - ii. Confirmation of Participation from Softball Canada is June 7th. Hillary will be submitting the following confirmed categories
 1. U15 Girls - 1 Team
 2. U17 Girls - 1 Team
 3. U17 Boys - 1 Team
 4. U19 Women's - 1 Team
 5. U23 Women's - 1 Team
 6. Intermediate Women's - 1 Team

9. Canada Games Coaching

- a. 2022 Review
 - i. Gracelyn Kaine will be leading this review when she returns from vacation
- b. 2025 Program
 - i. Applications opened in March, 2023 with following details
 1. Coaching applications closed April 30th
 2. Information sessions to be held in June
 3. Hiring committee to evaluate over the summer



4. Interviews in the fall 2023
5. First ID Camps September / October
- ii. Men's Program
 1. Two applicants in the pool (Bobby Despres and Scott Willis)
 2. Bobby and Scott both brought forward a recommendation that in order to be able to identify enough quality athletes (Softball and Baseball) for the program, the coaching staff needs to see these athletes in season (before September) to sell the program, to talk with them, evaluate, etc. September would be the first ID camp.
 3. Scott indicated he will withdraw his name from the pool. He mentions Bobby and himself have discussed working together, but that would be revisited if Bobby is selected Head coach.
 4. Hillary Pineau is recommending that once a hiring committee is formed (Approx. 5 representatives), an interview process will be conducted with the applicant. If the committee puts forward a recommendation to accept the applicant for the Head Coach position, Softball NB would hire the men's Head Coach in the summer 2023.
- iii. Women's Program
 1. 3 applicants in the pool (Victor Bastarache, Rob Moore, Dan Mersereau)
 2. Hillary Pineau recommended proceeding with the initial timeline presented for the women's program
 - a. Hiring committee to evaluate the pool of coaches over the summer, and interviews will be conducted in August 2023, and initial ID Camps in September/October

10. New Business

- a. No new business

11. Old Business

- a. No old business

12. Adjournment



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- a. Motion to adjourn
 - i. First: Dan Mersereau