



**Softball New Brunswick Emergency Board Meeting
November 25th, 2024 via Zoom
8:00pm ADT**

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Gracelyn Kaine - Human Resource Coordinator
Hillary Pineau - Grassroots Coordinator
Matt Whipple - High Performance Coordinator
Charlie Chaisson - North Western Coordinator
Craig Clarkson - Capital Western Director
Paul Bedford - Fundy Director
Frances Bourque - South Eastern Coordinator
Darleen Sobey - North Eastern Coordinator

Non-Voting:

Cameron Rogers - Executive Director
Megan Diercks - Technical Director

Vacant Positions:

Adult Coordinator

Non-Voting Observer

Absent - Voting Members:

Dan Mersereau - Vice President
Ron Campbell - Provincial Umpire in Chief

1. Presidents Welcome

- a. Thank you everyone for joining this emergency board meeting - hard deadline

2. History of Canadian Championships in NB since 2010

- a. Outlined which ones ran well, and which ones did not
- b. Since full-time funding was received in 2019 and Softball NB hired a full time Executive Director, we have built our credibility and brand across Softball New Brunswick's membership, Sport New Brunswick and Softball Canada.

3. U15 Girls Canadian Championships Update

- a. We received notification from Softball Canada on November 15th, that our bid for the 2026 U15 Girls Canadian Championship was successful
- b. We recapped the bid process and outlined that planning of our championship would be led by Hillary and Matt, to limit responsibility on staff.

4. 2026 Men's and Women's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships Bid - Inquiry



- a. Mark Beals from Moncton reached out looking for support from SNB to sign off on a bid for 2026 Men's and Women's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships. Scott, Cameron and Megan had a zoom call with Mark and revisited challenges this group faced in 2019. Good discussion, we explained currently we do not have the capacity to service the tournament with our umpire pool without harming our youth provincial championships in August. Additionally the traditional date of this tournament in August causes a potential impact on our Provincial Championships for two weekends as it runs Sunday to Saturday and discussed the possibility of moving it.
- b. Mark's goal is to submit a bid for 2027 Men's and Women's Slo Pitch Canadian Championships, and to work to build our relationship with their Slo Pitch community this year, to support their bid for 2027.

5. 2026 Women's Canadian Championships Bid - Oromocto Minor Softball Association

- a. **Motion: To support the Oromocto Minor Softball Association bid to host the 2026 Women's Canadian Championships in Oromocto, NB.**
 - i. First: Darleen S. Second: Craig C.
 - ii. Defeated: 1-7-0
- b. The bid package and supporting documents were reviewed thoroughly, Scott outlined to the board that the decision should be based on information provided in the bid and not the individuals.
- c. Multiple board members made comments in regards to the potential positive outcomes of hosting this championship as well their concerns with the bid:
 - i. Opportunity for the association to raise funds and upgrade their fields/facilities which will benefit their associations for years to come
 - ii. Great exposure for the female side of the game, to bring another championship to our province
 - iii. Avenue to help build the women's game and provide more opportunities for graduated athletes to continue playing
 - iv. Missing key information and lacking attention to detail



- v. No details of their experience of hosting major events
- vi. Felt rushed, last minute, not organized and unprofessional
- vii. The effort put into the bid application would reflect the quality of the event.

6. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn 9:02pm
 - i. First: Paul