



## Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

November 5th, 2022

### Meeting Agenda

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##### **Attendance – Voting Members:**

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

##### **Non-Voting Members (Staff):**

Hillary Pineau – Executive Director  
Matt Whipple - Technical Director

##### **Absent:**

John Paixao - Treasurer (Non Voting)  
Breanna Saulnier - Region 5 Director

##### **Vacant Positions:**

Region 2 Director  
Region 3 Director  
Region 4 Director  
Region 7 Director  
Region 8 Director  
Minor Male Coordinator  
Slo Pitch Coordinator

#### **1. Presidents Welcome**

#### **2. [Land Acknowledgement](#)**

#### **3. [Annual Awards Guidelines](#)**

- a. Hillary Pineau recommended to the Board of Directors that the Annual Awards criteria requires a review. Softball NB is not receiving enough nominations (both quality/quantity)
- b. Board agreed that more details (i.e. stats, standards, etc.) should be incorporated into lists of criteria
- c. Hillary will review the awards criteria and provide an update to the Board by February.

#### **4. Hall of Fame Nominations**

- a. Hillary will open up call for nominations in the coming weeks
- b. Nomination deadline January 23rd
- c. Scott Willis indicated that he would like to make an adjustment to the Hall of Fame selection committee and ensure that all members are part of the Hall of Fame. This



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change will also focus on ensuring gender balance with the Softball NB Vice President continuing to chair the committee for the next year.

#### 5. Treasurer Position

- a. Hillary Pineau presented to the Board that there is still an opening in the Treasurer position on the Board of Directors. She presented a summary of duties she recommends for the Treasurer position.
- b. Hillary Pineau will be approaching a local bookkeeper to discuss taking on the position, and inquiring about their rate.

#### 6. SNB Logo

- a. Hillary Pineau presented a new logo concept to the board of directors in an effort to align with Softball Canada and many of the other provincial logos
  - i. Hillary worked with Valley Graphics to ensure it is functional to print/embroider as well as that it can be made unique for several programs (i.e. Canpitch, Timbits, SafeSport, Umpires)
  - ii. **Motion: To accept the proposed logo as the new Softball New Brunswick logo. To be implemented in early 2023.**

1. **First: Dan Mersereau**

**Second: Angela Sanford**

**Carried: 6-0**

#### 7. 2023 Canadian Championships

- a. U17 Boys Canadian Fast Pitch Championships
  - i. Softball New Brunswick was selected as the host for the 2023 championship.
  - ii. Will be held in Fredericton from August 2-6th
  - iii. Hillary Pineau and Scott Willis will be coordinating a photo with Softball Canada and the City Fredericton Sports Tourism department during the Congress to promote and announce the championship to the public
- b. U23 Women's Canadian Fast Pitch Championships
  - i. Board of Directors reviewed a letter submitted by Greg Parker for consideration of granting them permission now to attend the 2023 U23 Women's Canadian Championship.
  - ii. Board had an in depth discussion surrounding the U23 age category and sending one or more teams to the championship in 2023
    1. Board in agreement with supporting the tournament by sending 1 team to the championship in 2023.
    2. Concerns around sending multiple teams in this category in one year
      - a. Currently there is a lack of registered membership in the province at that age category (based on 2021 numbers) to



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compete and provide meaningful competition to other P/T teams at the U23 Women's Canadian Championship.

- b. The board wants to ensure teams wanting to qualify to attend any U23 Women's Canadian Championship are made up of U23 aged athletes to ensure the team is not comprised of mostly U17 and U19 athletes who should be competing within their own age class as part of the Provincial Team programs
- c. The board also felt it was important to support the new U23 Women's division within the Eastern Canadian Softball Championship which is debuting in 2023.
- d. Hillary Pineau suggested that a call for teams will be posted in May 2023. If multiple teams show interest in attending, a qualifier will be held in June.

**3. Motion that Softball New Brunswick will authorize a maximum of one (1) team to attend Canadian Championships in each of the adult categories on an annual basis.**

a. **First: Mark Gough**

**Second: Mark Gough**

**Carried: 5-1**

- c. Provincial Teams
  - i. Call For Coaches
    - 1. Call for Provincial Team Coaches in all minor categories (U15-U20) will go out next week, and will be open until December 3rd.

**8. Canada Games**

- a. [2025 Age Categories](#)
- b. Board discussed the potential age categories that will be reviewed during the Softball Canada Congress & AGM.

**9. Softball Canada AGM**

- a. Agenda Presented
- b. Budget review
- c. Gift For Hugh Mitchener
  - i. Board will purchase \$150 in Golf Town gift certificates for Hugh Mitchener as an outgoing gift
- d. Roles and responsibilities
  - i. Hillary Pineau discussed with the Board that there may be a variety of roles to fill during the Congress to assist Softball Canada (i.e. registration table, etc.)



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- e. SOR's
  - i. Board reviewed SOR's submitted for the Softball Canada AGM
  - ii. Softball New Brunswick's voting members will be Scott Willis, Mark Gough, Hillary Pineau

#### 10. Website

- a. Presentation from RAMP
- b. **Motion to move to RAMP registration platform and website system for 2023 season as presented on November 5th**
  - i. **First: Mark Gough** **Second: Angela Sanford**  
**Carried: 6-0**

#### 11. Calendar of Events

- a. Scott Willis presented the draft Calendar of Events to the Board of Directors
  - i. Will be finalizing over the next month and will circulate final copy

#### 12. Pitching Program

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 13. Timbits Program

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 14. Umpires

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 15. Softball NB Operational Handbook

- a. Softball Saskatchewan Handbook
- b. Provincial Championship Roles and Responsibilities
  - i. Supervisors
  - ii. Host
  - iii. Umpires

#### 16. Board Recruitment

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 17. Discipline Committee

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 18. Safe Sport Policy Review

- a. Tabled to next board meeting

#### 19. Staffing

- a. Hillary Pineau and Matt Whipple left the meeting at 12:05pm
- b. Hillary Pineau and Matt Whipple returned to the meeting at 12:35pm



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- c. The board discussed the past summer and the strain that was put on staff due to the busy Summer. Scott explained to the board that Hillary was unable to use any of her vacation time and built up 2 weeks of additional overtime due to the busy summer. The board agreed that as a board we need to plan and support our staff better moving forward.
- d. **Motion to payout Hillary Pineau for her 3 weeks vacation and an additional 2 weeks of overtime which she accumulated.**

- i. **First: Mark Gough**  
**Carried: 6-0**

**Second: Ron Campbell**

**20. New Business**

- a. No new business

**21. Adjournment**

- a. **Motion to adjourn**
  - i. **First: Mark Gough**



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