



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting
September 9, 2025 via Zoom
7:30pm ADT

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Ron Campbell - Provincial Umpire in Chief
Hillary Pineau - Grassroots Coordinator
Matt Whipple - High Performance Coordinator
Stephanie Pickard - North Western Coordinator
Craig Clarkson - Capital Western Director
Paul Bedford - Fundy Director
France Bourque - South Eastern Director
Darleen Sobey - North Eastern Director

Non-Voting:

Cameron Rogers - Executive Director
Megan Diercks - Technical Director

Vacant Positions:

Vice President

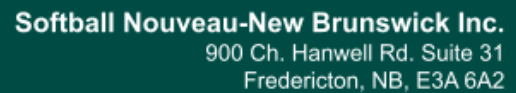
Non-Voting Observer

Absent - Voting Members:

Josh Gordon - Adult Coordinator
Charlie Chiasson - Human Resource Coordinator

1. Presidents Welcome

- a. Welcome everyone to the meeting. Thanks to all for a successful season. Fall is an exciting time to review the season, and dive into planning for 2026. Have some key priorities to focus on this off season, and looking forward to seeing what can accomplish for next season.
 - i. 100 Year Anniversary
 - ii. U15 Girls Canadian Championship
 - iii. Male Ball
 - iv. Slo Pitch
 - v. Pitching
 - vi. New Hire
 - vii. Office Space



- a. France Bourque read the Land Acknowledgement.

- a. Motion to approve the meeting minutes of the July 8, 2015 Board Meeting.

i. First: Ron Campbell

Second: Craig Clarkson

Carried 8-0-0

4. Financial Update

- a. Presented the updated Profit and Loss Sheet that was emailed out earlier today. With how busy August is, September is always the time where to get caught back up. There are some difficulties with how we build our budget vs report on Quickbooks. Cameron will be going drilling into everything over the next few weeks to present in detail at the October meeting.
- b. **Action Item:** Detailed financial report to be shared with the Board 2 weeks prior to the October meeting.

5. Season Recap

a. Registration

- i. Final registration numbers for the 2025 season were presented. Saw increases in Individual Athletes, Teams, and Umpires. Coaching numbers were down from 2024.
- ii. More detail of a breakdown per region and age category will be presented at the October meeting.
- iii. **Action Item:** Regional Breakdown to be shared ahead of the October meeting.

b. Provincial Championships

- i. 11 Championships took place this summer, with only 1 (U9) being rescheduled due to the wildfires in the Moncton area.
 - 1. 68 teams total
 - 2. 880 players
 - 3. 71 coaches



- ii. Tournament reports have all been submitted and overall, tournaments ran well, hosts were good to deal with. Some common issues captured in the reports include:

1. Coaches/Players/Fans giving umpires a hard time (many Junior Umpires worked Provincials)
2. Spectators and coaches consuming alcohol/marijuana during the weekend
3. Confusion around the U9/ U11 minor rules (inconsistently enforced, not used during regular season etc)
4. Late lineup cards being submitted or not submitted accurately.

c. Eastern Canadians

- i. Results of all the teams attending Eastern Canadians were shared. Saw improvements at U15 and U17 Girls.
- ii. Softball NB was notified at the Eastern Canadian Call on Monday, September 8, 2025 of two coach ejections at U15 Girls. Are awaiting details from Ontario and will review and determine if any further disciplinary action is required.
- iii. **Action Item:** Game scores and opponents to be added to the document to determine how many meaningful games teams played and help determine progress.

d. NB Selects

- i. Results of the U15 and U17 Girls NB Selects teams for the season were presented, including opponents and game scores from Canadian Championships. Both teams saw improvements in results from 2024. Surveys have been sent out to all athletes, coaches and parents/guardians. Feedback so far has been positive, a summary will be presented in October.

e. Canada Games

- i. Results of the Men's and Women's teams for the season were presented including opponents and game scores from Canada games.



- ii. Both teams saw major improvements from the last cycle in 2022.
 - 1. Women's 4th Place (7th Place in 2022). Highest finish since 1989.
 - 2. Men's 5th Place (9th in 2022). Highest finish for NB Men's in history.
- iii. Surveys have been sent out to all athletes, follow up meetings will be planned with coaches, a summary will be presented in October.

6. Staffing Update

- a. Have received 3 applications for the new positions. 2 applicants did not qualify for what we are looking for.
- b. Interviewed 1 applicant from Ontario. Applicant is qualified and brings lots of experience and expertise, however they are unwilling to relocate to NB full-time. Working with Chantal from CSIA to determine if there is a hybrid set-up that would be valuable, or how we can adjust the position to try and find another qualified candidate.

7. Softball Canada AGM Notice of Motion

- a. Article 3, Part 1.2.c.iv.e regarding
- b. Motion to submit a Notice of Motion to the Softball Canada AGM for revision of Article 3, Part 1.2.c.iv.e, eliminating Softball New Brunswick within the Special Operating Rule.
 - i. First: Paul Bedford Second: Hillary Pineau
Carried 7-1-0 (France Bourque opposed)

8. Committees

a. Male Ball

- i. A call for interested individuals to join the committee went out last week. Have had lots of conversations, with champions in communities including Mark Young, Mark Betts, Andy McCann

b. Slo Pitch

- i. Denis Leger is stopping into the office this week to meet with staff and build a list of potential individuals for the Committee.

c. 100 Year Anniversary



- i. Looking at everything on the go, ideally we can find an individual to chair a committee to oversee what we want to do across the province, and work with regional directors to ensure each region has an event planned.
- ii. **Action Item:** Regional Directors to bring an idea to the October meeting of an event they would like to run in their region.
- iii. Foresee allocating funds from the 2026 budget to the 100 year anniversary, ex. Pins or memorabilia.

9. Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Ceremony

- a. Hall of Fame and Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled for October 17, 2025. Hoping that all are able to attend. Details on tickets, price etc. will be available early next week.
- b. As discussed last fall, Regional Directors were reminded that they are to have a nomination from each category submitted for their region if possible.
- c. **Action Item:** Staff to share list of current nominations from their region, to Regional Directors. Regional Directors to work with their members to nominate someone from each category.

10. 2026 U15 Girls Canadian Championship

- a. Will be looking to host 20 teams maximum, ultimate goal is to make \$40 000 profit off of this event. If any board members are interested in being on the committee or attending the event to volunteer are welcome to join.
- b. Asking the board if there is interest in having a Beer Garden at the event. Prospect Street Park is enclosed and is set up for it; there would be a designated area for it and individuals that have volunteered to run it. Other minor Canadian Championships have done it in previous years.
- c. General consensus is the Board is not in favour.

Charlie Chiasson joined at 8:38pm, Megan Diercks left at 8:38pm

11. Next meeting

- a. **In-Person October 18/19**



- i. Discussed if a half day for Sunday October 19 is possible, if needed. The majority were willing to stay for a half day on Sunday if it would allow for better discussion and less time restraints. Final decision will be made in the coming weeks once a rough agenda has been built.

b. Agenda Items

- i. **Action Item:** Board to send requested Agenda Items to Cameron by Monday, September 15.

12. Adjournment

a. Motion to adjourn

- i. First: Stephanie Picard