



**Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 29th, 2023**  
**7:00pm**

**Attendance – Voting Members:**

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)  
Dan Mersereau (Vice President)  
Ron Campbell - Provincial Umpire in Chief  
Breanna Saulnier - Region 5 Director

**Absent Voting Members:**

Darleen Sobey (Region 6 Coordinator)  
Stacy Blois (Minor Female Coordinator)  
Gracelyn Kaine (Adult Coordinator)

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

Hillary Pineau – Executive 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. President Welcome**

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

- a. Softball New Brunswick's office is located on the traditional unceded territories of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati Nations. We honour the traditional lands and homelands of all indigenous peoples and communities across Canada, including First Nations, Inuit, Métis living both on and off reserve, in rural and urban communities.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 17th meeting
  - i. First: Breanna Saulnier                      Second: Ron CampbellCarried

**4. Annual Award Banquet**

- a. Launching applications for award nominations on September 1st
- b. Date and Location currently being finalized. Will be advertised once confirmed
  - i. Update: Fredericton Inn on Sunday, October 22nd
- c. Hillary Pineau and Cameron Rogers will be planning the event, and the goal is to break even on the event, where the last few years the event has resulted in a loss

**5. Softball Canada AGM**

- a. Date is November 8-12th, 2023
- b. Location: Niagara Falls, ON
- c. Deadlines to complete reports, nominations, and notice of motions for Softball Canada is October 1st. Hillary will be working through those to submit prior to the deadline



- i. Any board member with recommendations for notice of motions should bring forward to the board for discussion prior to the deadline

#### **6. Financial Update**

- a. CEBA Loan
  - i. Due December 2023
  - ii. Ken Cogswell advised not to return the loan early. Stick to December 2023 deadline
- b. Audit
  - i. Hillary Pineau spoke with Ken Cogswell Monday. Last year's audit should be completed by the end of the week
  - ii. Ellen Fitzsimmons and Ken Cogswell working directly with each other for details
- c. Year End
  - i. September 30th, 2023
  - ii. Softball NB will be doing a review for this fiscal year

#### **7. U17 Boys Canadian Championship Update**

- a. Recap on the event from Hillary Pineau
  - i. Overall the event was a major success. 10 teams participated from across the country. Weather was a challenge towards the end of the week, but managed to get everything in. A huge props to the City of Fredericton for their service, to all students on staff, and the FFA students that were there from sun up to sun down every single day. As well, thanks to the board members that took the opportunity to come and assist / volunteer.
- b. Financials will be finalized in the next 3 weeks. Approximately \$23,000 cleared. Will know in the coming weeks the exact total.
- c. Nova Scotia coaches under probation with Softball NB were on their best behaviour with Softball Canada representatives around

#### **8. U15 Boys Eastern Canadian Championship**

- a. 8 teams participated. Minto Hawks were representing NB
- b. Tournament ran well. Once again rain into weather several times causing adjustments to the schedule
- c. Cleared \$5,000
- d. Help from FFA students again greatly appreciated

#### **9. Provincial Championships**

- a. Tournaments ongoing (6 left)
  - i. 4 September 8-10th weekend
  - ii. 2 September 16-17th weekend (due to rain delays)



- iii. Overall tournaments are going well so far. Good representation and participation from associations.
- iv. Was a struggle to get hosts this year. Staff are considering a proposal to restructure provincial locations for 2024. Will come back to the board of directors in the fall (October) for consideration.
  - 1. Struggle to get teams registered in time, given the lateness of determining hosts
  - 2. Made for very last minute planning, etc.

#### **10. Staffing**

- a. Technical Director Position
  - i. Matt Whipple finished with Softball NB as of August 25th. He will be missed on staff!
  - ii. Scott Willis updated the Board of Directors that with Matt Whipple leaving the Technical Director position, the position needs to be filled. Scott has recommended to the Board to extend Cameron Rogers for a minimum of 3 months to fill this position until the organization financials can be reviewed and a proper proposal for the position can be put forward
    - 1. Motion to extend Cameron Rogers for a period of 3 months under the rate of pay of the Technical Director position (\$20/hour) with a deadline prior to October 1st to establish status of a full time Technical Director
      - a. First: Ron Campbell                      Second: Dan Mersereau  
Carried

#### **11. Provincial Team Update**

- a. Tabled to next meeting

#### **12. Canada Games**

- a. Tabled to next meeting

#### **13. New Business**

- a. No new business

#### **14. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn
  - i. First: Breanna Saulnier