



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

Monday, July 17th, 2023

7:30pm

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
Gracelyn Kaine - Adult Coordinator
Darleen Sobey – Region 6 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. 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 accept the minutes of the previous meeting
 - i. First: Dan Mersereau Second: Darleen SobeyCarried

4. Timbits Update

- a. Angela has stepped down from the position of Timbits Coordinator
 - i. We sincerely thank her for her dedication and all that she put into the Timbits program.
- b. 2 students have been hired: Marc Gallant (returning) and Bronwyn Gillingham.
- c. Hillary Pineau outlined to the Board of Directors that we do not have the capacity to run the Community Caravan program in 2023, due to staffing, existing tournament commitments, etc.
 - i. Board asked the staff to send an email directly to clubs advising them of the cancellation of the Timbits program for 2023 season.



1. In place, the staff will reach out to associations in an effort to promote their Timbits programs and do a series of 'Did You Know?' segments, etc.

5. East Coast Showdown Recap

- a. Tournament had 3 divisions (U15 Girls, U17 Girls, U17 Boys)
- b. All games were completed on the Saturday (2 player ejections, NS U17 Boys)
- c. Due to significant rain, on Sunday, both Prospect Lower and Morell Fields were closed due to unsafe playing conditions.
 - i. Schedule was modified to allow all divisions to finish the tournament with the same number of games played total
- d. Hillary Pineau informed the Board that there were disciplinary actions distributed to two coaches (NS U17 Boys) for gross verbal misconduct.
 - i. Softball NS and Softball Canada were informed of the sanctions

6. Provincial Team Update

- a. All teams continuing their training
- b. Teams are finalizing their OPLS and requirements for the championships
- c. Provincial Team Program has been running quite smooth this year
- d. Sponsorships have been coming in consistently for teams
- e. Pierre Luc Savoie is completing Player Profiles to be going out regularly, leading up to the events. These will be posted on our NB Selects social media pages.
- f. For the future, we need to ensure teams are fully aware of their commitment to supporting the coaching staff. Was communicated, but did not get passed down
- g. Consistent practice schedule

7. Provincial Championship

- i. July 22-23rd – Intermediate Women's Provincial Championships happening in Moncton
 1. 5 teams competing

8. Eastern Canadians

- a. Hillary Pineau updated the Board that the U13 and U17 Boys Eastern Canadian Championships were cancelled due to low numbers of committed teams/provinces
- b. Softball NB is hosting the U15 Boys Eastern Canadian Championships in Fredericton



- i. 8 teams projected

9. Canadian Championship Update

- a. Planning well underway
- b. Volunteer schedule is currently being worked on
 - i. Hillary Pineau informed the Board that if anyone is available to volunteer throughout the week, it would be appreciated
 1. Staff hotel room available for those committing to multiple days volunteering
- c. Committee is still seeking 6 Bat Retrievers for the event / Association Night

10. Canada Games

- a. Gracelyn Kaine conducted a 2022 program review
 - i. Reviewed feedback with the Board of Directors

Dan Mersereau left the meeting at 8:37pm

- b. 2025 Men's Canada Games Coaching Update
 - i. Canada Games Hiring committee updated the Board of Directors that an interview with Bobby Despres was conducted for the position of Head Coach. Committee is recommending his appointment to the position based on his interview and outlined plan.
 1. Motion to accept Bobby Despres as the Head Coach fo the 2025 Canada Summer Games Program
 - i. First: Breanna Saulnier Second: Gracelyn Kaine
Carried: 4-0

Dan Mersereau returned to the meeting at 8:40pm

11. New Business

- a. Motion that all Softball New Brunswick Board members meet a minimum response time of 24 hours for board meetings (RSVP) and are meet a minimum of 50% attendance on all board meetings.
 - i. First: Dan Mersereau
 1. Motion tabled to next meeting
 2. Board would like opportunity to discuss further

12. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn



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i. First: Dan Mersereau