



## Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

March 14th, 2023

7:30pm via [Zoom](#)

### Attendance – Voting Members:

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

### 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. Presidents Welcome

- a. [Land Acknowledgement](#)
- b. Approval of the agenda and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting
  - i. Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and approve the agenda as presented

First: Mark Gough

Second: Ron Campbell

Carried: 8-0

### 2. Membership Registration Launch Update

- a. Hillary Pineau provided the Board of Directors an update on the status of the 2023 membership registration
  - i. Will be launching March 15th

### 3. PIB Clinic

- a. PIB Clinic is confirmed for April 29/30th in Fredericton
- b. Softball NB will be covering cost for participants to register through GoNB grant
- c. Softball Canada is covering the cost of the instructors to come to New Brunswick
- d. Hillary Pineau has sent out an initial invitation to clubs to participate in the clinic but have not yet received much uptake on the opportunity. She is asking board members to continue to promote the opportunity within their regions.
- e. There are 15 spots available in the clinic and Softball New Brunswick will guarantee one (1) spot per association

### 4. Annual General Meeting

- a. Annual General meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at the Fredericton Inn
- b. Notice of Motions submission deadline March 23rd



- i. Action Item: The Executive will complete notice of motion forms that will be coming from the Board of Directors and circulate to the Board prior to the March 23rd deadline for review.
  - c. Nomination to Board Of Directors deadline is April 8th
- 5. Hall of Fame Banquet**
- a. Happening on April 22nd at the Fredericton Inn
  - b. Tickets are available now
  - c. Hillary Pineau is requesting that the Board promote the event around the province. She also requested assistance from the Board the day of the event for setup, etc.
  - d. Scott Willis indicated that there needs to be a review of the Hall of Fame selection procedures, a review of the current pool of applicants, and consider if the event can continue annually in the future.

*Darleen Sobey joined the meeting at 8:13pm*

**6. Provincial Leagues**

- a. Hillary presented the staff's recommended 2023 plans for the provincial leagues and presented results from the Provincial League survey.
  - i. 'A' division
    - 1. There is interest from teams in forming an 'A' provincial league, based on results of survey
  - ii. Hillary Pineau recommended to the Board based on the results of the survey that for 2023, Softball New Brunswick's involvement in the Provincial Leagues will provide assistance with the development of the master schedules; however, not running the leagues and keeping stats, standings, etc. Softball NB will not limit provincial championship eligibility to teams that do not participate in the league.
    - 1. Staff will put out an expression of interest to teams for participation in the league and schedule a meeting with interested teams prior to the beginning of the season. Staff will assist in the development of a schedule based on the teams field times, availability, etc.

**7. Provincial Teams**

- a. U15 and U17 Girls Tryouts
  - i. ID Camp #1 happened on February 25th in Fredericton
    - 1. There was a strong turnout, and hoping for more at future camps
    - 2. Next scheduled for March 18th







- i. Region 1
- ii. Action Item: Hillary Pineau to update the Softball New Brunswick Social Media Policy to reflect required changes. The updates will be circulated to the Board of Directors for review and approval.
- b. Social Media & Marketing Coordinator
  - i. Hillary Pineau updated the Board of Directors that Pierre Luc Savoie is interested in accepting the role of Social Media & Marketing Coordinator pending the availability of summer student positions
  - ii. Hillary reviewed with the Board some of the proposed projects for this position
    1. Website
    2. Drill Bank
- c. Canadian Championship
  - i. Hillary Pineau and Scott Willis reviewed a draft proposal of the use of the 2022 Canadian Championship funds, indicating the funds should be reserved for development (Canpitch, Coaching, Umpiring, Timbits, Technology Improvements, etc.)
    1. Mark Gough indicated that some funds should be reserved for the improvement of future Canadian Championship event
  - ii. A formal proposal for the use of the funds will be finalized by the April Board meeting
  - iii. 2022 Funds

#### **14. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting
  - i. First: Mark Gough