



Annual General Meeting

Minutes

October 17, 2026

1. Land Acknowledgment

R. Allan provided a brief land acknowledgement and welcomed all delegates and guests.

2. Opening Remarks, Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorum

R. Allan thanked the Board and those coordinators and district UICs who submitted reports before the AGM. This information reflects the past year and provides data to inform future benchmarks as we begin operationalizing our new strategic plan. She introduced the Board of Directors and thanked them for their work this past year.

R. Allan announced that Kelli Tibbles will function as the recording secretary for the meeting. K. Tibbles confirmed that the notice of meeting was duly served.

She confirmed that seventy-nine (79) delegates were appointed for the meeting, of whom sixty-two (62) were present. The quorum for this general meeting is thirty-eight (38), based on having one-third (1/3) of the eligible voting members, which is set at 114.

3. Meeting Procedure

R. Allan provided an overview of the procedures for speaking and voting. The chair reminded attendees that only designated voting delegates can vote during the meeting or in the election. She confirmed that L. Parkes, chair of the Governance Committee, K. Tibbles, and D. St-Denis were overseeing this process. They will share the results on screen once the voting window has closed.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Greg Timm, seconded by Calvin Holman, to approve the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

5. Approval of 2026 Extraordinary General Meeting Minutes

Moved by Calvin Holman, seconded by Al Groff, to approve the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

6. Business arising from the Minutes

No business arose from the last meeting.

7. Financial Report

a. Auditor's Report

D. MacKenzie provided an overview of the financial report, which was part of the overall annual report. No questions were raised regarding the financial report.

D. MacKenzie invited Michelle Kropp from Sport Law and legal counsel for Softball BC to speak to note 14 - contingent liability in the audited statements. Michelle confirmed that the Association is involved in legal proceedings related to various complaints. The

litigation is ongoing, so counsel cannot provide a substantive update at this time. She reinforced that the potential liability for Softball BC is very unclear at this time.

b. Appointment of Auditors

D. MacKenzie reminded members that Softball BC is entering the final year of a three-year agreement with our current auditors. As part of our standard practice, Softball BC will seek proposals to select our auditors for the upcoming two-to-three-year period. This statement does not necessarily reflect an intent to change auditors.

**Moved by Elizabeth Lee, seconded by Bill Hawkins, to receive the financial report.
CARRIED**

8. Reports

The office compiled an annual report that includes data related to our membership, provincial events, and umpire and coach development programs, as well as reports from our district coordinators and umpire-in-chief, President, Treasurer and Council/Committee Chairs,

**Moved by Calvin Holman, seconded by Stefanie Vandermeet, to receive the financial report.
CARRIED**

9. Bylaws Change

R. Allan introduced a motion from the Board to edit item 3.10 in the bylaws to split the two-year term cycles for the Umpire Advisory Council and the Minor Advisory Council, avoiding a large-scale change to the council's composition in any given year.

Before requesting a mover and seconder to place the motion on the floor for discussion, she informed the membership that the Board had an amendment to their original motion that would address concerns heard from a few districts about avoiding having the District Umpire and Chief and the District Minor Coordinator elections for a specific district in the same year.

Moved by Kevin Langley, seconded by Harv Wiens, to edit item 3.10 of the bylaws as follows:

Where a District has the right to designate a District Representative Voting Member, the District Representative Voting Member must be appointed for the following terms:

a. One year:

- i. Men's Fastpitch Representative**
- ii. Women's Fastpitch Representative**
- iii. Minor Boys Representative**
- iv. Minor Girls Representative**
- v. Slo-Pitch Men's Representative**
- vi. Slo-Pitch Women's Representative**

b. Two years, in odd numbered years:

- i. Men's and Women's Coordinator**
- ii. Slo-Pitch Coordinator**
- iii. Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**
- iv. Minor Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**

c. Two years in even numbered years:

- ~~Slo-Pitch Men's Representative~~**
- ~~Slo-Pitch Women's Representative~~**

- i. Minor Coordinator **from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**
- ii. **Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**

Moved by Stefanie Vandermeer, seconded by Amanda Kennedy, to amend the previous motion to read

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 - ii. Women's Fastpitch Representative
 - iii. Minor Boys Representative
 - iv. Minor Girls Representative
 - v. **Slo-Pitch Men's Representative**
 - vi. **Slo-Pitch Women's Representative**
- b. Two years, in odd-numbered years:
 - i. Men's and Women's Coordinator **from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**
 - ii. **Slo-Pitch Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**
 - iii. **Minor Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**
 - iv. **Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**
- c. Two years in even-numbered years:
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Men's Representative~~
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Women's Representative~~
 - i. **Men's and Women's Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**
 - ii. **Slo-Pitch Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**
 - iii. **Minor Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14**
 - iv. **Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15**

CARRIED

K. Weston inquired if the Board was going to add a paragraph confirming the transition plan for the next two years, as the new cycle means some coordinators will serve 1-year and others a 3-year term.

D. St-Denis noted the Board would add a note in the bylaws that the transition to the new cycle will result in the coordinators from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 and the DUICs from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 being up for reappointment before the 2027 AGM. The coordinators from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14, and the DUICs from Umpire-in-Chief in Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15, would remain in place until 2028.

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 - ii. Women's Fastpitch Representative
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- iv. Minor Girls Representative
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- vi. Slo-Pitch Women's Representative
- e. Two years, in odd-numbered years:
 - i. Men's and Women's Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15
 - ii. Slo-Pitch Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15
 - iii. Minor Coordinator from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15
 - iv. Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
- f. Two years in even-numbered years:
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Men's Representative~~
 - ~~Slo-Pitch Women's Representative~~
 - i. Men's and Women's Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
 - ii. Slo-Pitch Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
 - iii. Minor Coordinator from Districts 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14
 - iv. Umpire-in-Chief from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15

CARRIED (by 2/3 vote)

10. Election of Directors

R. Allan reviewed the voting procedures for the election and reminded voting delegates that they could cast a vote for up to 6 candidates to fill six (6) director vacancies on the Board.

- Three (3) who will serve a 3-year term
- One (1) who will serve a 2-year term, and
- Two (2) who will serve a 1-year term.

The top three vote-getters will be elected to a 3-year term. The next will serve a 2-year term, and the next two will serve a 1-year term.

She noted that the 2-year term vacancy is due to Darren Simpson resigning at the conclusion of this AGM. She thanked Darren for his service on the Board. She reminded members that the two 1-year term positions reflected the two new director roles added to this Board at the 2026 Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members. Securing directors who can serve these terms will return us to a regular cycle of electing three directors annually to three-year terms.

Eleven (11) candidates were eligible for the election. Each had an opportunity to speak to the delegates before voting began.

- Liam Breen - was not in attendance due to illness
- Michael Donovan - was unavailable to participate due to being out of town
- Eric Fauth
- Andy Ferguson
- Joni Frei
- Susan Hokanson - submitted a video as she was unable to attend due to a work conflict.
- Luciano Iacovino
- Lavaughn Larson
- Darcy MacKenzie
- Grant O'Kane
- Ryan Schauble

Election Results in alphabetical order:

Elected to a three-year term

- Andy Ferguson

- Susan Hokanson
- Darcy MacKenzie

Elected to a one-year term

- Eric Fauth

Elected to a one-year term

- Joni Frei
- Lavaughn Larson

Moved by Calvin Holman, seconded by Drew McLean, to destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Before adjourning the meeting, R. Allan shared closing highlights from the season, which were also highlighted in the annual report and thanked all attendees for their participation and contributions to softball this past season.

Moved by Calvin Holman, seconded by Baukje Edamura, to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

APPENDIX A

District Representative Voting Members & Voting Directors Present

DISTRICT 1

- Kris Walushka - Minor Boys Representative
- Lori Zehrl - Minor Girls Representative
- Bill Hawkins - Minor Coordinator
- Mark Webster- Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 2

- Al Charlesworth - Minor Coordinator
- Shawn Brant - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 3

- Lisa Hayton - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Kirk Routledge - Minor Coordinator

DISTRICT 4

- James Lawson - Minor Girls Representative
- Eric Fauth - Slo-Pitch Coordinator
- Houtan Maleki - Minor Coordinator

DISTRICT 5

- Barry Riva - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Al Groff - Minor Girls Representative
- Tracy Sherlock - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Baukje Edamura - Minor Coordinator

DISTRICT 6

- Deb Tidy - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Jen McCulloch - Minor Boys Representative
- Sue Cosh - Minor Girls Representative
- Suzy Parker - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Elizabeth Lee - Minor Coordinator
- Tyler Warren - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 7

- Drew McLean- Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Kelly Daugherty- Minor Boys Representative
- Greg Timm - Minor Girls Representative
- Tracey Oye - Men's and Women's Coordinator

DISTRICT 8

- Bill Cox - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Shawn Gieselman - Minor Boys Representative
- Jeff Clegg - Minor Girls Representative
- Harv Wiens - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Bobbie Joe Delorme - Slo-Pitch Coordinator

- Kathy Weston - Minor Coordinator
- Paul Muirhead - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 9

- Matt Christie - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Michelle Kirkbright - Men's and Women's Coordinator

DISTRICT 10

- Derek Hipwell - Men's and Women's Coordinator and Slo-Pitch Coordinator
- Margaret McDonald - Minor Coordinator

DISTRICT 11

- Amy Douthwright - Minor Coordinator
- Kaleb Hutchinson - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 12

- Andy Ferguson - Minor Coordinator
- Ken Edwards - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 13

- Noelle Bulloch - Minor Girls Representative
- Patrick Beckerton - Minor Coordinator
- Kevin Horth - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 14

- Joelle Whitley - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Sasha Tarrant - Minor Boys Representative
- Kayla Schultima - Minor Girls Representative
- Diane MacPherson - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Lindsey Hemmerling - Minor Coordinator
- Josko Dujmovic - Umpire-in-Chief

DISTRICT 15

- Annie Perez-Leon - Women's Fastpitch Representative
- Lisa Steele- Minor Boys Representative
- Stefanie Vandermeer - Minor Girls Representative
- Amanda Kennedy - Men's and Women's Coordinator
- Gord Johnson - Minor Coordinator
- Calvin Holman - Umpire-in-Chief

Current Board of Directors

- Rachel Allan
- Rick Benson
- Jack Hawes
- Kevin Langey
- Lavaughn Larson
- Darcy MacKenzie
- Darren Simpson

APPENDIX B

Additional Attendees Present

- Nick Allen
- Joni Frei
- Luciano Iacovino
- Michelle Kropp
- Shannon Maion
- Heidi Nyline
- Grant O'Kane
- Lisa Parkes
- Jason Ranchoux
- Ryan Schauble

Staff Present

- Diane St-Denis
- Shaquille Gilbert
- Kelli Tibbles
- Jacquelyn Novak Nayyar
- Bob Hitchcock

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