



Softball New Brunswick Board Meeting

June 2, 2026 via Zoom

7:00pm ADT

Attendance – Voting Members:

Scott Willis – President (Vote only if tie)
Hillary Pineau - Vice President
Charlie Chiasson - Human Resource Coordinator
Dan Mersereau - High Performance Coordinator
Ron Campbell - Provincial Umpire in Chief
Eric Pelletier - North Western Director
Craig Clarkson - Capital Western Director
France Bourque - South Eastern Director
Darleen Sobey - North Eastern Director

Non-Voting:

Cameron Rogers - Executive Director
Megan Diercks - Sport Development Director
Cassie Innis - Program Manager

Vacant Positions:

Grassroots Coordinator
Adult Coordinator

Non-Voting Observer

Absent - Voting Members:

Paul Bedford - Fundy Director

1. Presidents Welcome

- a. Full swing into the first of the season
- b. Congrats to France on a successful 100th year celebration event at the Moncton Classic.
Set the bar high for the rest of the summer.

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. Cassie Innis read the land acknowledgement

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

a. Motion to accept the minutes of the May 5th Board Meeting

i. **First: Hillary Pineau Second: France Bouque**

Carried: 9-0

4. Financial Update

- a. Reviewed the financials to date that were sent out ahead of the meeting.
- b. The Canadian Championship budget will be kept separate within the technical fund, and will report on it separately going forward. Not many expenses to date.



- c. Expected to know by end of June the funding amount from GNB for profile for this year.

5. Registration Update

- a. Numbers to date
 - i. Regional breakdown of registrations so far were sent out prior to the meeting
 - ii. Team registration was initially delayed due to issues with RAMP setup, however, has been open for almost a month and registrations are steadily coming in.
 - iii. Discussed which associations are seeing growth vs a decline in numbers
- b. Minor releases
 - i. Seven athletes requested regional releases, all for athletes that did not have a team within their region in their age category.
- c. Adult releases
 - i. Five requests all from the South Eastern region to play at Slo Pitch Canadian Championships with Nova Scotia
 - ii. Three women were released as there is no team attending from NB, and there is not enough interest as of now to get a team together.
 - iii. Two men were granted releases as they were not asked by the NB team attending.
- d. Slo Pitch
 - i. The men's team attending Canadian Championships is requesting NS players to be granted release to NB.
 - ii. Staff has advised them that this will not be considered, as we should be sending NB athletes. They had first priority to take the athletes that have since been released to NS.

6. Umpires

- a. Seven of eight scheduled clinics around the province have been completed to date. Every region has had at least one clinic.



- b. Working with RAMP to experiment with using it for game assigning in the Capital West region, and the Provincial Championships. This is a pilot to see how it works, but seems to be going well.
- c. Have been working to streamline the finances as much as possible to keep things transparent and simple.
- d. Completed Go NB application to offset some of the overall program costs for development
- e. Currently have 164 registered officials. One of the largest numbers in a number of years (16% increase). 48% female registration
 - i. A significant portion of officials are under 18, so need to ensure we've got strong mentorship in place to bridge gap in game experience, and provide positive experiences
- f. Discussed how the umpires can be supported to help support retention of umpires, especially the ones under 18. Key points were making it a fun experience, and protecting them with the discipline guidelines.
- g. Working to accommodate francophone umpires more with limitations in Instructors, RAMP functions etc.

7. Male Ball

- a. Booking another Male Committee Meeting in the next few weeks to get a U9 Boys/Co-ed Mini league off the ground
- b. U15/U17 boys league has 3 teams participating, games will be beginning mid-June

8. Refund Policy

- a. Presented a recommended update to the refund policy clarifying that credit card processing fees will not be refunded as they can not be covered by the organization.
- b. Motion to accept the updated Refund Policy as presented regarding credit card processing fees**

i. **First: Darleen Sobey**

Second: France Bourque

Carried: 9-0



- c. French translation of updated policies are being completed, and will be added to the website as they are finished.

9. High Performance

a. U13 Future Selects

- i. The program has wrapped up for the season. Finished with a weekend of intersquad games that went well. Athletes opened up and we were able to see the skills they have gained over the winter.
- ii. Discussed that the sky is the limit with this program, and we need a good group of people to support Cameron as she builds this program. In year 1 we have received a strong baseline of where the athletes are at currently, where priorities need to be set, and how we can adjust the program for next year.

b. U15 Girls NB Selects

- i. Jeremy Drummond approached us about bringing on Emily Rowe as an assistant coach with the program to utilize her experience as a high performance athlete and college player. Have outlined requirements and what her role would be within the program.

ii. **Motion to accept Emily Row as an Assistant Coach with the U15 Girls NB Selects program for the 2026 season**

1. First: Dan Mersereau

Second: Ron Campbell

Carried: 9-0

c. U17 Pitcher

- i. 3 players declined positions on the team. Feel strongly this is not a reflection of our program, but due to various personal reasons.
- ii. This team is very thin in pitching. Currently only one pitcher is truly at a level where they are ready to compete at this tournament. In conversation with Scott, Dan, and Cameron we have submitted a request for a pickup from Softball Canada for an additional pitcher to attend the Canadian Championships with



this program as a hardship case. Will report back to the Board when they get a response.

d. Scouting

- i. Have lined up a few individuals to help us with scouting and evaluating our coaching staffs to outline what we need to focus on to improve our coaching program, and help with the early stages of scouting as all both coaching staffs have expressed interest in Canada Games for 2029.

e. National Team

- i. U18 National Team Camp was scheduled to be in Fredericton June 13-14 but cancelled due to lack of registrations. High price to attend the event and not a lot of lead up time.
- ii. U15 National Team Camp is expected to be scheduled in NB this fall. Can we get associations to consider sponsoring their athletes to alleviate the cost, encourage athletes to get exposure to national team coaches, etc.
- iii. Considering planning a camp in the province to bring in Team Canada athletes for our high performance athletes. Will be pulling together a plan to discuss with Softball Canada in the coming weeks.

10. Provincial Championships

- a. Hosting documents have been circulated. Megan has been working with the hosts
- b. Need to start identifying supervisors sooner than later

11. Canadian Championships

- a. Provided a brief update on Canadians. Plans are well underway, the committee is meeting regularly, continuing to work on gathering sponsorships. Will have a final confirmation of the number of teams attending in the next couple of weeks.
- b. Special Events for the week
 - i. Welcome Event (Monday)
 - ii. Open Ceremonies (Tuesday)
 - iii. Association Night (Wednesday)



- iv. 100th Anniversary Night (Thursday)
- c. Call for bat retrievers and volunteers have gone out. Asked the board to encourage your members to take part.

12. New Business

- a. HOF Nomination deadline has passed. The committee will be reviewing applications in the coming weeks for the class of 2026.

13. Next meeting

- a. Next meeting: July 7th, 2026
- b. No meeting planned for August will re-convene in September.

14. Adjournment

- a. **Motion to adjourn**
 - i. **First: France Bourque**