



**Board of Directors Meeting  
November 6/25 @ 9:00 AM  
Four Points by Sheraton  
Halifax**

**Present:**

Scott Neiles, President

**Directors:**

Brooks Penrod

Kareena Zanolli

Robb Andison

Bob Stanton

Neil Teague

Larissa Franklin (Athlete Rep)

Jackie Dugger

Vanessa Kosteroski

**Staff:**

Mike Branchaud, CEO

Gilles LeBlanc, Mgr. – Operations

Gabrielle Lamadeleine - Intern

**1. Call to order, Land Acknowledgement and President's opening remarks**

- President Neiles opened the meeting at 9:00am EST

**2. Review of Motions**

The Board of Directors reviewed all motions presented.

**Motion #1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9**

- Motions supported by the Board of Directors

**Motion #5**

- Motion not supported by the Board of Directors

### **3. Review of Proposals**

#### **Proposal #1,3,4,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15**

- Proposals supported by the Board of Directors

#### **Proposal #2,5,6,7**

- Proposals not supported by the Board of Directors

### **4. Hall of Fame**

#### **Review of Nomination Criteria**

- Discussion around the need to update the selection criteria for the Hall of Fame nomination committee.
- Discussion around implementing a one-nomination-per-province/territory to better manage volume and maintain nomination quality.

#### **Geographic and Regional Considerations**

- Currently considering where nominees live compared to the AGM location to make it easier for them to attend the Banquet.
- Concerns were raised about a backlog of inductions in certain regions.

#### **Event Format & Cost Considerations**

- Cost considerations were raised, including whether the event should continue as a banquet or shift to a reception format.
- The Board of Directors also explored the option of presenting the Hall of Fame inductions locally within the nominee's home province.
  - A Board member could fly to the Province/Territory and present the award there. It often means more when the Hall of Fame recognition happens in the person's own town or province.

### **5. ODC**

- The ODC is looking to align its committee term lengths with the Board of Directors' three-year terms.

- Concerns were raised about the same individuals serving on the ODC for extended periods, which may limit opportunities for new umpires to join and contribute fresh perspectives.

***MOTION #1 – To move in camera***

***Moved by Andison, seconded by Stanton, CARRIED***

***MOTION #2 – To move out of camera***

***Moved by Franklin, seconded by Teague, CARRIED***

## **6. Canadian Championships**

### **2026 Bids**

- Softball Canada received a bid from Surrey, BC to host the U15 and U17 Men's Fastpitch Canadian Championships. Both events would run during the same week and be held at the same facilities.
- With this bid, all Fastpitch Canadian Championships bids for 2026 are now filled, leaving only the Slo-pitch Canadian Championship still open for that year.

### **2027 Bids**

- Softball Canada received a bid from Leduc, Alberta to host the 2027 Slo-Pitch Canadian Championship.

***MOTION #3 – Move to accept Canadian Championship Bids 2026 & 2027***

***Moved by Penrod, seconded by Dugger, CARRIED***

## **7. Canada Games**

### **Age Categories**

- Discussion regarding appropriate age categories for both Men's and Women's at the Canada Games.
- Considering U17 age category for the Women's.

- With the older age category, a lot of players are already in college, making training and team bonding much harder.
- Moving the category to U17 could improve athlete exposure for both the U18 Women's National Team and the Women's National Team.

### **Overage Discussion**

- Discussion around possibly allowing BC to include Men's overage athletes at the next Canada Games.

## **8. AGM 2026**

- There is currently no confirmed host for the 2026 AGM.
- New Brunswick is currently assessing the possibility of hosting in Fredericton.
- The idea of holding the AGM virtually every second year when it is not a rulebook year was also raised.

## **9. Ramp**

### **National Registration Database**

- PTs Concerns:
  - Data security and how information will be protected
  - Purpose and rationale behind the national registration database.
- Benefits of a National Database:
  - Keeps everything in one place, making it easier to track information and use it to help grow the sport.
  - Can also be used for camp registrations, umpire registrations, and other program needs.

### ***MOTION #4 – Motion to adjourn***

***Moved by Kosteroski, seconded by  
Zanoli, CARRIED***