

# 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## MINUTES

February 11, 2023

Cambridge, Ontario

### A. Ceremonial Section

- i) President Dave Northern welcomed everyone to the 100<sup>th</sup> OASA AGM.
- ii) President Northern read the following land acknowledgement:

*The Ontario Amateur Softball Association takes place on traditional Indigenous territories across the province we now call Ontario, and we are thankful to be able to play our sport and live on this land.*

*We believe it is important to offer a land acknowledgement as a way to recognize, respect and honour this territory, the treaties, the original occupants, their ancestors, and the historic connection they still have with this territory.*

*As part of our commitment to reconciliation, we are providing educational opportunities to help our executive and volunteers learn more about our shared history and the harms that have been inflicted on Indigenous peoples. We are working to establish mutually respectful relationships with Indigenous people across the province and will continue to incorporate recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into our sport. We are grateful for the opportunity to work across Turtle Island.*

- iii) Guests, Executive Members and Head Table were introduced including:  
*Executive* – President Dave Northern, Executive Vice President Adam Brown, Vice Presidents Steven Davis and Stephen Hohl, Treasurer Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Secretary Karen Mills, Elected Executive Matt Allen, Mike Crawford, Mike Mulvey, Mary Myers, Brad Thomson  
*Past Presidents* – Mike Goodridge  
*Life Members* – Mike Goodridge, Mary Myers  
*Guests* – Softball Ontario Executive Director Johnathan Baker, Softball Ontario Program Coordinator Troy Moffitt, Softball Ontario Fastpitch Umpires Jamie Woodend
- iv) Mary Myers, Life Member, presented the Memorial Scroll.
- v) A Moment of Silence was observed in memory of deceased members.
- vi) President's Recap – 2022 OASA Year in Review
  - Launched new membership registration system
  - Continued significant use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) to share info and post photos, info and stories
  - Ministry funding allowed OASA to fully subsidize one tournament for each affiliated team as well as provide them with a coach's package
  - We had 10 divisions and ran 21 tournaments
  - Ontario hosted three Canadian Championships – U15 Wilmot, U20 Napanee, U23 Carp
  - Developed and delivered High Performance Pitching and High Performance Coaching programs
  - Softball Canada Update

- AGM Update:
  - Fredericton, New Brunswick
- Rules:
  - Masters division is restricted to two imports for Canadian Championships, same as Senior Men
  - Qualifying Round tie breaker logic at Canadians changed
  - Maximum of four teams plus defending champion from any province to Canadian Championships in any division
  - U23 and up only need one Comp Intro – Certified Coach; U20 and below still need all assistant coaches to be Comp Intro – Trained
- Draft new By-Laws introduced that will amend the Board of Directors composition, nominating committee, independent Directors, 3 year terms, maximum President term of six years, maximum of 12 year term for Board of Directors, gender quotas (60/40) – timing to be determined

vii) Medal Winners, Individual Awards, Team Awards

- 13 out of 18 possible medals at Softball Canada Championships
- 1 Eastern Canadian Championship medal (only sent two U15 teams and one Intermediate team)

Age	Eliminations/ Qualifiers	Provincials	Canadians	Eastern Canadians
U9	6 teams participated in Napanee			
U11	E – Napanee Blue W – Tara RMD	A – Napanee Blue B – Springbrook		
U13	E – Napanee W – Tara	A – Tara B – Fisherville		
U15	Wilmot New Hamburg 1	A – Napanee B – Havelock	G – Napanee S – Wilmot B – St George	S – Wilmot NH 2
U17	Chatsworth	A – Wilmot NH B – Tara	G – Chatsworth S – Napanee B – Wilmot NH	
U20	Tavistock	A – Shallow Lake B – Westport	G – Tavistock S – Napanee B – Hagersville	Napanee
U23	Owen Sound		G – Tavistock S – Owen Sound	
Interm B		Scarborough		
Masters		St Thomas		
Senior			S – Toronto Batmen B – Niagara Stompers	

viii) The President recognized the 2022 Pitching, MVP and No Hitter Award winners.

Pitching Awards:

- Masters Cliff Belch Award – Fred Follings, St Thomas
- Intermediate Bill Martin Award – Bobby Lewis, Pickering
- U23 Bob Domik Award – Riley Manion, Owen Sound
- U20 Barry Ellerbeck Award – Will Schlotzhauer, Tavistock
- U17 Gil Read Award – Joe Weiler, Chatsworth
- U15 Ron Taylor Award – Dylan Kemp, Napanee

MVP Awards:

- Masters George Ryder – Mark Coleman, St Thomas
- Intermediate – Josh Dhanpal, Scarborough
- U23 – Clay Dolbear, Owen Sound
- U20 – Mason McKay, Tavistock
- U17 – Jack Madden, Napanee
- U15 – Jordan Snyder, Wilmot

Jack Cook Sportsmanship Award:

- Ryan Thompson, Port Elgin Masters

No Hitters:

- Jack Collins, St George – U15 Eliminations
- Sean Demarest, Drumbo – U17 A Provincials
- Dan Beecroft, St Thomas – Masters Provincials

ix) Team Ontario Championship Ring Presentation (next Canada Summer Games in 2025)

Team Ontario Gold

Thomas Baker	James Martell	HC Scott Searle
Robbie Barker	Kurt McCann	AC Jamie Simpson
Connor Brooks	Mason McKay	AC Al Staats
Austin Eadie	Mitch McKay	Mgr Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan
Tucker Firth	Mac Mulvey	
Gavin Gibbons	Curtis Ruetz	
Brendan Hagerman	Owen Torrie	

x) OASA Scholarship acknowledgement

- Noah Fleurie, Eganville – Westport Storm
- Ty McFadden, Port Perry – Port Perry Devils
- Brayden Van De Wynckel, Baden – Wilmot Thunder

xi) Gil Read Coach Award – presentation by Matt Allen

- 2022 – Scott Searle

xii) Life Membership presentations were made by Steven Davis:

- 2020 – Hub Fehrman
- 2021 – Mary Myers
- 2022 – George Ryder, Brad Thomson, Garry Waugh, Gary Wren

xiii) Induction of OASA Hall of Fame members:

- 2020 – Al Harrison and Mike Goodridge
- 2021 – Team Ontario 2001 – Adam Brown will present to Coach Gil Read's family

xiv) F. R. Feaver Award presentations:

- 2020 – George Ryder
- 2021 – Scott Searle
- 2022 – Hub Fehrman

xv) Prize table proceeds to Scholarship Fund \$235.

## B. Business Section

- Presiding Officers – President Dave Northern and Executive Vice President Adam Brown; Recording Secretary – Karen Mills; Scrutineers Johnathan Baker and Troy Moffitt of Softball Ontario.
- 26 in attendance. Ballots were distributed by Registrar Mary Myers. 22 voting delegates: 2/3 majority (15) to pass amendments to By-Laws; simple majority 50% +1 (12) to pass all others.
- 99<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Minutes, 2022 Committee Reports and Tournament Reports were moved by Stephen Hohl, seconded by Steven Davis. CARRIED
- Financial Report for 2021-2022:  
Motion: To approve the Review Engagement of our Finances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022 as completed by MNP. Moved by Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, seconded by Stephen Hohl. CARRIED
- **OASA Nominations for 2023 Officers:**
  - President – Dave Northern, Pickering (acclaimed)
  - Executive Vice President – Adam Brown, Fitzroy Harbour (acclaimed)
  - Vice President – Stephen Davis, Toronto (acclaimed)
  - Vice President – Stephen Hohl, Woodstock (acclaimed)
  - Secretary – Karen Mills, Napanee (acclaimed)
  - Treasurer – Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, Sydenham (acclaimed)
  - Directors – Matt Allen, Shawna Cloet, Mike Crawford, Mike Mulvey, Mary Myers, Brad ThomsonMotion: To approve the OASA 2023 Executive and Elected Executive as acclaimed and voted. Moved by Karen Mills, seconded by Mike Crawford. CARRIED  
Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Mary Myers, seconded by Mike Mulvey. CARRIED
- Voting on the amendments to By-Laws, Operating Rules and Variations to Softball Canada Playing Rules (see separate document for motions passed).
- Motion: To approve MNP to conduct a Review Engagement of the OASA Financials for 2022-2023 records. Moved by Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan, seconded by Brad Thomson. CARRIED
- President's Awards presented by Dave Northern:
  - Karen Mills
  - Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan
  - Adam Brown
- The President outlined OASA plans for 2023:
  - The "if" game will be in place at eliminations, but will not be used at provincials.
  - Team affiliation and individual MRS registration is to be opened February 15.
  - Announcement of 2025 Team Ontario Coaching Staff – Head Coach Bryan Brooks, Assistant Coaches Cory Brooks and Donnie Scott, Manager Ryan Rowe.
  - There will be an increase in the number of games per team at each tournament – minimum 3 game guarantee.
  - Future AGM discussion – to determine if there is a preference for in-person or virtual AGM.
- Members' Business:
  - The President thanked those in attendance and those who presided over the AGM. Congratulations to those elected to the Executive. We will reach out to others to join our Minor and Men's Committees.
  - A reminder was given regarding the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration to be held Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre.
  - OASA tournament dates have been announced; we are currently accepting host bids for a few tournaments.
- The 101<sup>st</sup> OASA AGM will be held in the spring of 2024, location to be determined.
- Motion to adjourn by Karen Mills. Meeting adjourned at 3:24 pm.