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Title: Restructure Fastpitch Softball Committee

Author: Department Minnesota Fastpitch Softball Committee

**RESTRUCTURE OF THE FASTPITCH SOFTBALL COMMITTEE**

The following resolution originated from the Department of Minnesota Fastpitch Softball Committee and is submitted for consideration to the American Legion Department of Minnesota Executive Committee.

WHEREAS, the four-person structure of the existing Minnesota American Legion Fastpitch Softball Committee was intended to be nimble enough to take swift action and get a new program up and running when there was no prior structure in place, and

WHEREAS, a handful of American Legion districts, though not all, have begun to form softball leadership either through directors or committees, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota American Legion Fastpitch Softball Committee has been successful in launching its inaugural season and in planning a postseason and anticipates further growth next season, and

WHEREAS, it would be unreasonable to expect a committee of only four Legionnaires to handle the local, regional and state responsibilities that would come with a growing, statewide program, and

WHEREAS, switching to a structure more like the existing Minnesota American Legion Baseball Committee would be more suitable for handling growth, garnering buy-in among communities and sustaining the program with enthusiasts for the long-term; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, effective at the end of the 2022 softball postseason, the Department Fastpitch Softball Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed or elected by each eligible district, with a district being eligible only if it possesses at least two softball teams, and with each district determining its own policy regarding American Legion Family affiliation and length of terms, and be it further,**

**RESOLVED, three (3) members appointed by the Department Commander, each with a three-year term on a staggered basis so that one of the three is appointed annually, all of whom must be active members of The American Legion Family, and one of them shall be the director, and the other two shall be vice directors, with one of the vice directors taking official minutes and turning those minutes into the Department, and be it further,**

**RESOLVED, non-voting ambassadors as deemed by the Fastpitch Softball Committee itself, and a non-voting Department of Minnesota staff member who provides guidance and coordination to the committee, and be it finally,**

**RESOLVED, the Department of Minnesota Fastpitch Softball Committee upon approval of this resolution, forwarded to the Department of Minnesota convention in 2022 for concurring action.**

Approved by Michael Arvidson

Chairman, Department Fastpitch Softball Committee

Attested to by Tim Engstrom

Program Coordinator, Department Fastpitch Softball Committee

Distributed to Department Fastpitch Softball Committee for approval on June 6-8, 2022.

Results: 3 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain.

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