



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

October 04, 2020

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I. Call to Order at 8:15p.m.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry - P	Dan Wilson - P
Nadine Stang - P	Chandra Henry - P
Larry Brandenburg - A	Tara Wilson - P
Rob Hall - P	Jamie Stodgell - P
Dave Peacock - A	John Holden - P
Alanna Marklund - P	Ashley Erickson - A
Kyler Baxter - A	

Meeting Start 8:05pm

- **VP League/Operations**
 - Feedback on the season
 - Complaints about cost. The price worked out to about 80 dollars per game. (last season was about 56 dollars per game) Price was set to cover the overhead since we had less teams but still had the same amount of maintenance. Porta-potties, washcart and grass maintenance still cost roughly the same. Addition of cleaning supplies as well. There was an issue with the balls, the quality was lacking,



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and the balls were not switched out as often as they should be. Something that needs to be taken care of next year.

But, most everyone was quite happy with the season. Some people had mentioned about the condition of the balls, also concern about the masks.

● **VP Facilities/Projects**

- New Construction at the diamonds:
 - Landrex to donate \$50,000 in exchange for hill of topsoil and Noyen to construct the birms. Adam and Noyen tried to get more out of them but, Landrex wouldn't budge. Currently they are re-doing the road, and Noyen wants to dump their topsoil as well, in exchange for grading a new diamond. Landrex was supposed to give us a cheque in sept, but instead, are giving it to Noyen, and Noyen is going to donate it to us to build a new diamond Chequw to arrive Dec 1. So we now have \$50,000 to go towards a new diamond, and \$45,000 worth of grading. Construction has started and it looks like its going to be a great addition to the diamonds.
 - Slight concern about how close the hill is to the outfield, want to make sure that it won't cause any flooding in the outfields.
 - Estimated \$150,000 for a diamond. Basically leaves us $\frac{1}{3}$ left to pay.
 - Do we complete the diamond, or leave it? More grants? Adam has applied for a few. Nadine has spoke with someone at Dow, and they said they just require a proposal from the committee. ACTION: Nadine to write a proposal to DOW for a \$__X__ donation for __X__ years.
- Grass infields are top priority after installing a new diamond.
- Concession: nothing to report
- Tractor: repair costed $\frac{1}{3}$ of what they were quoted. Pat thinks it's more machine than we actually need. Pat thinks we should get a mower. (72" zero turn machine- 9acres an hour)
 - Tractor- expect to get \$24,000 in private sale
 - Mover from Elk Island Sale would cost \$16,000 all in.
 - Option of financing the mower, and selling the tractor then pay off the mower. Jamie to ask ATB



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about getting a loan, but we don't think it will be an option. Pat has listed the tractor on Kijiji with a few bites, but won't sell until the committee approves.

- We need to keep an eye on funds, ensure that's it's ok for us to dip into reserves to purchase the tractor. Discussion regarding the purchase of the mower before the sale of the tractor. Pros and cons to the situation. (dipping reserves, chances of a short season again next year, financing options etc?)
- Dan motions to put the tractor for sale, and purchase the new tractor. Motion declined.
- New action: Jamie to contact the bank to see what our options are.
 - Dan makes Motion trade the tractor for a mower, (trading/financing details to be determined) Jamie seconds the sale of the tractor and purchase of Mower. All in favour. Motion to look into the best purchase plan to sell tractor and purchase new mower.
- Dan to let Pat know to sell the Tractor for a minimum \$20,000
- Need to keep watching to ensure that we spend enough of our funds so that we can keep our non-profit status.
- Washcart Update:
 - Doesn't get used as much as it should. It gets abused at a tourney very quickly.
 - Locking/unlocking has become an issue. Spent close to \$45,000 on it to date. (All construction and maintenance included) Noyen may be interested in the washcart, also a gave us price for Ritche Brothers could possibly be 25,000-30,000.
 - Plans to just continue on the porta potties.
 - Dan makes a motion to sell the washcart, Rob hall Seconds, 6 in favour, 1 opposed. Motion passed to try to sell the washcart for the highest amount possible, no less than \$20,000
- **VP Finance**
 - Our account is around \$43,000, bond has mostly been handed out. Bond Money cheques need to be picked up before Oct 31.
 - Jamie to inquire to ATB about selling of tractor, purchase of mower, as well inquire about our "cap" for non-profits, to ensure we are still within limits.



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Signs

- Nothing to update- Ashley not present

Umpire Update

- Everything was quite good, no real complaints, aside from one ump that may need to retire soon.

Review/Discussion of Old Business

- TeamSnap Review- People loved it! It was not fully integrated this year, and it will be great to use in the future. Also have a \$2000.00 credit into 2021 season.

Review/Discussion of New Business

- Last week was a deadline for a grant through the city. No specific price, \$0-50,000 were available. FSMSPA asked for \$50,000 from the city, it was quite a bit of work for the application
- One more grant will be applied for as well. (due end of Nov)
- Safety net on diamond 6, asked the city last year and declined. They advised that we should put in a letter of concern, so Adam and Kyler submitted one. Currently awaiting a reply. _Fortis has already said they would donate the poles and labour, so it basically works out to be the cost of the net.
- Adam had a teams meeting with Parks/City of Fort sask in regards to the road that goes North to South- they are proposing a campground (about 109 sites) behind the diamonds. Looks as though they want to move forward. Apparently the city does not appreciate how ball players camp down at the diamonds. This has been an issue that we are not aware of. It was said that once those campsites are completed, anyone who wants to camp down there, must camp in those campsites. Possibility to propose to them that FSMSPA might be able to get a discount code for online bookings. (revenue for giving up land)
- SPN has contacted us, they are sending us prizes. Do we send it out or hold onto them for next year? Those present voted to hold onto them for next year.
- Tara is already taking tentative bookings for next year. Current price for rental is \$1750.00. \$2,450 for long weekends. Adam makes a motion to raise the price to \$2,000.00 for 2 day weekend, \$2,700 for long weekend. Dan seconds- All in favour. Fees have been increased.



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- Rentals are curious about camping, that is unknown at this time.
- League Fees? Raise them? Discussion regarding this. Group decided that we should leave fees for this year and look at increasing next year.

Meeting Dates:

Fall AGM: Via Zoom, Facebook live, facebook post or in-person

Those present decide to just make a facebook post looking for feedback, etc.

- Facebook Post was decided for the FALL AGM since we don't need to hand out the cheques, and in-person not worth the risk.

Executive Meeting: **December 13th** via Google meet.

Spring Meeting: **March 24th**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm.