



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

Nov 7th, 2021

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I. Call to Order at 8:00p.m.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

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

Motion to approve minutes: Rob Hall motions to accept mins, Adam 2nd - motion to accept mins passed

Oct meeting was cancelled.

- **VP League/Operations**
 - There were games cancelled this year due to heat.
 - Govt releases severe heat warnings. When these are issued, games should be cancelled.
 - League will make a call to cancel games according to the



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Government issued heat warnings. Alanna motions to pass this for the operating guide. Tara seconds. Motion passed.

- Rules possible to change:
 - Change 1 hour and 10 mins + an inning for longer summer games. This only becomes an issue during certain times of the year - so during low light, we would revert back to 1 hour + and inning.
 - Larry mentioned SPN says 1 hour + an inning. It's difficult for timing to get teams off the diamond and for umps to make it to the next game. Larry would not like to see it changed.
 - League decided we will not change the rule. It will stay 1 hour + and inning.
 - Mercy rule is 12 runs after 5. This rule will stay.
 - Discussion around walks - Any walk to a guy with a girl behind is a double and the girl must hit. Larry mentioned walks are in the rule book. The rule for SPN is any double walk means the next batter must bat. This will be tabled for next meeting.

- **VP Facilities/Projects**

- Adam - New diamond. Shale is done, but infield looks a bit large. Bill left to pay to Noyen, as we don't have a total to pay yet.
- Posts - Dan has not heard back yet about getting posts installed. Dan to reach out tomorrow. (Posts are about \$18,000) - Possibly installing Fencing for bond hours activity.
- We do not want to rush the fencing if we have other mandatory projects to pay for over the winter.
- With Covid, there is not a huge demand for more teams, so the new diamond is not a huge priority at the moment.
- Pat thinks we should find a maintenance person, as he may possibly retire.
 - Should separate league maintenance from Tournament maintenance.
 - Pat will not be available for tournaments on the weekends
 - Expected that weekend tournaments have the diamonds in the same condition as they were left friday.
 - Should the league allow a grace period for monday



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morning for the renter to clean up before Pat starts for the week? There is discussion surrounding Pats hours and the quality of our league and diamonds.

- Majority voted to allow a grace period when requested by a renter. we will provide a clause into the contract that says: *"If requested, a grace period for clean up may be granted for the following Monday morning upon approval of the board"*
- Renter Contracts:
 - Ability for tournaments to rent on a per/diamond basis for smaller tournaments. This can be left for a case by case basis. Tabled to a later meeting to decide the price for a per/diamond base. Dan and Tara to come up with a plan and present at the next meeting.
 - 24 teams and up should require a mandatory weekend cleanup for the portapotties. Dan and Tara to draft a clause for a contract for the next meeting.
 - Adam requested to raise the clean up fee from \$25 to \$50. Adam motions to raise the fee - Dan seconds. Motion passed. Fee is raised for clean up fees for tournaments.
- Rob - Spraypaint in the boards? Dan says that the board should be centred on the mat. Wouldn't hurt the get a coat of paint on the boards - Pat has stated he will have new boards for next year. Larry - says we should put two lines on the mat to ensure consistency. We will talk to Pat about this.
- Teams each have their balls - Jaime and Adam say this did not work well. Tabled for next meeting.
- Road through diamond 1 and 7 will stay for now with the gate open.
- There is a speed limit sign in the parking lot. For 20km.
- **VP Finance**
 - Refundable bond - has not been issued yet. Will need to send a message that the \$200 dollar refundable bond can be carried forward to next year, or cheques can be picked up if requested. About \$82,000 in the bank.
 - Payment for insurance to come out. We were not properly covered before. We were paying \$1800. But we did not have co-insurance. We need to be covered for 90% of what we have. Adam met with Smith insurance, and we now have the proper



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coverage, plus more - all the new items included. Our coverage is about \$300 less than before. Smith donated \$5000 to the league as well to help pay for the damaged dug out.

- We should decide on a monetary amount that a vote would be required before making a purchase.
 - League decided that if a purchase is over \$_____ then a vote is required by the board. To be tabled for next meeting.
 - Before large purchases are made (over \$1000)- we must get two quotes before deciding, and keeping as local as possible. Kyler makes a motion to pass adding this clause to the operating guide, Rob seconds - motion passed.
 - Purchases that Pat makes must be categorized so that we know where the funds are going. Pat should have a log sheet running so we can keep track of all funds. This will make it easier for banking purposes. (hours, fuel, tools etc)
 - Jamie to tell Pat that it will be required to keep a detailed log for easy tracking for finances.
 - Jamie will print out a Log for Pat to use. Adam makes a motion to move this forward, Rob seconds the motion. Motion passed.
- **Signs**
 - Nothing was put up this year. League decided we will give an extra year to those who donated because of the missed year.
- **Umpire Update**
 - Larry - There has not been a clinic for 2 years. Renters need to appoint umps to the tournaments through Larry. Umps from the Fort should be called first.
 - UIC did attempt to contract Fort Umps first. (SPN Tournaments) It's important to ensure that the umps are able and capable to handle an entire weekend tournament.
 - Rob may have 1-2 new umpires for the group.
- **Grants**
 - DOW is not taking the name over again. Patrick Noyen was interested in sponsoring.
 - The city requires that the name gets approved by council before anything is final.



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- The city offered \$100,000 over 10 years for naming rights, but Noyen offered \$3000 per year. The city declined and did not counter the offer.
- Noyon was going to donate work for the new diamonds as well for the naming rights.
- The amount of money for the naming rights does not go to the league, it goes to the city.
 - Adam would like to go to council to discuss this issue. It does not seem fair that the funds would go to the city, not necessarily the diamonds - and it would not help the league, which is not-for-profit.
- The city does not want to cut the grass outside the diamonds anymore. Adam asked them why? And the reason is there is not enough operators, and there are too many green spaces throughout the city. City asked us to contract out the cost.
 - Dan mentioned that it could be because of the naturalization of the area.
 - Adam mentioned that it could be a problem for home run balls and camping.
 - City decided they wont be making campground down there anytime soon.
- The league should write a letter and send to council. We should try to make a presentation to city council to try and discuss the issues. Nadine to reach out to Lisa Makin.
- Nadine reached out to DOW for \$5000 for amenities for inclusiveness for the diamonds. She is waiting to hear back.
- Fundraising
 - Extra \$1000 idea for teams for a raffle - is not feasible and that is for Minor Sports only.
 - Table next call for fundraising ideas.
- **Other Business**
 - Question was asked: Has the league ever looked to NSA as opposed to SPN?
 - Would be a ton of work, and would require a re-vamp of the entire league. Not worth the work.
- **League Roles**
 - There are a few people looking to join the board.
 - Alanna still looking step down. (Put in original step down in



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- Kyler - looking to transition out as well. Has too many other commitments
- Adam to post on Facebook to find new members.

- **Meeting Dates:**

- Alanna to inquire about availability for the Spring AGM.
- Next meeting is in the new year - Jan TBD

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:45pm