



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

2023 Fall AGM Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2023

Dow Centennial Centre, Lion's Pride Room

I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry - A	Alyssa Van Hecke - P
Nicole Strauss - P	Jamie Stodgell - P
Dan Wilson - P	Dave Peacock - A
Tara Wilson - A	Larry Brandenburg - A
Nadine Stang - P	Mark Boyle - P
Ryan Dow - P	Michael Oliver - A

- **League/Operations**

- 42 teams, most teams since before covid
- Playoffs went well, only 2 teams that opted out
- Did 1 cross over series in the playoffs, other teams opted out
- Division winners were announced from playoffs
- Prizing not ready yet
- Trophies also on order



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- **Facilities/Projects**

- Facility update: were going to try to do work at end of Oct but had tournaments late
- Will go ahead and cut in permanent foul lines next year – hopefully in spring
- Chalk too expensive to purchase all of the time
- Diamond 0 – not ready for next year, dugouts will be built but need to get grass to come in
- Didn't need D0 this year, had enough room with other diamonds
- Parks department with the City – have grooming machine to soften up outfields – tested it out, try to use it next year
- Have some work required, boulders need to be moved to back of camping area to block off back of diamond 4 to restrict access
- If you have contact with someone with skidsteer – let league know. League will pay.
- Maintenance guy is retired, Tara will take over on interim basis. If anyone knows anyone, hours flexible but need 4-5 hrs a few days a week, May-October
- New bases in, some settled lower than we like, will fix next year

- **Finance**

- No updated budget yet, will email out when it is completed.
- Season for budget is from March to March
- Bond cheques to hand out
- Didn't do end of year cleanup, not really needed, not too much work, don't need many people
- Will email when we need work done on grounds
- Will still do spring cleanup
- About \$26,000 in account this year, last year around \$100,000 in account at the same time. Money spent on different items – bleachers, bases, etc.

- **Signs/Grants**

- Anyone know companies that want to sponsor, or companies that give grants let league know
- May open up fundraising person as a council position



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- **Umpire Update**
 - Umpires were running low, could use more people

- **Bond Program**
 - Cheques to be handed out

- **Open Board Positions**
 - League doesn't exist without volunteers. Signs open position.
 - Asked for volunteers - get out to teams that we are looking

- **Tournaments**
 - Try to leave a few more weekends open, too many that affect the grounds, grass doesn't grow, unless grounds looks good, enough rain, etc.
 - Email Tara if you want a tournament, but not before January
 - League members – league will do whatever they can to make a tournament happen if a member wishes to hold one

- **Communications**
 - Continue to use TeamSnap and Facebook
 - Not as many “are we playing emails?” before the games as other years. Jamie is grateful. Will still make call by 5:00 for cancelations

- **New Business**
 - City of FS – lease has been up a few years, we only pay a dollar a year. Will start to charge for rental, cost will depend what we bring to the city. May be lower than what other people are playing but will be discussed over the winter.
 - City is working on lease program right now, for sure will be over \$1.
 - Gate gets locked on grounds.
 - City has been getting complaints from houses nearby
 - Tara makes sure to tell tournaments – pick up garbage, no fires, etc.
 - Boulders to be moved
 - Permanent garbage cans to be added to camping area
 - Water – City working on it
 - Andy's playground garbage needs to be emptied from



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tournaments as well. If city has to empty it they will charge.

- o Will have more meetings over the winter
 - o Goat lady put goats on grounds. Being a nuisance, got complaints. She got kicked out.
 - o Best relationship with the city we've ever had this year. Want to maintain that relationship.
 - o Div 3 is packed. We may need to move teams next year. Div 3 to div 2. Div 2 to Div 1. To maintain 3 divisions this is necessary.
 - o Question asked if we could merge Div 1 TT, MW but right now we know we can't, we would lose teams. It wouldn't work for enough teams.
 - o Going to be emailing a winter survey to everyone
 - o Question asked by one team: why were most game Monday or Wednesday not both days most weeks, just one day most weeks. Just the way the schedule worked out. Teams are given opportunities to give input in the beginning, or can email Dave directly.
- **Dates**
 - o Registration in Feb
 - o AGM in March

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:33 pm