



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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## Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

***November 19, 2017***

***Green Room DCC***

### I. Call to Order

Adam called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 6:36pm on November 19, 2017 in the Green Room DCC.

### II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Paul Kruger - A

Dan Wilson - A

Nadine Stang - A

Chandra Henry - P

Larry Brandenburg - A

Tara Wilson - A

Sean Ansell - A

Adam Henry - P

Dave Peacock - A

Matt Tremblay - P

Alanna Marklund - P

Chris Stather - P

Tyler Kuefler - P



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III. Review Approval of Minutes - Adam made a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes approved.

IV. Current Agenda Additions/ Changes – VP Reports- Dan was absent.

### 1)VP Facilities Projects

Matt- Home run holes in the Fences, 2 on each field. Left, and Right. Action to add to the operating guide, add that if a ball leaves through the hole, it works the same as if the ball rolled under the fence.

Slippery Homeplate- Discussion about a plate that would not be slippery, but would not chop up the balls. Matt will talk to Dan and come up with a couple of options.

Diamond 6 repairs- Pictures were taken, and Dan was working on getting a quote. Repairs would be covered if we did not reinstall the Sun Blockers. Discussion about another type of wind blocker, such as the mesh that is used for scaffolding and construction.

First base maintenance- Speak to Pat and Dan

Make sure to keep a succession plan in mind for a replacement for Pat when he decides not to work for us anymore.

### 2) VP Finance

Nothing to report.



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### 3) VP Admin Communication

Vote was taken, we no longer need to print off agendas for meetings since it can be accessed digitally.

Twitter account will be deleted, but Facebook, Email, website and texting service to send out information to the membership.

Adam and Chandra are going to take a look at the function of the website. They will possibly create a new, easier way to update the site.

### 4) Bond Hours

Ideas for more bondable hours, or lessen the Bond Fee, since there are not enough events to make up enough hours for the Bond.

Discussion regarding what we can do for Bond:

- Possibility of having members take the Ump course and ump games to get bond hours.
- Possibility increases the forfeit cost for games missed- Refund would go back to the league, but \$25 from that forfeited amount would go to the opposing team. The extra \$25 would be added to their refund at the end of the season. \$50 for first game, \$75, \$100 for the third(ex. \$50 fee, \$25 to the league, \$25 to the team that was supposed to play)
- Idea of dropping to Bond Fee to \$300 to make it easier to make the money back.

Motions for Bond hours will be made next meeting when Paul and Sean are present.

### 5) VP Scheduling

Discussion around extending the season vs. keeping the fall league.



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At the Spring AGM, when teams sign up, have them decide if they want a longer season or a shorter one. Teams that want a longer season can extend into August and have a "Playoff" league.

Discussion about changing to two divisions. Combine Div 1 and 2, so that Div 1 and 2 don't have to play the same teams multiple teams a season. Take this option to the membership at the Spring AGM

### 6) Review/Discussion of Old Business

Batting Helmets and Pitchers Masks- currently not mandatory through SPN, as FSMSPA we will state that it is recommended to wear one, but not compulsory.

Pitchers mounds- Look at what we have for a marker for the pitchers, and make sure there is something there to mark the area, but not a tripping hazard.

### 7) Presentation of new Business

Sign contracts expired at the beginning of last season. Signed in 2011 and 2012, they were 1400 dollars. There is also an option to "Sponsor and Diamond" and re-name it. Action item to get in touch with Janelle to ensure that all sign contracts and documents are up to date.

Tyler suggests upping the fee for signs, as well as a Sponsorship for the whole diamond, allowing the company to name it and place ads on the diamonds.

Check in with the city to see if they can install a doggy bag on the path at our diamonds, since there are lots of people who use the trails near the diamonds, and lots of players who bring their dogs.

Washrooms- go to a company and get a quote for a modular washroom set up to use at the diamonds (wash car). They are also able to be locked, so we could prevent the public from using them when there are no games going on.



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Tyler was in touch with Charlene Edwards Recreation Community Co-ordinator for the City, to find out where he can apply for Grants for the League.

Stop sign for the Dog Park, Adam will speak with the city to see if they can add another Stop sign for the people exiting the Dog park, to prevent any accidents.

Fall League rules that could be added to the regular season. Votes were taken at the meeting.

- Big Ball / Small Ball - For-5 Against - 3
- 1 hour + 1 inning - For -8 Against-0
- Anticipation - For-2 Against-6
  - Anticipation on the swing For -5 Against -4
- Homerun 4-1 rule- For -8 Against -0
- Extra Hitter (one extra guy 7-4) -For -4 Against -4

Rules to be Changed for 2018-19 Season:

1 hour + 1 inning rule - Accepted  
Homerun 4-1 rule - Accepted

Rules to be tabled at a later date:

Anticipation  
Big Ball / Small Ball  
Extra Hitter

(Dan and Tara Wilson had their votes previously submitted for the rule changes)

Future Meeting Dates:

Executive Meetings - Sunday nights

January 21 - 6:00pm

March 4 - 6:00pm



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Spring AGM March 21st - 7:00pm

### VII. Adjournment

Adam adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

### ***Action Items***

- Matt and Dan research a home plate material to use.
- Chandra - Speak with Janelle regarding signs
- Get quotes for new modular washrooms (wash car) and porta potties
- Discuss options for Extended and Shorter Season.
- Adam to speak to the city at the Stop Sign for the Dog Park exit and Doggy bag signs
- Change Operating guide to add new rules - 1 hour + 1 inning, Homerun Rule 4-1 and amend rule for if a ball leaves the field through the new homerun access holes.