



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

September 10, 2017

Green Room DCC

I. Call to Order

Brian called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 6:36pm on September 10, 2017 in the Green Room DCC.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Chandra Henry - P

Brian Howie - P

Paul Kruger - P

Dan Wilson - L

Nadine Stang - A

Janelle Kimball - A

Tara Ouellet - A

Tara Wilson - L

Sean Ansell - A

Adam Henry - P

Dave Peacock - A

Matt Tremblay - A

Alanna Marklund - P

Larry Brandenburg - A



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

IV. Current Agenda Additions/ Changes – add Incident Report Form, Game cancellations (Oilers), HR Rule to Season Overview, add fencing repairs to facility updates,

V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

1) Season Overview

A few teams challenged players in the tournament, and players were eliminated.

Issues with a few teams throughout the season. Brian explained issues that were brought up with The Gang during the year end tournament, including physical altercations and threat of violence. Adam also described a situation his team experienced with The Gang as well during fall league. It was suggested that we eject this team from the league due to their actions. Further discussion will occur when Dan arrives. Discussion revisited, Dan and Tara have a conflict of interest and would like to abstain from making a decision.

Incident Report Forms need to be filled out by the umpire if there are injuries. This needs to be discussed with Larry, and at the Spring Meeting with the membership. Umpires should document injuries regardless of whether the individual injured wants to fill it out or not.

Our guidelines state that you need 7 days notice to reschedule a game. Dave will have the ultimate say. A thought to have Operating Guide in the Dugouts. Mention at Spring AGM

Music in dugouts - there is no rule against music in the dugouts, but we need to be respectful of the teams we are playing against. Mention at Spring Meeting. Perhaps a general discussion about etiquette would be appropriate.



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Discussion around potential rule changes. We are testing out a home run rule in Fall League (4+1). We may continue this in regular season.
Discussion about anticipation rule, tabled for when Larry is present.
Discussion around 1 hour and 10 minute rule and changing to 1 hour plus an inning. Tabled for when Larry is present. Discussion around potential safety rules - pitchers mask and batting helmets. To be discussed with teams at the Fall Meeting. Option to use softer balls instead.

Idea to put holes in fence for fielders to get homerun balls.

2) Upcoming Executive Meeting Dates

Postponed until later date.

3) Facility Update

Fencing Repair - backstops are bowing out, pole missing from diamond 5, etc. Dan will do a complete walk around with the fencing company to see what needs to be done.

Diamond 6 Repair - if we put the backstop to the original condition, insurance will cover the repairs. We are going to put it back. Dan is getting two quotes for insurance purposes. We will still use diamond six for league.

Pitchers plate is still present on diamond five. Needs to be removed.

It has not been easy to find shale in the quantities we are looking for. Burnco costs approximately \$1000 for a truck load of shale. We should get a truckload for each diamond. Dan played on diamonds with a shale mulch mixture and we would like to try it on a diamond.

There is a memorial plaque on the rocks by the sign entering the diamonds. The plaque is in disrepair. There was a proposal that we add a few more memorial plaques to the rocks - Jerry Noyen and Gus from Gus' Pizza. They were both a big part of the development of the diamonds. We would need to talk to the families. We discussed moving the location of the plaques, and upgrading the quality of the plaques. Dan will look into cost for a memorial rock.



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First bases were replaced with the old ones. No complaints yet.

Would like to remove a section of page wire fence wide enough for a truck and trailer to fit through. It was discussed to put in a gate.

4) Budget Update

Both income and expenses were higher than anticipated. We are still in the black.

Porta potties were a huge cost for us - we should consider shopping around or having a discussion with our current company. We also need to have a serious conversation with the city about covering a portion of the costs for porta potties as playground users are using them as well.

6) Lease

Paul has a signed copy of the lease.

7) Fall League Update

Fall league is going well. Discussion around SPN insurance for new teams.

8) Bond Hours

A member wanted to go early and do Spring Clean Up the last two years, we have allowed it in the past. Alanna is worried that word will spread and people will take advantage of it. She wanted to know if we could consider allowing this, or say it is not okay. General discussion about the overall question. We will allow opportunities for additional bond hours only when the individual contacts Alanna and the job they do can be verified.

Alanna will update the bond hours completely and get it to Paul. Nothing will be added for this season. Today will be the final date for bond hours, and cheques will be prepared. If work arises, any work from the Fall will be transferred to next year.



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VI. Presentation of New Business

1) City Permits

Paul has dealt with the issues brought forward by the city. He has had Consultech do a review of the facilities as requested by the city. In talking to Norm, there never were any permits - it was a gentlemen's agreement when the diamonds were originally developed. Permits are being done and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Issues were brought forward due to wind storm this year, and damage to a car parked in the parking lot. Suggested to put in signs saying park at your own risk in the parking lots.

2) Diamond Rentals

Adam proposed new fees for tournament rentals to be discussed over the winter. It was suggested to keep in mind that overuse of the diamonds may occur. We could limit rentals to members, or long standing renters. We could also block certain weekends throughout the season. To be discussed over the winter.

3) Vacant Exec Positions

President, Vice President, Signs, League Commissioner, Statistician, Web Site/Social Media, Secretary

Discussion around need for multiple div reps. Suggestion to have only one div rep per night. Everyone in attendance agreed.

4) Fall Meeting Agenda

Chandra will put together and send out prior to the Fall Meeting for approval.

VII. Adjournment

Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.



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Action Items

- Discuss Incident Report Form with Larry
- Add Incident Report Form to Spring Agenda
- Dan to get fencing quotes for diamond six repairs, as well as additional repairs to the fencing on all diamonds.
- Dan to look into pricing for memorial rock.
- Discuss The Gang at next meeting
- Add Fall bond hours to Fall Meeting Agenda