

Fort Saskatchewan

Mixed Slo Pitch Association

Spring AGM Meeting

March 22, 2017

DCC Lions Mane Room

I. Registration

Handouts included: Agenda, Team Registration, League Operating Guide, FSMSPA Expectations for Team Reps, Spring Clean Up Plan, 2016 Finances, 2017 Budget, Bond Program, Fall League Information Sheet, Fall League Registration Form, Team Roster

II. Call to Order

Patricia Willerton called to order the annual general meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 7:02pm on March 22, 2017 in the DCC Lions Mane Room and introduced the executive.

III. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Patricia Willerton - P	Brian Howie - P
Chandra Henry - P	Dan Wilson - P
Paul Kruger - P	Janelle Kimball - A
Nadine Stang - P	Tara Wilson - P
Tara Ouellet - P	Adam Henry - P
Sean Ansell - P	Matt Tremblay - A
Dave Peacock - P	Larry Brandenburg - P
Diane Loyer - P	Alanna Marklund - P



IV. Current Agenda Additions/ Changes – Patricia Willerton

Adding APCF Tournament after Fall League.

V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

1. Bond Program - Alanna Marklund

Alanna explained the bond program to the membership, and provided potential opportunities to earn bond hours for teams. Membership was reminded to check in and out to collect hours. Opportunities will be posted using social media.

2. Umpires Report - Larry Brandenburg

There is a great need for umpires with the addition of more teams this year. Larry put a call out to teams to ask all members if they would be interested. He will work with schedules of players to ensure they do not ump when they should be playing. Umpire Clinic will take place April 15 at the Legion at 8:30am. You can register online for the umpire clinic.

Larry also explained that the scoring plate will be removed and replaced with a scoring line. The ruling was clarified to say that the players foot must touch the line to be declared safe.

3. Projects and Maintenance – Dan Wilson

Spring Clean Up Plan was explained. It will run the same as it has in past years. Membership was requested not to go crazy on the edging this year as our maintenance person likes to work on it himself. Quads will not be needed this year as a bobcat will be on site. If possible, bring wheelbarrows. We are putting together a plan in hopes that assignments are better organized.

Dan explained the plan for spraying for weeds this season. A new set of bleachers has been ordered for diamond six so all diamonds have a set. We are also building a fence behind the viewing areas behind diamonds one and two. The setup was described to the membership, as well as the reasoning based on safety concerns.

4. Financial Report – Paul Kruger



The 2016 finances were explained to the membership. Paul explained the unexpected revenue that we earned last year, as well as the additional expenses – both due to additional teams in the league. Overall we ended up with approximately \$14000 surplus.

Paul then went through the 2017 budget. It is consistent to what we have done in the past and based on 48 teams in the league.

5. League Operating Guide - Brian Howie

Brian went over the Operating Guide. Additions have been highlighted in the document. Discussion points included the expectation that all teams complete online registration form with SPN prior to the season, warming up on the grass and not on the infield, and further clarification on the scoring line.

Team rep expectation document was provided for members to read. The main expectation is that team reps communicate with their teams and provide feedback through div reps.

Scoresheets will be provided in the team packages at Spring Cleanup. Brian highlighted the important parts of the scoresheets that need to be filled in – team names, date, time, and diamond.

6. Season Overview - Brian Howie

Important dates for the season were highlighted. See Season Overview for details.

7. Fall League - Dan Wilson

Fall league was successful last year and will be running again this year. Nothing has really changed. Deadline for registration is June 30, but returning teams were requested to let Dan know if they would be returning by June 15.

Umpires will not be provided for league play, but will be provided for the tournament.

8. AP Classic Tournament



Tournament is full, with one team on the waitlist. If anyone would like to add their name to the waitlist they were asked to talk to Letitia and Alyssa. 80's theme night on Saturday and safe rides provided for those at the diamonds. Information will be posted to the website. The foundation is still fundraising for additional items to add to the playground and put out a request for sponsors for the silent auction.

9. Committees

Patricia talked about the committees we formed (Long Term Vision and Facilities) and asked the membership about interest.

10. 20th Anniversary Tournament

Chandra discussed a potential tournament in July for the 20th anniversary of the diamonds. The membership approved the idea and some members indicated interest in a red eye tournament. There were questions about camping for the tournament, and the executive described potential options available.

11. Remind App for Rainouts

Chandra will keep the same remind code for the upcoming season. New players will need to sign up, but returning players will not have to. Details will be posted to social media, the website, and sent out through div reps.

VII. Open Feedback from Membership

No feedback.

VIII. Adjournment

Patricia Willerton adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.

Season Overview



April 15	Umpire Clinic, 8:30am Fort Legion
April 22	Spring Clean Up
April 29	Early Bird Tournament
May 1	Regular Season Start Date
May 26-28	APCF Tournament
August 11-13	Year End Tournament
August 14	Fall Season Start Date