



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

November 21, 2016

Scotiabank Room DCC

I. Call to Order

Patricia called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 6:35pm on November 21, 2016 in the Scotiabank Room DCC.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Patricia Willerton - P

Brian Howie - P

Chandra Henry - A

Dan Wilson - P

Paul Kruger - P

Janelle Kimball - A

Nadine Stang - A

Tara Wilson - P

Tara Ouellet - A

Adam Henry - A

Sean Ansell - P

Matt Tremblay - P

Dave Peacock - A

Larry Brandenburg - P

Diane Loyer - A

Alanna Marklund - P



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III. Review Approval of Minutes - Alanna Marklund

Brian Howie made a motion to approve the minutes for the September executive meeting. Dan Wilson seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.

Tara Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes for the Fall General meeting. Brian Howie seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.

IV. Current Agenda Additions/ Changes – Patricia Willerton

Add Umpire Report.

Remove Insurance Policy Update.

V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

1) League Operations Report

Brian updated operating guide according what was agreed on. Provided copies of the guide.

Registration for the league before the spring meeting is to be done online. Deadline will be before the spring meeting. If teams don't register before the deadline, they risk losing their spot in the league. SPN must be registered online.

Teams that are on the wait list must also register online and show up to the Spring meeting to keep their spot on the waitlist. Those teams that do not show up for the Spring AGM risk losing their spot. The registration and selection process is documented in the operating guide.

Pre-game warm-ups are to be done in the outfield, not on the infield.

Brian and Larry to discuss tiebreakers in the 7th inning for tournaments.

Confirmed that the safety plate is gone, and the replaced with a scoring line.

There was discussion regarding the 1hr 10min warning from Dan. Will be brought up again later.



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2) Maintenance/Projects Report

\$40,000 quote to take out all the grass in the infield per diamond. Dig out 8 inches of grass, add 4" of gravel, and 4" shale. (The grass in the middle as well as the gate edges on the infield) This will be up for discussion in the future.

Pat says keep up with trimming back the grass since the condition of the fields were good this year. Pat suggests spending a little more money on fertilizing and spraying for weeds. Dan to look at maintenance budget to see what additional amount we can spend. The push is on spraying for weeds and fertilizing. We had 2 sprays done this past year. Dan to come back with financial numbers for next meeting regarding additional lawn maintenance.

Dan brought up the issue of the spectators area behind backstops on diamond 1 and 2. There is an idea to add fencing behind the bleachers on diamond 1 and 2 to prevent home run balls from hitting the spectators. Dan to get a quote for cost from Atlantic fence. Trish suggests maybe a new bleachers that have protection included. There is discussion to check out other options to protect people from home run balls. -moving bleachers, low flight balls, or no action taken.

Diamond 6 does not have bleachers- Dan to look into options.

Larry brought up a concern about dogs being at the diamonds. He believes there may be a safety concern. There are a few leagues that do not allow dogs. The issue was taken into consideration. Possibly add signs letting people know to keep their dogs on a leash and clean up after them. Possibly ask the city add a doggy bag stand.

Larry- picnic tables are back, all painted and re-done.

Trish- check up on city bylaws regarding Public use of the land. -Liability for animals, what are our rights as a lease holder, alcohol on diamonds, etc.

There is also a suggestion to set up a fence between the beer gardens and the playground to separate the ball players having a beer from the kids playing on the playground. Need further research on whose responsibility it would be to add a fence.



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3) Finance Report

Nothing has changed from AGM. Paul to do budget for next year, so if there is additional things to be added, keep notes for Paul.

4) Vision and Growth

Motion was previously rejected to bring in facilitator, so she suggested additional meeting nights to go over our expansion/vision for the future of the league. Brian feels the survey we conducted should be considered regarding our expansion plan. Trish to create a proposal regarding the expansion plans and go over it with the executive. Goal is to be true to the membership before we put any plans into place.

Paul suggested to look at the association's bylaws again, to keep everything up to date before proceeding with expansion/vision.

5) Umpire Report

Larry- making a motion that the double header fee for umpire be raised from 31.00/hr to 32.00/hr -1.00/hr raise for local umps, and 2.00/hr raise for out of town umps. Tournaments to remain the same. Determined that the increase would cost the league about another \$600.00 per year. Seconded by Dan, all in favor to pass the motion. Motion was passed to increase wages umpires.

Larry suggested that each team has the same uniform/t-shirts to make it easier to play and see. Make sure to mention at the Spring AGM that it is suggested and encouraged to wear team colors.

VI. Presentation of New Business

1) Meeting Structure

Trish suggested to structure the meetings so that it is easier to pass motions and reduce the meeting times with informal chat at the end of the meeting. Further discussion to be made at the next meeting.



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2) 20th Anniversary

20th anniversary at the DOW fields will be this upcoming season. We will discuss at a future meeting any plans for the association.

VII. Adjournment

Patricia adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Action Items

- Dan check into maintained costs for spraying and fertilizing
- Dan to get quote and options for fencing for diamonds 1 and 2 protecting spectator area
- Dan to look into bleacher options for Diamond 6
- Trish to check up on City Bylaws regarding dogs, alcohol at site and fence possibilities between beer gardens and playground
- Trish to come up with a proposal regarding Vision and Growth and present to the executive
- Brian & Larry to clarify maximum run rule when in tiebreaker innings.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 9, 2017 Executive Meeting

March 6, 2017 Executive Meeting

March 22, 2017 Spring AGM