



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Fall General Meeting

Wednesday October 12, 2016 - Lions Mane Room DCC

I. Call to Order

Patricia Willerton called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 7:00pm on October 12, 2016 in the Lions Mane DCC.

Purpose of the meeting is to review the season.

Handouts included: Agenda, Finance Statement

II. Roll Call

The following executive members were present:

Patricia Willerton	Brian Howie	Chandra Henry
Dan Wilson	Dave Peacock	Adam Henry
Tara Ouellet	Paul Kruger	Janelle Kimball
Larry Brandenburg	Sean Ansell	Tara Wilson

III. Finance Report - Paul Kruger

Budget was distributed, and an overview was given by Paul. Overall we were above the anticipated income due to higher fees, higher unreturned bond teams, diamond rentals, additional fall league fees, and sign sales. Due to more teams, some of the expenses were higher than anticipated - umpires, field maintenance, etc. We had anticipated a shortfall of \$6000, but ended up with a surplus of approximately \$10 000. There were no questions from the membership.



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

IV. Umpire Report - Larry Brandenburg

We had new umpires this year, and a few issues were brought forward and dealt with accordingly. Throughout summer league, the umpires were able to cover every game. We had difficulties with fall league. We are always looking for new umpires. The clinic will be on April 16, 2017.

We had a pool of 17 umpires to choose from, and at times it was difficult to find umpires for all games.

V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

1. Feedback from Season - Brian Howie

The floor was opened to the membership for feedback for the season. Positive feedback was presented in regards to the new playground and the updates to the parking lot.

It was brought forward that our lack of homerun rule may be an issue. The majority feel that it is not needed. As an executive, we will discuss it over the winter.

Bleachers were requested for diamond six. We will look into some type of seating for this diamond for next season.

There was still some confusion on when rainouts are to be called. The process was explained to the membership. There are two sides, diamond condition and player safety. If no call has been made beforehand, you are required to show up for your games.

Next year we are going to do registration a little bit differently. In the past it has all been done on the night of the meeting, next year we are going to have all teams register online prior to the meeting so that we can contact new teams and make a decision on who is in the league and who is not. We do have a waiting list for new teams. More details will be posted online.



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

2. Facilities Update - Dan Wilson

We will be looking into options for spraying for weeds and fertilizing our outfields for the next season. We have done one application for weeds this fall, and will do another in the spring.

We are also looking into the cost of removing the grass infields, and may try to do one or two diamonds if it is feasible.

Feedback was requested from the membership in regards to the new bases. Most of the membership seemed happy with them. The issue of umpires being aware of the brushes for the bag was brought forward. Membership was informed that there is a brush in each shale box.

We are also looking into installing some fencing to protect spectators from homerun balls.

3. Fall League - Dan Wilson

Feedback was requested from the membership for fall league. Those who played had fun, and the lack of umpires did not affect game play for most teams.

We are looking at restructuring the fall league a bit into divisions. A vote was taken and teams wanted to stay on the same nights as opposed to splitting into divisions.

Some suggestions were five run innings, or five inning games. Teams were interested in playing a few double headers in the first few weeks if possible.

Game balls were an issue, and will be distributed next year.



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

4. SPN Registration - Chandra Henry

The online SPN registration went smoothly from the executive time. We will use the same process for future seasons, and anticipate that it will be easier on team reps for future seasons. Feedback was requested from the membership.

5. Member Satisfaction Survey - Chandra Henry

The membership was thanked for their participation in the survey. We received a lot of valuable feedback, which we will use to guide our decisions in regards to the association's growth.

VI. Elections

TT3 Div Rep

Chandra Henry nominated Matt Tremblay, Dan Wilson seconded. A vote was taken, all were in favor.

VII. General Feedback

Questions about whether teams that were not in the league were able to participate in the tournaments.

The membership was thankful for the executive and the ability to be able to play in our league.

A long term team commented on the amazing quality of the diamonds this year. It was mentioned that the maintenance this year has been the best they have seen.

We are removing the safety plate, and replacing it with a commitment line. It will be chalked out. Touching the batters mat will result in an out.



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Parking is much better with the improvements made by the city. A reminder was given that no one is to park in front of the gates.

Questions regarding washrooms with running water. At this point, we are planning on discussing with the developer in the area.

Questions about food on site during the league games were brought forward. We will look into options, if we can find an interested vendor.

Janelle informed the membership about the option to purchase signs to sponsor the league.

VIII. Adjournment

Patricia Willerton adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.