



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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## Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

**January 18, 2016**

***Pacesetter Room DCC***

### I. Call to Order

Patricia called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 6:37pm on January 18, 2016 in the Pacesetter Room DCC.

### II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Patricia Willerton	Chandra Henry
Brian Howie	Adam Henry
Larry Brandenburg	Dave Peacock
Dianne Loyer	Janelle Kimball
Tara Wilson	Dan Wilson

### III. Review Approval of Minutes - Chandra Henry

Chandra went through the minutes from last meeting. Brian Howie made a motion to approve the minutes. Dianne Loyer seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.



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### IV. Current Agenda Additions/ Changes – Patricia Willerton

Add rental contract update after umpire report.

### V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

#### 1. Changes to Operation Guide

Additions to the league operating guide include the following:

Payment must be made at the Spring Meeting and if payment is not made, your spot may be given to another paying team.

Players must be approved by the League Commissioner or delegate to play in the year end tournament.

If an umpire is not present, you are required to umpire the game yourself and report to your div rep.

Teams will no longer be withheld from playing until their registration form has been submitted. We will charge \$100/week from the bond fee until the form is submitted, with possibility of suspension.

The rule that states “No new innings to start after 1 hour and 10 minutes have been played” has been highlighted due to issues in the past. Will add games can not be called before 1 hour 10 minutes unless due to weather or darkness.

This year we are going to trial a policy of rescheduling forfeits. Fees for the rescheduling of a game will be paid out of the forfeiting teams bond money.



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### 2. 2016 Season Dates

Spring Cleanup: April 16, 2016 (If weather does not permit, will be moved to April 23, 2016)

Early Bird Tournament: April 24, 2016

Season Start: April 25, 2016

Year End Tournament: August 5-7, 2016

Early start times (6:15pm/7:45pm) until May 15. Reminders will need to be sent to teams through div reps.

### 3. Lawnmower Options

Dan received quotes from Deerland for brand new lawn mowers, with the ability to pull a utility trailer. He presented each quote to the executive, giving a brief description of each tractor as well as his recommendation.

Dan Wilson made a motion to buy a new 2015 John Deere Z435 with a 54" deck for \$4404.75. Brian Howie seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.

### 4. Diamond Six Upgrades

Dan presented a quote to extend the poles and install 16 foot safety netting on diamond six. The purpose of the safety netting would be to help protect the children playing in the playground. The total cost is \$5979.75.

Larry and Brian brought up the possibility of asking the Polanski Foundation to fence the playground appropriately to protect the children. This idea will be carried forward to the next meeting. Patricia will have a discussion with the Polanski Foundation prior to the next meeting.

Dan also presented a quote to make diamond six usable - the quote included extending the backstop five feet, installing privacy slats, and to reinforce the backstop to withstand high winds. The total cost is \$13 928.25. General discussion about the number of teams that can be brought in with the full



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use of diamond six versus the cost of the project. Dan to request how long the project would take to complete, and what kind of guarantee there is on the work. A final decision will be made at the next meeting after Dan comes back with more information.

### 5. Umpire Report

Umpire Clinic will be April 23. The rates will remain the same for umpires per game throughout the season (\$31/game for a double header, \$40/game for a single game). We are going to try further advertising this through social media, as well as putting an advertisement in the paper. Chandra and Brian will coordinate advertising.

Larry Brandenburg made a motion that the rates go up to \$34/game for the year end tournament. The SPN rate is \$36/game. Dan Wilson seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.

### 6. Tournament Contract Review

Fees are still \$1600 for the weekend, asking for a \$800 damage deposit. Discussion regarding whether we should keep the fees the same, and it was decided that we would not change the fees this year as there are already teams interested.

General discussion regarding a booking fee. Dave Peacock made a motion that rentals will be required to pay a non-refundable \$200 booking fee, with the remainder of the payment to be made two weeks prior to the tournament. Janelle Kimball seconded. Vote was taken, all were in favour and the motion was passed.

This will be added to our rental contract. We will also add the requirement of signatures stating that both parties agree to the terms of the contract.



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### 7. Breakaway Base Update

Bases have not been ordered. Dan will talk to Sean and a set will be ordered for the start of the season.

### 8. Lease/Playground/Development

Lease is signed. The city is working on the parking lot extension. We are waiting on playground design from the Polanski's regarding impact on access to the field.

### 9. Survey

There were several good points brought up in our discussion on the association plan. We are going to form a sub committee to pull together a survey. Janelle and Chandra will work on the survey. Will be ready for presentation by the next meeting.

## VI. Presentation of New Business

### 1. Fall Season

Dan and Tara presented a proposal for a Fall Season directly following our Year End Tournament. General discussion regarding the details of the proposal - maximum twenty teams, ten games per team, \$500 registration fee, two games per week, self umped, tournament on September 24-25 with umpires. League will be based on the operating guide that we have for regular season. Adam will help with statistics for Fall League. Dave will help build the initial schedule. Larry to confirm with Trevor from SPN on the insurance side whether teams need to re-register if they are already part of our regular league. Dan and Tara need to determine a minimum number of teams to run the Fall League.



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## 2. Association Positions

Discussion regarding whether or not div reps are necessary for each division. We will leave the positions as is, and will try to fill them at the Spring AGM. If we are unable to fill the positions, we may look at restructuring our div rep positions.

## VII. Adjournment

Patricia adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.

## ***Action Items***

- Brian to add to League Operating Guide that no game will end prior to 1 hour and 10 minutes unless due to weather or darkness.
- Patricia to follow up with the Polanski regarding the playground design, including safety features of the playground with close proximity to ball diamonds.
- Dan to follow up with Atlantic fence regarding timeframe to complete work on diamond six, as well as what the company's guarantee is on their work.
- Chandra and Janelle to create a survey based on the results of association plan discussion. To be presented in February meeting.
- Chandra to book room for additional meeting in February on the week of the 8th.
- Brian and Chandra to determine advertising for Spring AGM and Umpire Clinic.
- Larry to confirm insurance coverage for Fall League with SPN.
- Dianne to update Rental Contract to include new booking fee, and lines for signatures.
- Dan to talk to Sean regarding breakaway bases, and order one set to trial for this season.
- Dan and Tara to decide on minimum number of teams to run Fall League.