



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

June 12, 2016

Scotiabank Room DCC

I. Call to Order

Brian called to order the executive meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association at 7:03pm on June 12, 2016 in the Scotiabank Room DCC.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

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

III. Review Approval of Minutes - Chandra Henry

Chandra went through the minutes from last meeting. Dan Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes. Alanna Marklund 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 online registration to operations.

Add rental contract to facilities.

Add bond hours after communication.

V. Review/Discussion of Old Business

1) Protocol

There was some feedback about game cancellations for both the early bird and league games. Discussion about who makes the call - Dan makes the call if the diamonds are at risk. From a safety point of view it is Larry or Brian. Dan and Larry are able to delegate this task to others, but Chandra must confirm authority prior to posting.

2) Important Dates

September 11 - Exec Meeting

October 1 (Rainout October 3) - Fall Cleanup

October 12 - Fall General Meeting

November 21- Exec Meeting

January 9- Exec Meeting

March 6- Exec Meeting

March 22- Spring AGM

3) Registration

SPN online registration went smooth. We will continue with it in the future. For league registration we want to make it a requirement that every team register online. Registration will be open to all teams, with priority given to returning teams. Registration will be closed one week prior to the AGM. For the first year, we will contact teams from the 2016 teams that have not registered by the deadline. Payment is required at the AGM and if a team is not present to pay, their spot will go to the next team in line.



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4) Diamond Six

Diamond six feedback is negative. There are still issues with the sun in the pitchers eyes as the shade does not block a large enough area. We will play out the games on diamond six, will continue to collect feedback, and may form a committee to work on the problem in the future. We may throw the request to the membership for alternative solutions to the problem, besides not using the diamond.

Diamond six was left as a mess after the tournament that used it for events. The outfield had a number of safety hazards due to equipment used to bring stages into the diamonds. The tournament organizers were not charged a deposit, in the future we will need to collect a deposit from them. We will also add to the contract that ball diamonds are only to be used for playing ball during tournaments.

5) Breakaway Bases

Feedback on the bases has been generally positive. No injuries have happened so this season from sliding. Questions were raised about the issues with first base, and we are going to have our maintenance crew work on them. The umpires are going to need to take charge in cleaning off the bases prior to returning the tops to the base after a slide.

5) Future Projects

At the Half Nuts tournament, they brought in a 3000 gal water truck to spray down each diamond, it is not a feasible option for water. We will be looking at the new options going forward with the city as development moves closer to the diamonds. We need a water source before looking into other possibilities for watering our diamonds.

There is a large portion of our membership that dislikes our grass infield, and we will look into removing them. Over the winter, Dan will research contractors and see what our options are. If the diamonds were all shale,



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they would be easier to maintain as well. There were mixed feelings among the membership about whether removal of the grass infields is necessary, but we did agree that it was worth looking into.

6) Concessions

We would like to have volunteers run a concession at our tournaments with funds going back to the league. Whatever Walter is going to run a concession at our year end tournament, with proceeds going to charity. Dan and Tara will organize a concession at the Fall tournament with proceeds going to our league.

7) Tournament Committee

Next year, we would like to run more tournaments out of our diamonds to generate more money for our league. To do this, we need a dedicated group of people to plan and execute them. As well, we need to ensure we have member engagement. There was a brief discussion about how to further reach members besides through their team reps.

8) Umpire Feedback

Umpire concerns have been brought forward regarding the time limits, and there has been a discussion with Larry. Those umpires involved have been spoken to. As Larry was not present, this discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

9) Rental Contract

We need to add an inclement weather policy to the rental contract. If we cancel the use of the field, we will refund the tournament organizers. If part of the rental is used, we will prorate it.

We should also include a waiver to release personal contact information on our website for tournament organizers.



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10) Finance Update

The current revenue includes four more teams than anticipated, a few diamond rentals, and sign rentals which brings us higher than budgeted. Overall we are anticipating to generate an income by the end of the year.

11) Survey Results

Chandra went through the survey summary with the membership. The results will be posted to our website and social media. Overall, the survey was a success.

12) Playground Update

Playground is currently under construction.

13) Bond Hours

Bond hours were accumulated at the APCF tournament. In the future, we would like to reach a broader audience in regards to volunteer opportunities for this tournament. APCF is currently looking for volunteers to help build the playground. This opportunity has been shared with our membership through social media, and the use of div reps.

14) Fall League Update

Currently we have four teams registered, with a few more expressing interest. Registration will open to the public June 15. The minimum to run the league is eight with a maximum of twenty. If we only have eight teams, we may need to look at combining M/W and T/T into one league. A discussion will occur when necessary. Payment for the team registered will be collected once the league has reached the minimum number of registrants.



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VII. Adjournment

Brian adjourned the meeting at 8:43pm.

Action Items

- Patricia to talk to city about parking lot details, and dog park layout. The parking lot still does not have the barriers we were told it would to help with parking and vandalism. The dog park appears to be in a different area than was indicated in the rec master plan, taking away the space we have for future growth.
- Discuss expectations with Larry about who is able to make the call on rain outs.
- Have div reps inform all teams about the updated injury report form.
- Chandra to add membership engagement to next executive meeting.
- Chandra book rooms for upcoming meetings.
- Dianne to add to the rental contract that ball diamonds are only to be used for playing ball during tournaments. We also need to add an inclement weather policy to the rental contract. If we cancel the use of the field, we will refund the tournament organizers. If part of the rental is used, we will prorate it. We should also include a waiver to release personal contact information on our website for tournament organizers.
- Chandra to send survey results to Brian to post to website.
- Chandra to post survey results to social media.
- Dan to research removal of grass infield.