



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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## Minutes

Spring AGM - March 21, 2018 7:00PM  
Lions Mane - DCC

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### Call to Order/Introductions

#### Lottery Draw-

48 teams- 52 have registered. 2 teams did not show for the AGM. Three teams that have shown up to the AGM will be accepted into the league to make a total of 49 teams for the 2018 Season.

### Current Agenda Additions/Changes

#### VP Reports

- **VP League/Operations**

- Spring and Fall season

Spring and Fall will commence, same as 2017. Possible changes for 2019- Fall league will become a playoff League, instead of something separate. Umps will be present if this is the case.

Feedback from the membership:

- Possible Changes for 2019 Season
  - Possible online survey next year to get member feedback.
- Overview New Rule changes
  - Homerun 4-1 rule - Accepted Standard SPN rule. Hit up to 4 home runs. 5th home run is an out. Once the other team hits 4, then it becomes a 1-1.
  - 1 hour + 1 inning rule - Accepted Games will be limited to one hour, plus one inning that is open ended. (finish the current inning, and add one more) Concern from the



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membership- With running the bases during a home run, it may cut the game short from wasted time. - Look at the rule in the future if there are issues- Jelaney

- Anticipation on the swing only.- Accepted -Stealing bases are not permitted.
- Big Ball / Small Ball: will be trialed in Fall League
- Extra Hitter: will be trialed in Fall League

○ Team/Division Alignment - n/a

○ SPN Team Registration

Ensure everyone signs up for SPN this is crucial. New teams need to register, and members can sign up at anytime.

### ● **VP Facilities/Projects**

○ Facility Update

- Washcart Project

League has purchased a washcar for use at the diamonds. Mens- 2 toilets 6 urinals 6 sinks- Ladies 6 toilets 6 sinks. Will be in concession area by the park. Cost: less than half of what it did for porta-potties to maintain. Will know real maintenance costs after the season.

Porta-potties will not be next to the diamonds, washcart will be the only washrooms on site. Conversation has happened with the City, and they declined any interest to help. It will be owned by FSMSPA, open only during ball hours. Should be installed and ready to go by the start of the season. Cost total estimated: \$32,000-\$35,000

- Hole in Fence (homerun) -FSMPSA will go in and cut holes in the back fences so that outfield players can go grab the ball. -Spring Clean up. Dan to Build brackets.
- Diamond 6 Repairs- Contractors are waiting to fix diamond 6 until the weather improves. Should be done in early April.

### ● **VP Finance**

○ Budget Update

Total reserves: 73,447.01

Gain loss from previous year: 6,536.85

2018 expected to have a 24,000 net shortfall for an estimated 2018



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ending balance of 49,000

### Umpire Update

#### Bond Program

- Bond Hours
  - Umpire Clinic for bond hours- 2 hours worth of bond if you participate in the Ump Clinic. Total of 2 hours per team.
  - Sign Commitment for Bondable Hours- 10 Bond hours rewarded if your team can get a company to sponsor a sign.
  - Sean will be speaking with Pat for Bond Hour opportunities
  - Membership concern: Volunteer Canada's rate is \$24.00/hour. -we operate at \$20.00 per hour. ACTION ITEM: Table to the next executive meeting.

#### Presentation of Various Business

- Changes to Rental Contract
- Previously \$1600.00 total for all the diamonds for the weekend. It is now \$150.00 per day per diamond. (Fridays nights are comped) This could bring more of an income to the League, or possibility of multiple small tournaments at one time.
- AP Classic Tournament
  - Volunteers for bond hours again.
  - Superhero / Villian night on Saturday. Band Performance and Free Camping. Above ground fires are acceptable.
- Signs Update
  - 10 hours worth of bond for finding a company to sponsor. Original Joes, Brewhouse, Pots and Evolution sports is providing discounts for members.-Will be handed out in Packages at Spring Clean Up.
- Spring Clean Up Plan
  - We will be doing the hole cutting in the fence, bring tools if possible. (Pliers and side cutters)
  - Setting up garbage can, clean dugouts, weeding, setting up bases and home run bases, checking on pitchers mounds bases.
  - Diamonds 1,2,3,5 shale has already been spread- racking



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would be acceptable, but we do not need to do edging.

- City Plans for Park (doggy bags, stop signs)
  - Stop sign has been installed. Doggy bags will also be installed.
- Larry
  - Always looking for Umpires. It is possible to play and Ump. Clinic April 21- 8:30am-1:00pm - 10 slots left. Fee to become registered Ump is 70.00. It is paid \$29.00 per game, generally double headers. Online registration for SPN, rule book is on there, and you can write the test. There is no fee unless you want to become a carded umpire. Need of new Umpires, and young umpires.
  - SPN Incident forms are required.
  - Game Sheets- Sheets must have first and last name.
  - Winning team will put the game sheets in the slot at the beer garden at the end of the game.
  - To make game effective time- Hustle in and out, have line up ready at the beginning of the game.
  - Rainouts: Call is made around 5pm, but not all the time. Sometimes it is only the first game cancelled, second game might still be a go. Make sure to pay attention to Social Media.
- Next meeting Date
  - **Clean up Date- April 21st, rainout April 28th**
  - **Early Bird Date- April 29th**
  - **First Game Day- April 30th**
- Volunteer Position Available for Treasurer
  - Britney Van Dyke was nominated- Accepted. All in favour. Britney is the new treasurer for FSMSPA
- Questions from Membership
  - Chandra- Twitter account will be deleted
  - Instagram account has been added- submit photos for fun!
  - Text Service- please ensure everyone from your team is signed up.
  - Bond Hours may also be sent via text service.
  - Year End Concession- Still able for the Autism Fundraiser.
  - Home run rule Concern: worried that a power hitter will line



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- drive the in-field players if they would be out for a home run
- Batters Helmet: SPN states that a batting helmet is recommended. FSMSPA will be following SPN rules in this regard. As well as pitchers masks.