



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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## Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

**May 30th, 2021**

**Google Meet - Home**

I. Call to Order at 8:00p.m.

### II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry - P	Dan Wilson - P
Nadine Stang - P	Chandra Henry - A
Larry Brandenburg - P	Tara Wilson - A
Rob Hall - P	Jamie Stodgell - P
Dave Peacock - A	John Holden - P
Alanna Marklund - P	Ashley Erickson - A
Kyler Baxter - A	

#### • **VP League/Operations**

- Alberta Restrictions will most likely be lifted
- Will need registration started ASAP.
  - June 1st start of registration - will run for 10 days.
  - Ideally will be planning to start the first game of the season for June 21st.
  - Registration fee was discussed. There is an option to charge full fee with the option to refund.



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- \$200 fully refundable bond - there for forfeits - not volunteer hours. (Normally it is a \$400.00 bond, but since volunteer hours are eliminated - we have reduced again to \$200 like the 2020 season.)
- \$1400.00 is normal registration.
- 2020 - teams were charged \$800 fee and \$200 bond for the season = \$1000.00 (approx 80.00 per game)
- **Based on discussion: Executive Committee has decided to charge \$1200.00 for registration and \$200.00 for fully refundable bond for a total of \$1400.00 based on about 14 games. Executive Board is all in agreement.**
  
- **VP Facilities/Projects**
  - There was previous talks about fencing off the open field to prevent people from driving. Dan got a quote from the Atlantic fence, and for about \$18,000 we can get all the posts installed. Will help get the fence started, and become a deterrent for driving.
  - The Executive Board has decided to purchase the posts and have them installed. Fencing to be installed later.
  - The shale is already done and spread out.
  
- **VP Finance**
  - Wawanesa - Not working well for us now. Will be looking for another provider.
  - Insurance claim for the dugout. We will need to pay \$1000.00 deductible.
  
- **Start up Packages**
  - Will need to buy some envelopes - each one labeled with the team names. Jamie to keep the envelope and when a team pays, Jamie will hand them the start up package.
  - Board members to see if they can get a few things from businesses for the startup package. Dan to check with Don in Leduc
  
- **Social Media**
  - Chandra would like to step down from social media.
  - Jamie Stodgell will take over for social media posts.



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- **Signs**
  - No signs for 2021 season.
- **Umpire Update**
  - Larry is recommending that each team has their own supply of balls. Home Team supplies the balls for each game. There was discussion on how this could work for the 2021 season.
    - Decided that we will need to run the numbers to see how many balls we will need to give out in order to do this.
      - Currently we have 27 dozen mens, and 12 dozen ladies ordered.
    - 700 Games approx - **will need to order about 3 more dozen mens balls to ensure all the teams are equip with their own balls, instead of relying on the umps.**
    - **We will try this for the 2021 season. Jamie will be sure to give the balls out with the start up packages.**
- **Tournaments**
  - Polanski has asked for a 2 year extension on their annual tournament waived fee. Executive board has agreed that Polanski Tournament can extend their agreement for 2 more years to make up for the lost years due to covid.
- **Grants**
  - DOW centennial will not be renewing their naming rights with us. The city said it will remain the DOW fields until we can find someone to sponsor the diamonds. And this must still be approved by the city.
  - Throughout the season and the off season, we can look at options for naming rights.
- New ways to bring in Income
  - Idea: Have a 50/50 draw at registration.
  - Tack on an extra \$1000.00 per team for registration.
    - Each team is provided tickets to sell - and it becomes a fundraiser
    - Each team has to sell 100 tickets - (10 tickets per person on each team)
    - 50/50 - The profits - half go to the league, and the rest of the tickets draw winners. (with 48 teams, we can make about \$24,000 a year)



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- Would need to look into getting a gaming license.
  - May need to look into a charitable number.
    - Rob will ask Minor sports how they operate to see what we would need to have to make this happen.
    - Chad? - plays in the league - works for liquor and gaming. He might be of some assistance.
  - This would bring income into the league to be used for maintenance, diamond upgrading, events etc.
  - Chance to win money back, and chance to help our diamonds. All profits would be going back to the league for upgrades and improvements.
  - Will not be doing it for the 2021 season - but perhaps maybe 2022. Legalities will have to be worked out first.
  - Dan also recommends the potential to make money off the concession on a nightly basis. - Selling hot dogs and burgers and snacks - running a mini concession. Another thought for the following years. Option to tender the concession out for a company to run it. Takes liability off of the league.
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- **Season Dates:**
    - FSMSPA Tournament to be booked tentatively for Aug 6,7,8
    - There will still be 3 full weeks of season play following that.
  
  - **Meeting Dates:**
    - June 27th - Next Executive Meeting.