



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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## 2023 Spring AGM

**March 22, 2023**

**Dow Centennial Centre, Lion's Pride Room**

I. Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

### II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry - A	Alyssa Van Hecke - P
Nicole Strauss - P	Jamie Stodgell - P
Dan Wilson - P	Dave Peacock - A
Tara Wilson - P	Larry Brandenburg - P
Nadine Stang - P	Mark Boyle - P
Ryan Dow - P	

- **League/Operations**

- Council introductions
- 2022 season review - playoffs for first time, went well
- A lot of forfeits last year
- This year 42 teams registered, last year 37
- SPN roster must be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Div 1 and Div 2 may play a few games against each other because of low enrollment in Div 1 – unless a few more teams sign up
- Playoffs may be into first week of September



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- Our league follows SPN rules, with some exceptions (refer to the FSMSPA League Operating Guide)
- Player eligibility – can pick up players from other teams, try to get from same Div or lower
- Forfeit rule changed to 48 hr notice – fines for forfeit
- Weather – call will be made by 5:30, do not ask the League, it will be posted. Go to the diamonds unless it is called or else it will be a forfeit.
- Players must play at least 6 games to play in playoffs, league will be looking at this more closely.
- Home team only to submit the score and only 1 person. Last year the League had multiple people entering scores. That makes it confusing and time consuming.
- No roster additions after July 1
- Warm up on grass, not on shale
- At hour, Ump to say last inning
- 6/4 players (male and female)
- Base runner touches mat anywhere when running home, they are out
- Home run, player must round bases, no walk-offs
- Outfielder only get home run ball if easy to see
- Music rule added this year – music must be appropriate for a family environment and at a reasonable volume. Ump should only ask to turn it down, not off
- Asked everyone if they wanted to try the 1 and 1 rule (start with 1 strike, 1 ball) for early bird tournament or instead of having 6:15 games and nobody wanted it, so it will not be used.
- Bat regulations – posted on FB and website – only certain stamps can be used, change to stamp. Some bats from a few years ago may not be good anymore. Umps to check more often – early on it will be a warning and you will be asked to put your bat away. Further in the season the coach and player get ejected if not using the correct bat
- M/W Rep and T/T Rep to become Team Rep – agreed to by council at meeting
- Executive council positions available – Team rep, Signs



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coordinator, Bond coordinator.

- Mike Oliver voted in as Team Rep.
- Nadine Stang voted in as Bond Rep.

- **Facilities/Projects**

- Lots of work was completed on the diamonds last year. Spent a lot of money on the work last year.
- New equipment – chalking machine, new magnetic bases coming in (on back order, hopefully be ready to install by May long)
- Want something for foul lines. The League needs ideas.
- New Diamond is called Diamond 0. Hopefully have it ready by playoffs.
- Dugouts one of the next big things to work on
- Netting on back end diamond 6
- New trophies, 3 or 6, depends on playoff series
- Cigarette butts have become a major issue, paying a lot for clean-up. Pails at each diamond should be utilized. Tournaments are the worst, and will be closely watched. Will be fines for problems. If it does not improve, there will be no smoking at the diamonds, and the League will make a smoking section.

- **Finance**

- Budget - added miscellaneous items to the budget
- Off on playoff prizes last year, spent a lot more than projected
- Most money spent went to diamond updates
- Fees:
  - \$50 Early Bird Tournament (optional)
  - \$1,400 season
  - \$400 Bond (refundable)
  - \$150 playoffs

- **Signs/Grants**

- Reaching out to businesses for player perks
- Any businesses that want to sponsor diamonds contact the League
- Got new signs for camping and executive parking stalls



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- **Umpire Update**

- Umpire Clinic Sat April 22 at the Legion at 9:00
- Always looking for Umps
- Not necessary to go to clinic but helps
- To become a carded umpire, go on SPN website, take exam, and pay fee
- Umpire clinic - get 2 bond hours
- When Ump does not show up, home team should email the league - can use another carded Ump if available (sometimes they are at the diamonds)
- League players that Ump games (carded Umps) get bond hours for their team

- **Bond Program**

- \$400 bond
- Every hour is \$20 per bond
- Lots of bond opportunities, make sure you sign in and out to ensure your time is captured
- Will put some of these opportunities on FB
- Can go into a deficit if you have forfeit fees

- **Special Projects**

- Camping – working to amend league
- City not allowing wood fires because no water bib, propane may be allowed (was previously)
- League talking about doing more with camping area
- City plans on coming down to check more often, could get fined from city for not following rules
- Looking into new bleachers – in budget, likely aluminum instead of wood, foul poles, more trees for shade, more parking, netting

- **Tournaments**

- Andy Polanski classic – May 26-28
- Bond hours available
- Fully booked for tournaments except 2 long weekends for field maintenance if needed. If the grounds are good, the League will book those weekends.
- No rainout days for League tournaments



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- **Communications**

- TeamSnap – main communication through here.
- All teams will be deleted and re-entered this year
- Rain-out messaged through Team Snap and on FB and website
- SPN rosters – register spn.ca
- Talking about adding games to the website so they are available to everyone
- Do not contact league for standings – they will get entered when able

- **New Business**

- Still looking for a company for naming rights – no longer Dow, the city wants a lot of money.
- Looking at having a league skills competition at year-end tournament – anyone want to help or have ideas contact the league
- Banquet still being discussed but not sure if happening this year

- **Dates**

- April 22 spring clean up
- April 29 alternate spring clean up
- April 30 early bird tournament
- May 1 league starts
- July 1 SPN rosters finalized
- July 1 teams to confirm participation in year-end tournament and playoffs
- Aug 12-13 year-end tournament
- Aug 14 playoffs start
- If early bird canceled people will get \$50 back
- Year-end tournament may have to start on the Friday if a lot of teams like last year

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:48 pm