



# Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

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### Executive Meeting

**February 11, 2024**

**Google Meet - Home**

I. Call to Order at 8:52 p.m.

### II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

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

- **League/Operations**

- Registration similar as other years, will take as many teams as we can get. Registration form made.
- Same divisional alignment, but move some teams to different divisions.
- Meeting with City - they wanted the league to move rocks by diamond 4 to restrict access, but no longer want this because it causes a barrier in case of emergency. Want posts with a chain across instead. City will help with posts.
- City talking about creating a bike park, one option is to make it beyond Diamond 5 at the tree line. City would work with FSMSPA. If they put it here there wouldn't be a parking lot for it so they would help FSMSPA



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such as: help with our parking lot, pay for some of our bathrooms, put in a permanent bathroom structure, etc. There are other location options, it's still in talks right now.

- Season fees - haven't raised them in a long time. Costs are going up. Last few years we spent a lot on special projects.
  - Adam motions an increase in fees, Jamie seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried. \$100/team raise.
- **Facilities/Projects**
    - Need a new vehicle to replace the old lawn tractor, the old one keeps breaking down. A few options - best would be bare bones side by side. Went to ENS - Kawasaki - quoted \$14,000. Need it for utility work everyday. This is a discounted rate for non-for profit. Next equipment league buys should be new with warranty, don't pay for something used.
    - See how many teams register first - see what the income would be to be able to purchase this equipment.
    - Shale pile will have to move.
    - Diamond 0 grass, talk to Noyen - see if they will seed and fertilize it again, this was part of the deal so they should.
    - Foul lines trenched in instead of chalk, it costs too much to chalk - main project for spring.
    - Discussion with the city last year was that they would start charging for rentals - haven't had the discussion to know how much yet.
  - **Finance**
    - Discrepancies - projected \$141,000 income of but only had \$116,000 income. Less advertising and \$10,000 less in diamond rentals than expected - less weekend rentals for tournaments and didn't get as much sponsorship as hoped. Jamie is going to send out communications to all businesses in town for sponsorship.
    - Upms cost more than expected, anticipate they will ask for a raise.
    - Power was more than budgeted.
    - Big spend was bathrooms - double the price from the year before.
    - Additional costs were also out from the budget.
    - Last year the league had many big spends - bases, chalker, bleachers, field maintenance.
    - Increase in fees will help in covering some costs.
    - In bank currently - ~\$16,000 but have to pay TeamSnap \$3,200 soon.
    - Need money from signs.



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- **Tournaments**

- 17 weekends booked, includes our year-end tournament and Andy Polanski - these 2 tournaments there is no profit to the league. 15 tournament weekends rented (make income).
- 5 weekends open currently.
- Year-end league tournament - won't reschedule a make-up weekend.
- Need to make edits to the tournament contract - add that only propane pits are allowed.
- APCF - 10 year contract is up, would like to extend the contract for another 10 years. Adam motions, Dan seconds, all in favor, nobody opposed. Motion is carried. APCF needs a written contract - Adam to do.
- Rent only 15 tournaments and leave the other weekends open.
- Deposit for tournament sent in with contract.
- Possible to bump people for others if needed.

- **Dates**

- Spring AGM - March 19
- Early bird - April 28
- First day of season April 29
- League tournament Aug 10, 11
- Last day league games Aug 1
- Registration to open in a week
- Aug 12 - playoffs start - to Aug 29
- Give crossover option again
- Fall AGM - Nov 6

- **New Business**

- Jamie - Ladies League - Beaumont - run by NSA. Want to bring it to Fort Sask because it is closer for players, they like the Fort. This league has its own balls, and its own umps. Ballpark cost Jamie is proposing - 16 Fridays, \$500 a pop. Would rake diamonds when done. Tournament in August usually.
- Dan - Porta potties would need to be cleaned out, this would be an extra cost. Maybe a late Friday night clean-out if possible.
- Alyssa motions to make Ladies league an extra renter of the diamonds, Dan seconds, all in favor, nobody opposed. Motion carried.
- Dan and Adam propose to get costs for extra clean-out of porta-potties before recommending a cost for the Ladies League.
- Trees - want to plant some on the grounds.



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- Dugouts being built this year.
- APCF - would like a contract to build dugouts.
- **Other**
- Need an incentive for teams to play in the year-end tournament - used to get 30+ teams. Fine for canceling and no-shows. Need to generate interest.
- Once playoffs came about, some teams wondered why play in the tournament.
- Year end tournament - liquor and food sales - help with prizing costs, brings in extra money to the league.
- To do another league survey like we did in 2016 - facilities, tournament, etc. Ruffled off a bat for participants, maybe do the same.
- Send more communications to the FaceBook group with information and through TeamSnap.
- AGM - need at least 1 representative to attend, could accommodate more people, let it be known that not only 1 has to come.
- Looked to see how many games get to 7 innings, not including mercies - around 70% make it to 7 innings. Adam recommends having only 5 or 6 runs per inning cap instead of 7, might help with finishing games and mercies not as quick. Increase games from 1 hr to 1 hr and 5 min before ump has to make call on last inning. Need to have a meeting with Umps at the beginning of year to make sure they are on the same page.
- Adam motions to make it limited to 6 runs per inning, Jamie seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.
- Alyssa motions to add 5 minutes to make it 65 minutes, Dan seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.
- Make sure Umps know the rules.
- Pat is retired, he may still cut long grass on the hill. Dennis Stelmach has someone interested in doing the job. Can't pay Tara and have her on executive. Alyssa to send the contact to Dan and Tara to discuss what he would like to do.
- Provincials - June 9, 10. League to host provincials - Dan motions, Alyssa seconds, all in favor, no one opposed. Motion carried.
- Executive league members - all staying this season.

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:17 pm