



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

2024 Spring AGM

March 19, 2024
Pioneer House

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 - A
Ryan Dow - P	Michael Oliver - A

- **League/Operations**

- Introductions of council
- 43 teams registered.
- Division alignment – some teams moved; team names were read out.
- Friday nights – ladies league, previously been playing out of other places, happy to be in one place. League to receive \$400 a night from them – good revenue for the league.
- Lease – city will start charging rental fee, don't know what it will be yet.



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- Increase in fees by \$100
- New rules on website and in league operating guide
 - 6 run cap on innings
 - Added 5 minutes - play an hour and 5 minutes and then one more inning
- Playoff will occur again with crossover option again
- Home team to enter score on website
- Start using TeamSnap as well for scores
- Scores/standings will get updated as able

- **Facilities/Projects**
 - Need a new side by side, haul stuff from diamond to diamond
 - Talking to ENS cycles
 - Foul lines to be trenched in. Need a ditch witch, bobcat – if anyone has access to one talk to Dan
 - Trying to deal with original contractor to complete diamond 0
 - APCF building dugout on diamond 0 this spring, concrete poured
 - Nobody to use Diamond 0 yet – tell other people to get off if we see anyone on there if you feel comfortable doing so
 - End of camping area behind Diamond 4 – city wants a barrier, rocks will be moved there. Skid steer needed
 - Groundskeeper – Pat gone, a few people have given interest. Tara is taking over job, loses vote on board but can still maintain her position on the board

- **Finance**
 - Upped fees – minimal vs what everything costs
 - Pay for playoffs now even if not playing – easier to get refunded
 - \$12,000 in account right now, lowest in a long time
 - Thought we would get more in sponsorship last year. We will ask for more sponsorship this year, only had 2 last year. Budgeted for \$12,000 but only got \$4,000. Also a bit out in tournament rentals last year. Umps more expensive and material for diamond maintenance and porta potties higher than anticipated.
 - Looking at new porta potty company for better costs
 - Power also costs a lot.
 - Signs and fundraising an open board position
 - Bingos suggested as an option for fundraising



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- Sponsorship email – suggested to send to teams to help get sponsors.

- **Communications**
 - TeamSnap – will use more than we have in the past, score submission, primary method of communication, will eventually use for registration, scheduling. If you see a flaw in the schedule, email Dave immediately.
 - Also notices on website and Facebook will continue
 - Rainouts sent thought TeamSnap worked well last year. Don't text to ask if there will be a rainout, call will be made by 5:00 like always

- **Umpire Update**
 - Ump clinic - April 13, 9:00 at Legion. Only have 3 local ump, would like more local ump. Get ump from the city because we are the only league that plays during the week.
 - Even if you play you can ump
 - Getting a raise this year
 - Posted on social media looking for ump, please share post to get word out

- **Bond Program**
 - \$400 bond fee, get back if you work it off
 - Lots of opportunities - \$25/hr
 - Make sure that you sign up for bond hours, council needs to know who worked and when, and also remember to check out.
 - Fines come off of bond hours, lots of teams canceled last minute last year – this is a fine.
 - Need more help from members for year-end tournament, plan on having different activities and beer gardens
 - Want more people at year end tournament, make a committee to make it more for the league, last year only 17 teams played
 - Year-end tournament suggested to be moved to September, league will send out poll. Would not be this year as tournaments are already set and there are no available September weekends.
 - Survey to be sent out this May for feedback to the league.



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- **Special Projects**
 - City – qualify for grant to get trees planted, not this year because of drought. Dow may give money for this. In 2-3 years we should have trees.

- **Tournaments**
 - 17 tournaments booked
 - Some weekends being blacked out
 - No rainout weekends for our league tournaments
 - Fort Sask hosting SPN provincials
 - Propane pits only, worked well last year. Limits mess and risk of fire and city requires it.
 - Andy Polanski – May 24 to 26, spots still open

- **Important Dates**
 - Spring cleanup April 20, alternate April 27
 - Early bird tournament April 28 (no alternative weekend)
 - Start league play April 29
 - SPN July 1
 - Confirm for year-end tournament and playoffs
 - Aug 1 last day league games
 - Aug 10-11 year end
 - Aug 12 playoffs start
 - Nov 6 fall AGM

- **Other**
 - Team snap, if your team played last year and you are on the same day you can start using TeamSnap now.
 - Anyone have ideas, want to volunteer, have equipment, etc., talk to Dan.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:39 pm