



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting

October 26, 2025

Ricky's Bar and Grill

I. Call to Order at 7:04 pm

II. Roll Call

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry, Alyssa Van Hecke, Jamie Stodgell, Dan Wilson, Tara Wilson, Shelley Blue, Alex Waite, Roxanne, Rob.

Absent: Dave Peacock, Nadine Stang, Michael Oliver

III. League / Operations

-Discussion on base placing.

-Discussion on base distances and limited space on Diamond 7.

-Review of 70 ft bases and impact on gameplay. Woody talked about 70 ft bases because it took away a lot of close plays at first.

-70 ft bases would allow us to square up the diamonds and shouldn't cost a lot of money to move them. Told by Pat that it's not hard to do.

-Discussion on base Replacement.

-Evaluation of base replacement options and budgeting – the bases are taking a lot, we just bought new ones, and we have lots of extras. First base corners are bad, and home plates require replacement.

-Jamie and Alyssa to review past invoices for base costs and assist with finding out what our best option is. Stay with what we have which is more expensive but lasts longer or go with something that needs to be pegged in and changed out more often. Costs should be calculated to see what the cost is to replace the current bases per year, and what it would cost to replace them multiple times.

-Need to budget once per month to switch out the bases two times per month. It is \$130 for a set of bags, but we would need to have a stock of them.

-Possibility of trying new bases on one diamond for the year to see how people like it.



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- Proposal for standardized home plate alignment and painted markings.
 - Rob encourages diamond home plate to be painted on the top to get squared up better. Having a mark on the diamond so they are all lined up in the same spot throughout all diamonds.
 - Fibreglass home plates discussed, the dome and Leduc use them because wood plates wreck the balls; Jamie to explore sponsorship options to cover the cost (SouthFort).
- Divisions consolidation if insufficient registration. All Div 1 teams will be provided a poll to allow them a chance to vote on if they would like to continue two nights or play Monday - Thursday with teams able to black out one day. This will be brought forward at AGM.
- Communication concerns regarding team issues.
 - All disputes to be addressed through Division Reps and email (CC Adam & Alyssa).
 - Shelly designated as primary league contact and the issues will be passed along.
 - Discuss this at the AGM.
- Rule Changes -
 - Six-run rule and no running on home runs to remain in place.
 - Asked about small ball, should we change back? Small ball rules remain unchanged.
- Playoffs / Year-End Tournament -
 - Six team playoff format supported and it's making it easy for Dave to schedule.
 - Discussion on crossover games and season length. The season already went late so it's hard to accommodate this.
 - Recommendation for guaranteed two-night playoff and final structure.
 - Possible earlier start to playoffs
 - Plan to continue discussions on playoff format and starts for this.
- Roster and Eligibility -



- Photos of paper rosters proposed.
- Monthly verification via TeamSnap.
- July 1 cutoff for roster changes.
- Bond linked to roster compliance.
- Playoff eligibility procedures to be formalized.
- Bring it up at the Fall AGM.

IV. Finance

- City requires documentation of all league-owned assets.
- All invoices (EPCOR, True Green, etc.) must be submitted to the Treasurer.
- All contracts need to be stored in the binder.
- Roxanne will be assuming the treasurer role from Jamie. The handover process is underway.
- Bond hours are outstanding.

Unbudgeted expenses: camera systems, Jordan's diamond work.

- Financial Overview -
 - Total expenses: \$36,800
 - Bonds: Approximately \$8,000
 - Prizing: Approximately \$3,500
 - Equipment and side by side: Approximately \$20,000 by the end of the season

V. New Business

- Creation of social media / Promotion role discussed.
 - Proposed platforms: Facebook and Instagram.
 - Members encouraged to submit photos for promotional use.
- Development of online league merchandise and swag sales.



VI. Other

-Tournaments

- October tournament cut-off (before Thanksgiving).
- Tournament fees and deposit policy.
- No diamond booking until contract and deposit received.
- Full fees due prior to key release. We will keep a spare key in the umpire shed for emergencies.
- League tournament to remain in September since it was the best turnout.
- October 18 was the last tournament this year.
- Talk about running the EB Tournament as a whole weekend not just one day
- No show fee implemented. Less than one week cancellation will result in a \$200 fine.

- Facilities / Projects

- Camera systems operational; signage pending.
- Diamond 7 regraded and reseeded. More seeding this spring.
- Equipment serviced.
- Spring and July infield maintenance (~\$3,000) to be budgeted.
- Three year weed and fertilizer contract signed.
- Backstop fencing upgrades required and possibly other fencing repairs as Tara was asked to fix them a few times but they are getting bad (D1–D5, possibly D6). Dan to obtain quotes from Universal Fence. Look at this early next season.
- Installation of water totes and pressure washer (\$1,000).
- Establishment of designated smoking areas (4–5 locations).
Enforcement: warnings, penalties, potential ejections.
- Picnic table expansion (possible APCF donation).



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- New diamond naming and ribbon-cutting discussed. Should be brought forward at AGM.
- Need to start talking about development of 3–5-year facilities plan and what we want to see down there. Trees, and what else?
- Consideration of committee structure.
 - We should implement some committees to help with decisions (year end tournaments). Maybe special projects. 3-4 people so they can deal with it and then bring it to the board if needed.
 - We should have two in person meetings annually, before each AGM for sure.
- Executive Roles and Appointments–
 - Tournament Coordinator: Jamie
 - Vice President / Commissioner: Alyssa
 - Special Events / Fundraising: Tara
 - Statistics: Daryn
 - Secretary & Social Media: Alex

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00 pm