



Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo-Pitch Association

2024 Fall AGM Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024

Royal Canadian Legion, Silver Wing Lounge

I. Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll call

The following Executive members were present:

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| 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 - P | Mark Boyle - A |
| Ryan Dow - P | Michael Oliver - P |
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• League/Operations

- Introductions of council
- New rules – 6 run rule and add 5 min after hour, no feedback, no issues.
- Up to 75% of games played all 7 innings (not counting mercies), up from 69% last year with 7 run rule.
- Dave has feedback from players - people with kids would like to be closer to the playground, especially diamond 2. Teams to be rotated to use the closer diamonds.
- Playoffs – great feedback, will continue next year. Didn't do crossover series this year.



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- Swag still coming – will get at spring AGM.
- **Facilities/Projects**
 - Hope to get Diamond 7 up and running next season, got delayed this year. Will be weather dependent, need grass to grow. Players can kick people off if you see people on there as nobody should be on it yet. May have to seed and water ourselves next year.
 - Work done at end of season when tournaments finally ended: permanent foul lines done – 6 inches wide with shale, also worked on the infields to soften them up (will require regular maintenance). Infield got very hard last year, got a couple of quotes, will try to do more next year.
 - Talks with city to talk about parking lot: more parking, paving it, etc. This will be a few years down the road.
 - If bike park goes in there will be a bathroom put in
 - League wants input taken into consideration with the city.
 - Alyssa and Adam talk to the city regularly and will continue to do so.
- **Finance**
 - Budget for next year projected based on what happened this year.
 - Quickbooks used for accounting.
 - Stated adding more categories to track exact expenses.
 - Costs of everything going up
 - Sitting at \$28,000 currently but that doesn't account for swag or bond cheques yet.
 - Goal is to have \$20,000 reserve.
 - Don't expect to do extra upgrades next year like this year, just regular maintenance. This year we spent a lot on upgrades.
- **Communications**
 - TeamSnap and Facebook will continue to be used.
 - Most people got messages, less requests for help this year.
 - Wanted to enter score in team snap, but issue with TeamSnap at beginning of year.
 - Lots of people not entering scores still
 - FSMSPA website has a lot of info on it, bond hours, want ads, meeting minutes, etc.



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- **Signs/Grants**

- This year had more businesses that wanted to do sponsorships than in the past.
- Businesses are being more giving, but we are always looking for more.
- If anyone knows businesses that are interested contact Jamie
- We have room to put up a lot of signs.

- **Bond Program**

- Keep at \$25 per hour.
- Bonds can be found on website.
- Thanks for help with year-end cleanup, especially Mustard Tigers

- **Umpire Updates**

- Successful year, happy with number of people that signed up. 48 new people at ump clinic. Only a few times with an issue with a miscommunication (missing ump)
- One ump is ready to retire and won't be umping next year.
- Larry is also ready to retire so Rob Hall is being trained and will take it on next year.

- **Tournaments**

- 2 cancellations and was able to fill 1.
- Had 22 tournaments, important to add income.
- A few weekends blocked off to let grass grow.

- **New Business**

- Still working with the city, would like trees planted.
- Working with Dow with trees (Dow has a program). City has a rule that they are not allowed to be moved once they are put in, so we have to be happy with where they are placed. The city would take care of watering them.
- Operating guide is old, will be making updates, new policies next year. Will be presented at spring AGM.
- Want more teams for year-end tournament, only about 20 teams this year – possibly try in September next year.
- Going to do another survey to see what people want, may include a bat draw or something to get more people to participate.
- Boys and girls club and the bar at the year-end tournament went well.



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- Walk off home runs brought up, will have to discuss in council meeting.
- **Important Dates**
 - Spring AGM March
 - Registration February
 - 42 teams this year, can take almost up to 50.
- **Open Board Positions**
 - Secretary position open after today
 - Signs and fundraising positions. Packages for teams from businesses, coupons, etc.
 - Adam up for reelection. Jamie nominates him, no other nominations, Dan seconds, all in favor. Adam is voted back as president.
 - Alex Waite voted in as secretary.
 - Mike Oliver nominated by Tara Wilson for Signs and fundraising position, Ryan Dow seconds, all in favor. Mike voted in.
 - Team rep now open. Shelley – Dan nominated Shelly as Team Rep, Tara seconds, all in favor. Shelley voted in.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:50 pm