



## **Fort Saskatchewan Mixed Slo Pitch Association Executive Meeting**

**November 26, 2025**

**Royal Canadian Legion, Silver Wing Lounge**

I. Call to Order at 7:02 pm

### **II. Roll Call**

The following Executive members were present:

Adam Henry, Alyssa Van Hecke, Jamie Stodgell, Dan Wilson, Dave Peacock, Nadine Stang, Ryan Dow, Shelley Blue, Alex Waite.

Absent:

Tara Wilson, Michael Oliver, Rob Hall

### **III. League / Operations**

-Introduction of council and direction of handouts was given to attendees.

-Social media will be used more actively to help promote the league and recruit teams. Teams are encouraged to submit photos that can be shared on the league's social media platforms. Alex's role will expand to help promote the league and share information publicly.

-New league swag will be available online starting next season.

-Pitch arc rules-

-The maximum arc has been changed to 15 feet and SPN is discussing changing the minimum arc.

-TBD and will be discussed at the Spring meeting if changes are made.

-Communication Process -

-Division representatives are the first point of contact for any issues.

-Division representatives will pass concerns on to the appropriate board members.

-Members are asked not to send personal Facebook messages or post publicly on social media regarding league issues.

-Concerns related to scores, players, umpires, or scheduling must go through the proper channels.

-The board reminded members that all positions are volunteer roles, and decisions are made collectively.



-Division 1 Scheduling -

-A proposal is being considered to move Division 1 to a Monday–Thursday rotation, with each team receiving one blackout night.

-A questionnaire will be sent following the AGM and a decision will be made before the spring season.

-Designated Smoking Areas -

-New designated smoking areas will be introduced and marked with signage across the diamond complex.

-This change is intended to reduce cigarette waste around the facility.

-If the issue continues, the league may consider banning smoking at the diamonds entirely.

-The policy may also apply to tournaments.

-Vaping policies will be further discussed after the question was brought forward.

No further questions were raised regarding this section.

#### **IV. Facilities / Projects**

-Diamond 7 has been regraded, cleaned up, and reseeded. Additional seeding will take place in the Spring.

-The diamond is expected to open during the AP tournament.

-The board announced the diamond will be officially named Diamond 22 in honor of Andy Polanski.

-Efforts continue to improve the field conditions through rock removal, regrading, fertilizing, reseeding, weed control.

-A bi-annual infield maintenance program is being developed to keep diamonds in better condition throughout the season.

-Security cameras have now been installed and are fully operational at the facility.

-Backstop fencing replacement is required on diamonds 1-5 due to wear and safety concerns. Work will begin early in the 2026 season.



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-The walkway between diamonds 3 and 6 were discussed due to ongoing mud issues.

-Temporary fixes including reseeding and taping off the area have been attempted.

-The board is exploring options such as gravel or outside support from landscaping companies in exchange for promotional opportunities.

Suggestions from members for partnerships or materials are welcome.

### **V. Finance**

-Security cameras have been fully paid for.

-The association account currently sits at approximately \$33,000 prior to bond payouts and prizing expenses.

-Bond cheques must be deposited before the end of January. Late deposits affect the accounting for the following season. Teams that do not collect their bond cheque at the meeting will not receive one.

-Future budgets will prioritize increased diamond maintenance and additional fundraising initiatives.

No questions were raised regarding finances.

### **VI. Communications**

-TeamSnap will remain the primary communication tool for schedules, team messaging and league updates.

-Messages will be send directly to coaches who will then distribute to their teams.

-Members experiencing issues receiving messages should ensure their email address is correct in TeamSnap and updated with Jamie.

-Important updates will also continue to be shared through the Facebook group and league website.

No questions were raised regarding this section.



## **VII. SPN Updates**

-League rosters will be reset next season, and all teams must re-enter their full roster before July 1.

-Instructions will be provided, and Jamie will assist teams with the process until July 1, but teams are responsible for entering their own players.

-Players not entered into SPN cannot participate, as they will not be covered by league insurance.

-The league pays approximately \$3,500 annually for insurance coverage.

-Updated score sheets will require proper player names, and photos of score sheets will be submitted with scores for tracking.

-Rosters will also be posted publicly on the league website to help ensure compliance.

-Teamsnap scoring tools were reviewed but currently do not track mercy rules and runs for and against.

-Alternative systems such as TeamLink may be explored in the future.

No questions were raised regarding this section.

## **VIII. Signs / Grants**

-The league continues to seek sponsorship signage opportunities.

-Several diamonds have fencing available for sponsor signs.

-Businesses interested in sponsorship can contact Mike.

-Sponsorship provides valuable funding that helps improve the league and facilities.

No questions were raised regarding this section.

## **IX. Umpire Updates**



-A umpire Clinic will take place in April and counts toward volunteer bond hours.

-Rob has taken on the role of Umpire-in-chief.

-Anyone interested in umpiring or with questions can contact Rob directly.

## **X. Special Projects**

-New dugouts have been completed

-Dugout wraps and benches will be installed in the spring.

-Future projects may include additional tree planting and new picnic tables around the facility.

## **XI. Tournaments**

-The league hosted 14 tournament weekends this year, slightly fewer than previous years due to late cancellations.

-The Year-End Tournament will take place in September again and the event will continue to grow each year.

-Issues with teams with teams withdrawing late were discussed. A stricter timeline and larger fines may be introduced to prevent scheduling issues.

-Teams without bond commitments may be required to submit a deposit or entry fee to secure their tournament spot.

-Additional information regarding tournaments will be distributed by email.

No questions were raised regarding this section.

## **I. Important Dates**

-Registration: Expected to open in February.

-Spring AGM: Planned for late March. All teams must be registered before this meeting. The league currently has space for up to 49 teams, with 42 teams currently registered. Teams are encouraged to recruit new participants.

## **II. Open Board Positions**



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The following board positions were filled during the meeting:

- Treasurer – Roxanne, no other nominations
  - Nominated by Vern
  - Seconded by Alyssa
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Tournament Coordinator - Jamie
  - Nominated by Ashley
  - Seconded by Dan
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Special Events / Fundraising - Tara
  - Nominated by Ashley
  - Seconded by Jamie
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Statistics Coordinator - Daryn
  - Nominated by Alyssa
  - Seconded by Ashley
  - Motion passed unanimously
- The Secretary / Social Media role (Alex) was also discussed.

### **III. Additional Information**

- Teams expressed that diamonds should be raked / dragged at the year end tournament next year, it was not complete this year and they were looking forward to it.
- No further questions, comments or concerns were raised.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:43pm**