

Fred Milne Park Society – Monthly Meeting, 9-Oct-2025

Attendees	Regrets:
Chris Reburn (President)	Andrew McKinnon
Chrys Thompson (Treasurer)	Tim Satterford (Vice President)
Brad McEwan (Secretary)	Paul Clarkston (Construction & Infrastructure)
Bruce Milton (Director-Maintenance, SCA rep)	Al McKay (SSC President)
Ben Gardy (ASP Rep)	Lesley Baker (Business Development)
Dean Haldane (SCA President)	Jason Dumont (ASP President)
Karl Linell (Director at Large)	
Tim Crow (SSC Rep)	

Working Session Notes

Agenda items:

1. Discussion on relationships between the primary stakeholder groups & FMPS
 - Chris led a discussion on purpose, methods and objectives of SCA via FMPS, noted that assessments have been historically based on 35% ball, 65% soccer split.
 - Bottom line is costs are 40% higher than previous year, Chris thinks is primarily due to reduction in volunteers and willingness from SSC and ASP
 - Turf field fund discussed and will be taken back to SSC executive
 - Tim C. mentioned the club is very thankful to the FMPS and wants to maintain and improve the relationship. Tim C. also asked again about a contract to act as a guide to facility rights and usage
2. Maintenance update (Bruce)
 - Diamond 1 upgrades completed, mini fields not fully covered due to angle of pipe. Tim reported improvements in that area. Bruce wants to replace the plastic backer boards as well.
 - Field 1 in good shape, Field 2 there is starting to show undue wear in the boxes. Recommend that goals get moved out to the 18 yard box and/or chained to the fence(s)
 - Tim reports problems with tabs on the GoalMaster nets which has resulted in the nets being screwed onto the goals.
 - The next repair for the turf (for 2nd base damage)
 - Tim requested that field #2 be cut before the game tomorrow. Also asked about rolling it again.
 - Chris noted the \$7K 22,000lb rubber add has made a huge difference. Bruce noted that the turf itself is started to come loose, so perhaps 5 years until carpet replacement. Tim C. suggested (and all agreed) that a forward plan for the turf field.
 - Chris noted a bunch of work was done during the work party last Sunday, low turnout of soccer volunteers was noted. But the people that showed up did a great job, with moss removal, tree trimming along net line.

- Bruce/Chris – redoing and moving a new turf field contributor sign to be put up at the centreline on the field fence. Tim C. enthusiastic about getting soccer to drive fundraising/donations/contributors for the new sign
3. Visitors change room reno
 - Chris spoke about potential for unused shower room for a rental business opportunity. A Sports Physio business is interested in this space. SCA wants an expression of interest for the idea. Business insurance would be required.
 - Power upgrades would be required, replacing existing panel and adding sub-panel
 - Chris will reach out to Paul to see if he is interested in leading this initiative
 4. Bathroom cleaning
 - Al came to Chris regarding bathroom cleanliness. We have not acted on the monthly (or bi-monthly during busy time) that was approved. That person has moved on, possible that Katylyn and Maddox could take this over. SCA or FMPS would supply the required equipment and supplies.
 5. Turf goals and nets
 - Soccer has accepted responsibility for dealing with this equipment
 6. Rules around club house usage for ALL user groups
 - Concerns raised about unsupervised soccer kids climbed over the fence at the stairs
 - Dean said the position of the SCA as property owner is that nobody is permitted on the deck during games, excepting setup and takedown of speakers. Much discussion but SCA is firm on this and expects all groups to comply.
 7. Roundtable
 - Change to back stairs for Sarah to use instead of coming up the main stairwell was suggested and Sarah is in favour. Dean noted that SCA would cover the material costs.
 - Chris – lights are still being left on, Tim is pushing forward a plan for ‘light captains’ vs. coaches.
 - Chris – a light on one of the creosote poles is out. Timing to fix is difficult.
 - Brad - Field rentals and scheduling with Lesley out of the picture for now. Currently Brad is fielding requests via the website. Question: do we know the summer dates in July so that the football for “5 Saturdays” from April to July 2026 can be booked?
 - Brad - SSC team wants to coordinate a bottle drive at FMP on November 2 in the parking lot near the store. Can they? Yes, but might be a better spot in the district parking lot next to Horseshoes
 - Brad – power theft – can we get secure power outlet covers or shut down the outlet on the corner of the building? Bruce – Yes
 - Chris – last time septic tank was pumped? SCA to look into it as they pay for this.
 - Chrys – well agreement and maintenance schedule can we get clarity? Dean – SCA is firm on a simple agreement to pay \$6K per year, nothing more complex. Some questions on maintenance costs but SCA will cover any maintenance required outside of irrigation. Chrys pointed out that if formalized, future improvements (ie: turf replacement) could result in GST being claimed back to FMPS.
 - Chrys is moving to a cloud-based accounting system that will provide increased visibility for all FMPS members.