

Fred Milne Park Society – Monthly Meeting, 11-May-2026

Attendees	Regrets:
Chris Reburn (President)	Andrew Quinn-Young (Director at Large)
Tim Satterford (Vice President)	Lesley Baker (Business Development)
Chrys Thompson (Treasurer)	Justin Wilson (SCA)
Brad McEwan (Secretary)	
Bruce Milton (Director-Maintenance)	
Dean Haldane (SCA President)	
Jason Dumont (ASP President)	
Ben Gardy (ASP Rep)	
Katie Greive (ASP Rep)	
Al McKay (SSC President)	
Mike McKay (SSC Rep)	
Karl Linell (Director at Large)	

Agenda and Notes

1. Tractor purchase

- Bruce heads up to pick up this much more capable & powerful tractor than the existing Kubota. Comes with a back blade for fixing the parking area
- Jason helped salvage the sale due to family connection. Single owner, lower hours than usual
- Will need turf tires, Jason to pull together quotes will be about \$1500 at Jason's cost + taxes

2. Concession

- Opened for Ice Breaker, quiet but ok
- Day 1 of Island Girls Championship was quiet
- Chris working with Leslie for weekend events and concession
- Jason noticed some utensils have gone missing, Chris has bought new ones in order to operate

3. Update from Adult Slo-Pitch

- Bought a mat for diamond 1, might be too lightweight
- Bruce reported that the fields
- Ben brought forward a motion to ban sunflower seeds at FMP immediately, to be added to user agreements moving forward.
 - Tim seconded
 - Discussion of signage, but already on the master sign
 - Adult Slo Pitch will add it to tournament information, etc.
 - Motion carried by unanimous vote

- Youth Baseball (via Wesley Andrews) posted FB message complaining about the “lack of fields” but has yet to approach FMPS or other possible.

4. Update from Soccer

- AGM April 29th
 - Al has stepped down, will be Past-President for 2 years
 - Barb (secretary) has also stepped down
 - Tim (VP) will also be stepping down due to personal reasons
 - Treasurer will be departing after annual books are completed
- Spring Academy will move to Poirer when in conflict with events at FMP during the non-soccer season

5. Review and finalize budget

- Chrys explained the budget options and assessment increases that were discussed at the last meeting, with the focus on turf replacement in the near future
- Mike expressed dismay at a very large incremental increase (236%) and cited info from other similar clubs.
- Chris noted that the budget has yet to be voted upon (prior to AGM)
- Chris asked SSC if there is/was a fund in place to help fund turf replacement, yes there are small savings
- Dean asked about SSC subsidizing the Div 1 Sooke Celtic team, Mike and Al replied that the Celtic get nothing more than any other team, but they do take advantage of sponsorship.
- Al pointed out that the previous SSC executive didn't pass on knowledge to the current executive in the transition period. **Note: other factors also in play at the time.**
- Katie brought up use of raffle tickets as a fund raiser (\$10K per season)
- SSC didn't qualify for gaming grants due to having too much operational money. Planning for this should start now, even FMPS holding extra funds to allow grants to be applied for.
- Increase the volunteer fees and still offer ability to volunteer for those who need it.
- Overall, the group understands the importance of trying to move towards Budget B with mechanisms such as surcharges, grant applications, etc.
- Note that KidSport, Jumpstart can provide funding for youth for families without the means to pay.
- When asked if the SSC representatives would support budget B, both reps (Al and Mike) said they do not support it due to size of the increase \$52,800 (230%), but opinion changed with discussion of 1-time shot vs. multiple annual increases. Decision to bite the bullet to be put forward to the SSC board. Chrys pointed out if we reduce to \$30K we will never pull together the required funds to replace the turf (plus other projects).

Motion to select Budget B option by Tim, seconded by Jason

- Dean, Ben, Jason, Chrys, Chris, Brad, Tim, Bruce voted in favour
- Al and Mike voted in dissent
- Motion carried by majority vote

6. AGM to be scheduled, based on attendee availability