

Fred Milne Park Society – Monthly Meeting, 7-July-2025

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

Working Session Notes

Agenda items:

1. Update on events we've held & events coming up. (Leslie)
 - Harper's Heart – more lessons learned with extra field wear, spits, cigarette butts
 - Suggestion (Tim C) – similar mats for bases (other than home base) – rejected due to tripping hazard, but possible for pitcher's mound
 - Suggestion (All) – damage deposit \$500 or greater
 - Suggestion (Rubber Raking Policy), but enforcement or administration will be required
 - Concession did very well
 - Canada Day
 - Concession super busy, Leslie was pleased to have food trucks to even out the food loads
 - Again more field damage, likely due to ambulance / fire truck approximately 300' of field. Otter Point Fire Department – not Sooke Fire Department insisted on backing onto field to raise boom with Canadian Flag We need coordination in boarding them onto the field.
 - Lions also broke the gate by opening it the wrong direction, then complained it was dangerous. Lions are generally
 - Community Garage Sale – upcoming on July 19th
 - Sooke till you puke, under ASP control.
 - Time suggests spits and cigarette butts should be banned from FMP
 - Leslie will need volunteers, especially with the concession

- Sooke Music Festival / Metal Mosh
 - Peter uses the concession to feed staff, but do we have assurances about FoodSafe or other issues? Dean strongly suggested that the concession be dropped from the deal, also supported by Tim S, Brad, Tim C and others
 - Need to find out more about this and clamp down on this event overall. Risk means we eliminate concession use in any form
 - All Sooke Days
 - SCA will pay for food costs, profit goes to FMPS
 - General – Dean mentioned that any SCA sanctioned event the SCA will help covers unexpected and/or damage costs (mostly labour)
 - General – Do we want to turn over some profits to date to add a commercial freezer but where do we put it? Lions might be able to loan us a stand-up commercial freezer but need to come back to this at the end of the concession season.
 - Brad to sent a note to all FMPS committee members about being contact and/or present. Brad will collate answers and send to Leslie, .cc all committee members
2. General maintenance update (Bruce)
 - Bruce is away but several maintenance items should be accomplished this summer. Fenceline on turf field
 3. Adding rubber to turf (Reburn)
 - Chris getting runaround on pricing for rubber to compare to quote available from field turf. Potential to combine with rubber/application and numerous repairs. \$15K earmarked and we can apply it ourselves
 4. Field 1 drainage and cleanup project (Jason)
 - Deferred as Jason was unable to attend, but has committed to a budget amount and timeframe. Catch basins at diamond 1, first base and entry gate
 5. Concession update (Leslie)
 - Feels very busy but is a lot of work, all FMPS members are impressed with concession efforts
 - Punch cards have been created for EMCS students
 - Storytime books program
 - Another deep fryer would be beneficial or even an air fryer
 - Quote to hook up salamander will be sought by Leslie
 - Action: Ben will add a lock to the small freezer
 6. Turf replacement fund (Reburn)
 - Would like to increase the fund to get to \$250K by 10 years. All agreed that we need to be able to demonstrate good practices within FMPS
 - SCA is already a line item in the DOS budget, potential to increase the amount (from 4.5%) or even add another line item.
 - Work for Diamond 1 drainage, etc. Timeframe Labour Day weekend.
 - Motion to approval a notion budget of \$5K for this work, based on much labour and materials donated. To be funded from concession profits. Unanimously approved.

7. Potential for a batting cage, funded by sponsorship and/or branding (Reburn)
 - Could hit up the school board / EMCS for some funding
 - Start simple, then add a machine or similar at a later point

Other actions:

Motion: Any further contracts must utilize the concession as a service operated by FMPS (Tim S motion, Dean seconded). Carried unanimously.