

Fred Milne Park Society – Committee Meeting, 3-Mar-2025

Attendees	Regrets:
Andrew Quinn-Young (President)	John Mennie (EMCS but moving to Journey)
Brad McEwan (Secretary)	Mike Bobbitt (EMCS)
Chrys Thompson (Treasurer)	Paul Clarkston (Construction & Infrastructure)
Bruce Milton (Director-Maintenance, SCA rep)	
Al McKay (SSC President)	
Ben Gardy (ASP)	
Cari Ormiston (Concession)	
Chris Reburn (Maintenance)	
Dean Haldane (SCA rep)	
Jason Dumont (ASP)	
Karl Linnel (Past SCA rep)	
Lesley Baker (Business Development)	
Peter Jonassen (SSC Rep)	
Tim Satterford (Vice President)	

Agenda Items and discussions on each item:

1. Update on EMCS (Andrew, Mike, Brad, John) **DEFERRED, with some discussion below**

- Academies (soccer, softball) using clubhouse space in trade for improvements
- Potential for joint construction projects (bleachers, central covered area, etc.
- Capstone and volunteer hour projects with students
- Cafeteria and food services engagement with culinary students

Discussion:

- Bleachers
 - Focus on bleachers – potential to base them on the new bleachers at the ballpark
 - Material donations (but \$15K coming again from SCA)
 - Bruce – standards and ground water issues
- Other projects
 - Bruce – lots of other little jobs
 - Andrew pointed out they are eager but will need FMPS point person who can coordinate with the infrastructure team (Bruce, Chris, Paul) – nobody volunteered.
- Concession
 - Ideally ASP season (May and June) would provide the best opportunity

2. Field 2 lights

- Disagreement on shutting off lights on Field 3 as SSC want them to be on when playing on Field 2. Should only have lights on the field that is being used, Bruce wants a vote on this.
- Playing on Field 2 when shouldn't be open & Field 3 is available
- Electrical costs up 11% Jan 24 vs. Jan 25 likely due to when the timer turns them off

Motion (brought by Bruce Feb 3rd meeting but tabled until SSC rep is available):

“Only the lights on the scheduled field shall be used. Light must be shut off 20 minutes after the final whistle. Exemption will be granted for warmup on the adjacent field and be shut off promptly after warmup.”

Discussion:

- Field #3 lights need to be on when Field #2 is in use (Jason)
- Some discussion on stewardship on having the correct lights on and off as required
- Al asked if the timer can be adjusted to be more restrictive, teams haven't been proactive
- Lesley asked if the schedule can be better reflected with the timer
- Tim pointed out that having the lights go off early might startle the teams into compliance
- Bruce proposed that we charge for hydro seasonally to each user group with or without a markup on rates to help fund replacement lights
- Chris wondered about diminishing lights or higher expectations, or only optionally running the lights on the North side of field #3 only (will require an additional switch)
- Andrew pointed out that field #2 lights need to be on for certain SSC teams. Assessments will increase each year to cover
- North side of field #3 seemed to address the needs of all parties. Al believes that he can provide both materials and labour (at low to no cost) to add the switch.
- Amended motion to reflect the discussion, with first sentence now “Only the lights on the scheduled field shall be used, except for Field #2 where use of LED lights on North Side of Field #3 can be used in practice mode to allow additional lighting on Field #2”

Decision: Motion carried unanimously as amended

3. Update from Lesley (and Cari for concession) on revenue opportunities and results

- Peter proposed that we rent portapotties for the month of August and charge/assign the costs to each of the groups. Number of portapotties can be potentially added or removed from the base amount depending on the needs of event
- Can be moved easily via Cushman, but what about draining / cleaning
- Agreement of number, style (regular, handicap, water stations)
- Each group pays rental plus costs associated with cleanout
- FMPS supply toilet paper, paper towel and include in rental price?
- Separate contracts for water stations - Vi Water
- Lesley to send events spreadsheet to Brad to add to overall calendar
- Concessions – some of the summer events, Lesley with consulting support from Cari
- Cari willing to “pass the torch” in helping the concession operate more fully during the ball season and into the August full facility rentals

4. AGM Date – target is May 2025 - - May 5th

- President & Treasurer are up for election this year
- Vice-President & Secretary next year
- Those who will not stand for another term are encouraged to find their replacement
- Andrew advised that he is recruiting Chris Reburn for President
- Chrys is unsure of potential replacement Treasurer given time constraints

5. Roundtable and/or any other business

- Multiple members:
 - Ramping back up concession for summer operations
 - Cleaning up the general area to attract business to the concession
- Jason:
 - Signs – who does them – Sooke Harbour Signs
 - Ball treasurer position needs to be filled
 - Jason to remove and/or repair the icemaker
- Al:
 - Peter's term is stepping down at VP – AGM is April
- Chris
 - Can we get the potholes filled? Contract DOS for who/when, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm