

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

Attendees	Regrets:
Andrew Quinn-Young (President)	Al McKay (SSC President)
Brad McEwan (Secretary)	Chris Reburn (Maintenance & Soccer aka SSC)
Chrys Thompson (Treasurer)	Paul Clarkston (Construction & Infrastructure)
Bruce Milton (Director-Maintenance, SCA rep)	Peter Jonassen (SSC Rep)
Ben Gardy (ASP)	
Karl Linnel (Past SCA rep)	
Lesley Baker (Business Development)	
Tim Satterford (Vice President)	
Dean Haldane (SCA rep)	
Jason Dumont (ASP)	

Agenda Items and discussions on each item:

1. Change of SCA representative
2. EMCS use of clubhouse for academy sessions (Soccer, Softball)
 - Improved facilities in exchange for use by EMCS academiesDiscussion
 - Internet connection – guest access via firewall, etc.
 - Upgrade area adjacent to the equipment room – Lelsie can lead on this and Dean suggested that the EMCS construction class. Alternative use hallway in visitors changeroom
 - Dean – charge deposit for use of facility \$500 / year
 - Dean/Chrys – do we need an amended agreement to detail the ownership of ‘donated’ equipment
 - Potential to tidy / clean up and ensure there isn’t opportunity for vandalism and/or theft
 - Restrict use of the deck
 - Dean – SCA considered getting aluminum benches to be placed at FMP

Other tie-ins

- Construction program to build new benches, covered spectator between F1 & F2. Incorporate native art into the structures. Materials by donation from Wenstob, Queesto, etc.
- Soccer is advertising for paid people for the concession
- Opportunities for Capstone and volunteer hours

Side discussion

- Concession operations and transition between groups was easy with Cari, but unknown if she will be interested in coming back to running the concession
- Focus of FMPS is actually getting kitchen used
- Ball diamond dimensions and baselines plus startup time.

3. 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 but tabled until SSC rep is available):

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

Discussion:

- Jason noted there are several dark zones on field #2 in the corners
- Andrew suggested we give them options in terms of cost and wear implications
- Andrew suggested we provide guidelines for use of field #2 but Brad feels that this will not be effective
- Chrys mentioned use of Bylaws to enforce compliance with the potential to ban them from use of the facility
- Chrys suggested we approach this during assessment discussions with the user groups

Decision: Hold this discussion until SSC can attend a meeting to discuss these and other concerns.

Ben suggested a designated "warden of the park" for lights and removal of goals from the fields.

4. Update from Adult Slo-Pitch regarding assessment payments

Jason:

- Alcohol went up \$3000 year over year
- \$200 deposit per team will be collected and provided immediately to FMPS
- Tokens, bases, extra balls, mats at home base, Band, other items were all more expensive
- Bleacher repairs can be applied to outstanding assessments
- Insurance used to be covered by SPN, but had to be bought by ASP
- Increasing team dues from \$1700 to \$2000
- Startup costs reduced, \$ instead will be routed to FMPS assessment
- GFL Portapotty costs hugely increased over previous years, getting alternative supplier quotes
- Tournaments will have a separate budget, where practical
- CRD kicked out of Stan Jones in favour of Langford group, extra costs to rent the high school.

5. Update from Lesley

- Bottle drive, February 15th
- April/May - 4 Saturdays for Westshore Football
- June 30th – July 2nd Canada Day – Lion's Event, we get food trucks / vendors
- Aug 1-4 Sooke til you Puke
- Music Festival
- All Sooke Day
- Aug 22-24 Fall Fair with car show
- Harper's Hope tournament
 - needs to be done properly this year
 - facilities, damage deposits, recognition of desired services, etc.