



**Glen Cairn Ladies Softball League  
Annual General Meeting  
Wed Sept. 18, 2019  
Kanata Baptist Church, Kanata  
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Erika Schom, **President;** Joy Thompson, **Vice President;** Lynn Preston, **Secretary;** Liz Warren,  
**Treasurer Absent:** Janice Emmerson, **Statistician**

Members Present: Christine Anderson, Carol Riley, Denise Bogart, Sharon Carbonette, Kim Myles, Kim Kirby, Karen Bailey (Registrar), Rosanne MacMillan, Jaime Carruthers, Kim Bond, Steph Wilson, Linda Wilson, Alexis Reid, Karen Wood, Irene Lajeunesse, Veronica Morrison, Julie Tremblay, Tracey Scrimshaw, Hannah Sullivan, Amie Talbot, MJ Arpin, Nancy Gervais, Terri Cheeseman, JoLynn Ayotte, Shelley Clarke, Debbie Rogers, Danielle Fawcett, Jennifer Quinn, Julie Tremblay, Tracy Taylor, Jessica Bryson

**1. Welcome, Meeting Objectives and Ground Rules**

Erika Schom, President, welcomed all and outlined the objectives for the meeting and rules for discussion

**2. Leaving Executive**

Erika bid farewell to the parting members of the executive: herself as President and Lynn Preston as Secretary and thanked them for their service. Parting captains: Bani Ahara and Cathy Kelly

**3. 2018-2019 Executive**

Erika introduced the new executive:

- Sharon Carbonette, President
- Joy Thomson, Vice President
- Denise Bogart, Secretary
- Liz Warren, Treasurer
- Janice Emmerson, Statistician
- Captains: Alexis Reid, Christine Anderson, Robin Gyimesi, Jenn Quinn, Kim Kirby, Amie Talbot, Julie Tremblay, Jodi Sullivan, Karen Wood, Colleen Hache
- Karen Bailey, Registrar (a non-voting position)

**4. Review of Minutes from AGM 2018**

Lynn Preston, Secretary, read out the highlights of last year's AGM minutes

**5. Acceptance of 2018 AGM minutes**

Moved: MJ Arpin Seconded: JoLynn Ayotte That the minutes of the 2018 AGM be accepted as presented. Disposition: Carried

Lynn also reminded everyone of the accident reporting procedures since there were so many injuries this year. The captain or team designate has 14 days to report an accident. The injured party has 30 days to register their insurance claim with the PWSA.

Discussion and suggestions were to create a Health and Safety committee to look into accident reporting and follow ups and to look into tracking accidents. To discuss developing a process for



reporting accidents and their causes. This will be discussed in the off season. It was also suggested that accident reporting be added to the captain`s job description.

## 6. Financial Report and member acceptance

Liz reported that we started off the season with \$3,315 in the bank and anticipate ending with \$1,232. There were a few rainouts this year compared to last. There were no increases in diamond or umpire fees. Due to the excessively wet spring tournament we tried to recoup the over \$300 we spent on sand etc for the diamond from the city, but they declined. Suggestion to work with the local councillor to have improvements made to the diamond next year.

## 7. Committee Reports

**Equipment and Rules** In 2019 7 bats, were purchased as was one equipment bag. Steph Wilson reported that the committee suggested \$3000-\$5000 be spent for much needed equipment next year for bats, chest protectors, balls, bags, First Aid kits, new pitcher mound, pitching masks. The idea of the league paying for pitcher`s masks was discussed and it was decided it would be further discussed at the pitching and rules committees. Also discussed were the plugs used to tag the bases. It was decided the city be contacted (through the local councillor if needed). **Rules** Steph reported some effort had been done to clean up the rules in the last 4 years. She suggested that the rules committee be dissolved, and captains should be on the rules committee since they are the ones who question and interpret the rules throughout the season.

**Fundraising.** Liz reported that the Wine Survivor was the big fundraiser this year and the Pet Portal (thank you Amie) has yet to happen. The 50 50 made approximately \$2000. Yet to come is the Christmas Vendor event (thank you MJ). There are plans in place for a triathlon and perhaps trivia. There will be efforts made next year on raising funds for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events. Hannah Sullivan volunteered to lead that up (Thanks Hannah). Steph Q reported that only \$60 was raised through Baseball Town this year, a disappointing outcome.

**Tournaments** Lynn reported that we got both tournaments in this year although the May one was shortened due to rain. Both tournaments were plagued with injuries this year. We changed pizza vendors for the Sept tournament and saved over \$100. It was suggested that the May tournament be moved to the first or second weekend of June and that the Sept tourn could be part of the playoffs. This could be discussed in the off season.

**Playoffs** Julie T reported a successful and tight playoff season. The committee appreciated the help of the scorekeepers. They mentioned the importance of tracking spares during playoffs and reminding everyone of the playoff rules. She was pleased the 8-game minimum rule was not applied this year due to the late start to the season and the number of injuries. She reported the use of spares as non batters worked very well. She mentioned that the language of the use of pitchers as main vs backup be cleaned up for the playoffs.

**Year End and Banquet** Christine reported that the PJ theme is a go. Lonestar will be catering and Frank and John will do the music. Karen B will be doing the video. There will be bats to raffle, a season membership will be drawn to someone who attended the AGM. Prizes and desserts are needed.



## **8. President Update**

Erika went through her report (attached). Some highlights: it was a wet and injury riddled summer. 24 medical leaves were granted. 22 new players and 3 new pitchers and catchers. We had problems with communication as our email account was down and full of problems for awhile. She was concerned that the finances were down this year as was the fundraising. This year had the most forfeits due to teams not being able to get enough players. She suggested that a survey be conducted to determine if the season should begin later (since it has been delayed several times in the last few years) and if the tournament should be changed to June. Questions arose whether captains should go through the voting process each year. Erika explained that, in the constitution, captains must run for their job. If there are more than 10 people nominated, then a vote is undertaken. She discussed it was not fair for captains to be captains in perpetuity as fairness dictates all members should have the chance to run in any given year.

## **9. New Business and New Topics**

It was suggested that players be approached to put a competitive team together and enter local tournaments. Jayne Coady made suggestions for introducing a 2-level league with a competitive stream and a recreation stream. This could attract teams or players from the local CCFL. With the competitive the 12-inch ball could be used and the recreational could use 11 inch. Tournaments could be used as fundraisers. And change rules as required to reflect the level of play.

The level of umpires was raised. Joy stressed that any issues with umpires be vetted through her. She also reported that any correspondence with the city about diamond or other issues be done through her so that the city is hearing from one person only on all things GCLSL.

## **10. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15