

**Annual General Meeting  
Victoria All Fun SloPitch League  
March 3, 2023**

**Attendees:**

- **Executive:** Neal Johnson, Michelle Izuka, Terry Whitney, Karen Hoban, Janet Fraser, Fay Cahoon, Tom Arlidge, Taylor Byers

**Pre-meeting:** Teams sign in, pay up, sign Code of Conduct, return trophies (if required)

**1. Call to Order: 5:49pm**

**2. Welcome & Introductions** – Opening remarks; Neal introduced the Executive.

**3. Executive positions up for election**

- a. President (Neal) – Neal Johnson acclaimed as President.
- b. Vice President (Eric) – Michelle Izuka acclaimed as Vice President.
- c. Secretary (Terry) – Terry Whitney acclaimed as Secretary.
- d. Treasurer (Karen) – Karen Hoban acclaimed as Treasurer.
- e. Scheduling/Fields/Webmaster (Janet) – Janet Fraser acclaimed as Scheduler.
- f. Tournament Coordinator (Fay)
- g. Rules (Neal)
- h. Members at Large (Tom Arlidge & Taylor Byers)

**4. New teams to the League – Please be patient!**

- Teal Sox
- Tax Manian Devils

**5. Finance Report – Karen**

- Last year we budgeted for a small deficit, but ended up with a small surplus due to not having to pay a couple of items: no toilets at year end tournament, cheaper fields & balls, no in-person meetings, lots of 50-50 tickets
- This year we forecast a small deficit (~\$100).
- If we have extra again, we will purchase extra prizes for year-end tournament again.
- Largest expense: School fields, which go up every year.

**6. Insurance**

- We have liability insurance. It covers damage we do to those NOT associated with the league. It does not cover those who are there to play, watch, score-keep etc. The only way we could be liable for a player or spectator is if we are negligent (e.g. if we did not require helmets; but we do).
- If there is an incident, give the affected party the league executive's phone number and executive will take care of it.

- There is a liability form that every player must sign and return to Terry Whitney, league secretary. Players must be 19 years of age or older.

## 7. Rules Report

### a. Special rules for our league

- Carpets & safety bases
- Must wear batting helmets.
- 2 base maximum

### b. Code of Conduct

- No smoking or alcohol on fields. This includes vaping.
- This is absolute and will be enforced.

## 8. Fields, schedules and tournaments

- **Season** is April 17 to July 14. 13 games each.
- **Regular Fields** Tue-Thu will be Cedar Hill Middle School and Monday nights we will have Braefoot Park.
- **Two tournaments:** Saturday May 13 (Ice Breaker) and July 15 & 16 (Year End). Both Tournaments will be at Lansdowne.
- **League Schedule:** First Janet will send out a generic schedule for teams to pick from (e.g. Schedule A = mostly Wednesdays). Then finalized.
- **Rainouts:** It is up to the captains to decide if it is too wet to play. Teams must show up at the field then decide. This may differ if it is absolutely pouring – then teams take a draw.

## 9. Questions, Issues, and/or Concerns

- Players need to sign:** All players on each team must read and sign/acknowledge the Code of Conduct, also the Insurance Liability Waiver. This is the Team Manager/Captain's responsibility. Then take a picture of the signed copies and return to Terry Whitney.
- Don raised the issue of the first base safety bag being a tripping hazard. He questioned whether the runner could 'cross a plane' rather than tag the bag.
  - **Motion by Don White:** the baserunner, at their discretion, has the option of running beside the safety bag – a 'run-by' rule, like at home. Foot must be across 'the plane' and down on the ground.
  - Motion was seconded by Eric Wright, then carried with one vote against.
  - This would only be if the runner is NOT continuing to 2<sup>nd</sup>. If the runner is continuing to 2<sup>nd</sup>, they must tag the white bag.
- Clarification:** We need to send a clarification about how to tag first base...when you tag the orange safety bag because you are not intending to go to 2<sup>nd</sup>, but then change your mind, you have to go back and tag the white part of the 1<sup>st</sup> base before you can.

## 10. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm