

**Annual General Meeting
Victoria All Fun SloPitch League
March 4, 2022**

Attendees:

- **Executive:** Neal Johnson, Terry Whitney, Karen Hoban, Janet Fraser, Fay Cahoon, Tom Aldridge (absent), Michelle Izuka

1. Call to Order: 5:49pm

2. 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
- f. Tournament Coordinator (Fay)
- g. Rules (Neal)
- h. Members at Large (Tom Aldridge)

4. New teams

- Ripperzz – Kyle Henry was at the meeting
- We may have another team, which we would need to have an even number of teams.

5. Code of Conduct including Covid protocol Forms and QR scanning for coaches

- Neal gave high level comments on the Code. The Code is primarily sportsmanship related.
- New this year: COVID Safety Plan. (see plan) The personal protection section is recommended, not required.
- Teams are to hang onto their rosters so we know who has played. This is a requirement of renting the fields from the School District.
- At this point we are 99% sure that ALL PLAYERS will need to sign a waiver. All waivers are to be sent to Terry Whitney to hold for the league. It is a standard waiver used by other leagues and required by our insurance provider.
- In previous years we have had School Administrators walking around the fields looking for breaches of protocol (e.g. smoking or drinking)

6. Executive Report

a. President's Report

- No smoking or alcohol on fields. This includes vaping.

b. Finance Report

- 2019 Income Statement overview provided.
- 2020, 2021 we still had expenses (web site, bank service charges) so a small loss both years. In 2020 we received all the league dues, then ended up having to refund them all.
- 2022 Budget
 - Insurance is significantly higher. Used to just be liability for bystanders and capital; this is not available anymore. Now liability for players is included. Karen has provided an estimate of the total number of players & estimated our costs.
 - With 12-14 teams we will have a small loss again (-\$345 or -\$200).
 - We have a buffer a little over \$6000 in the bank so the league will be ok.
 - We will put the information on our website.
- Insurance – requires both the Liability Waivers and the COVID Safety Plan.
 - Pick up players will have to sign a Waiver so Captains will need to have these available at each game.
 - We have been told that you cannot sign away your rights to sue, but the Waiver provides an acknowledgement of the risks of playing. The waiver is on the website.
 - One of the teams raised a question about players on a team being close together (since they are friends, live together etc).

c. Fields, schedules and tournaments

- Season is April 18 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 7 (Ice Breaker) and July 16 & 17 (Year End). Both Tournaments will be at Lansdowne.
- Lansdowne & Cedar Hill school are two of the better fields available as they are regularly watered.
- League Schedule: First Janet will send out a generic schedule for teams to pick from (e.g. Schedule A = mostly Wednesdays). Then finalized.

d. Rules and bulk purchase possibilities

- We have a couple of unique rules in our league. E.g. max 2 bases per inning – this is to increase fun. Encourage new teams to read rules carefully – e.g. safety base at first, then 3'/3' carpet at 2nd & 3rd, then smaller carpet at home plate (2.5' x 3').
- There is a ball diamond layout on the back of the rules (print out!) You also need 5 cones for marking when you are Home team.
- Question re: overthrows. A: you automatically advance 2 bases on an overthrow from where you started.
- Balls: We use Super Gold Dot (or Super Grey Dot). These are limited flight.
 - SportCheck: \$10/ball.
 - Kirby's: \$8.50 ea - \$7.50 ea for a dozen - \$6.25 ea if you buy 6 dozen
 - If we have 14 teams we may be able to buy 6 balls for each team

- Helmets: there is a supply chain issue – Kirby’s currently have 95 black & 60 navy. Nowhere is going to be able to get more. May have to revisit the rule about sharing. Hockey helmets are ok to use. Executive will need to send out a statement about a potential alternate policy (about sharing).
- Bats: no supply issues.

e. Trophies

- Fay is in possession of all the trophies.
- Tom suggested we put on an engraving for 2020/2021 that says “COVID” – all agreed. We will not be charged for this.

7. Questions or motions from the floor

- **Q:** If we get part way through the season will money be refunded?
A: We would refund all remaining funds. Likely insurance would not be refunded by the insurer.