

**Victoria All Fun Mixed Slow Pitch – AGM
March 2, 2018**

1. Payments, Schedule Selection ticket, Code of Conduct Remittance, and Trophy Collection

- Collecting forms – scan & email to Janet

2. Welcome and Introduction to Executive

- Neal Johnson (President and Rules)
- John Paquin (Vice President)
 - Has to step down as his team is unable to field this year.
- Janet Fraser (Web Master, Scheduler, Fields, and Communications)
- Terry Whitney (Secretary)
- Karen Hoban (Treasurer)
- Fay Cahoon (Tournament Coordinator)
- Eric Wright (Member at Large)
- Tom Arlidge (Member at Large)
- Don White (Member at Large)
 - Has to step down as he is over-committed

3. Elections for executive positions

- a. Vice President – call for nominations.
 - Eric Wright, Member at Large, is willing to run.
 - No other people were interested – after asking
 - Eric is acclaimed as the new Vice President.
- b. Garbage and Recycling Coordinator (Average Joes?)
 - Avg Joe's willing to run.
 - No other people interested.
 - Acclaimed as Garbage & Recycling Coordinator.
- c. Member at Large
 - Michelle Izuka willing to run.
 - No other people interested.
 - Michelle acclaimed as a new Member at Large.

4. New Teams requesting admittance into league

- One new team has joined – Alpine Bashers.

5. Societies Act - To prevent individuals on executive from being sued

- Many issues have come up in Canada after an injury to a player.

6. Executive Reports

a. Finances and Insurance

- Last year we expected a deficit but had a surplus. Insurance, toilets & trophies were cheaper than expected.
- Using the surplus to give back as balls & helmets for teams.
- Approx. \$17,000 costs. With the buffer we have we will be ok.
- Report will be posted on line.

- League has liability insurance - it does not cover players or fans/spectators – anyone involved in the league. It is posted on our website.
- b. Fields and Schedules, including Tournaments
 - 18 teams this year. Generic schedule will be developed next week & sent to all teams. Most teams get very close to what will work for them.
 - Fields – Mon: Braefoot, Tue: Uplands, Tue/Wed/Thu: Cedar Hill School, Wed/Thu: Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
 - Ice Breaker Tournament: Sat May 12
 - Year-End Tournament: Aug 11/12
 - Season starts: 3rd week in April. There will be 16 weeks, with one bye.
- c. Rules and Code of Conduct
 - 18+ age limit – School District requirement
 - Remember conduct (no issues last year). Captains to send to all players & ensure it is followed. Captains to sign & return to the league.
 - Special Rules for our league
 - We try to keep games close as teams of various ability play each other – until the divisions are established in the year-end tournament.
 - 2 base limit per runner
 - Max number of doubles allowed in the grass at Cedar Hill Rec Centre
 - Keep the rules handy, do your best, if in doubt contact Neal after the game. Ensure you have at least one person who is familiar with the rules.
 - Only one base advance allowed if a fly ball is carried out of play.
 - 6 Balls and 2 Batting Helmets for each team provided by league
 - Giving some of the surplus back to the league. Kirby offered a discount to the league for this purchase only.
 - There are Easton & Rawlings helmets to choose from, once available, first come, first served. Ear flaps on both sides.

7. Motions and Discussion Items

- a. *Motion made by Neal : “The Executive Committee is in support of a motion that it be mandatory for SPN approved helmets to be worn by all players batting and running bases.”*
 - *Seconded by John Paquin.*
 - *Would anyone like to speak to the motion?*
 - i. *One said their team’s women said they were willing, the men said they should have their own choice.*
 - ii. *One said they were in favour from safety perspective, but wondered if everyone would need their own or you would have to swap gross, sweaty helmets during the game.*
 - iii. *One team is in favour of it being mandatory. Every year more than one person is hit. The person throwing the ball feels terrible. If not made mandatory then the league is more open to potential lawsuit.*
 - iv. *Many/all leagues are making it mandatory since last year.*
 - v. *Three teams said their preference is that minimum 4 helmets are provided so that they are available and each player makes their own choice.*
 - *VOTE Called:*
 - i. *13 in Favour, 5 Not in Favour:*
 - *2-Baggers – NO*

- *Baseballs – YES*
- *All Sorts – YES*
- *Relics – YES*
- *Myra Mad Dogs – NO*
- *Tragic Hits – YES*
- *Mammoths – YES*
- *Alpine Bashers – NO*
- *Schneider Base Invaers – YES*
- *Hit it in the GAAP – YES*
- *Hit for Brains – YES*
- *Slambuccas – YES*
- *ShipDisturbers – YES*
- *Terminal Madness – NO*
- *TBD – YES*
- *Underachievers -NO*
- *Average Joes – YES*
- *Sons of Pitches - YES*

- ii. *Motion is passed.*
- iii. *Every team will need to purchase at least two more helmets so their team has 4 available.*
- iv. *This will now be entered into the rules as a mandatory piece of equipment.*
- v. *After being asked, Neal has researched and hockey helmets will meet the requirement.*

b. *Question about bats – are there any restrictions? E.g. composite bats.*

ANSWER: The bats must be rated for use in Slowpitch. The league has taken care of this by requiring Super Gold Dot or Super Gray Dot balls, which are limited flight.

Motion to adjourn at 6:50pm – carried.