

VICTORIA ALL- FUN SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

AGM - March 8th, 2013

Meeting opened at 5:39pm

I. Opening Remarks and Introductions – Tracy Campbell (Vice President)

- Tracy introduced the current executive and welcomed the team representatives to a new season of ball. Before moving forward with the meeting Tracy also acknowledged the work and commitment of our president Eric Aslett who has decided to step down from that position this year.

II. Executive Positions:

- All positions on the executive and two new Members at Large positions are up for re election this year.

Positions voted on or re- acclaimed are as follows:

President/Rules – Neal Johnson
Vice President – Matthew Fitterer
Fields coordinator – Tony Ruffolo
Schedules/ Web site – Janet Fraser
Treasurer – Wendy Vermaning
Secretary – Fay Cahoon
Member at Large – Eric Wright
Member at Large – Terry Whitney

Thank you to all for stepping forward or continuing on in your roles.

III. Feedback from last season:

- Tracy requested any feedback, concerns, etc. from all team representatives. A couple of issues were brought forward and discussed:
 - i. Is there a rule concerning proper footwear for players on the field. There was a concern that a team was playing last year in bare feet or flip flops and this caused concern for the teams they were playing against. Neal Johnson (Rules) believes that under SPN rules which our league follows, except for our own exceptions, requires shoes. Neal will confirm before the start of the season.
 - ii. Is it possible to have an outhouse at Cedar Hill School? The answer is probably no, but Tony Ruffolo (Fields) will talk to School District #61 to confirm.

- iii. Year End tournament – could we have a kiddy pool set up to cool off in if it gets hot again this year? It was decided that any one could bring something like this on their own to the field. The League will not be purchasing them.

IV. Updates/Reports

- Treasurer's Report: The cost of fields is up \$2000.00 from last year and the school district has requested that we carry 3 Million is liability insurance as a league, which has upped the cost of the insurance by \$100.00. That being said, we actually made approximately \$1000.00 last year, which is a good buffer. As of December 31, 2012 our bank balance was \$3203.22 with fields yet to be paid for.
- Rules:
 - i. A question was asked about the cones/ arc behind 2nd base. Neal will send out a confirmation of the distance from home plate to the arc line as well as distance behind 2nd base. This should clarify the spot and ensure consistency.
 - ii. A question was raised about whether to enforce the 3rd strike foul rule during the season – not just at tournaments? This was voted on and rejected.
 - iii. A question was asked about changing the rule when a caught ball is carried out of play. Currently the batter would be out and all other players would get 2 bases from where they started the play. A discussion ensued about this and a vote was taken and the rule will be changed as follows:
 - 1. If a caught ball is carried out of play – runners will advance one base from where they started at the beginning of the play.
 - 2. If a ball is overthrown and goes out of play – runners will advance 2 bases from where they started at the beginning of the play
 - 3. Neal Johnson will clarify the out of bounds rule when the field is fenced.
 - iv. A question was asked about the number of men/women required to field a team and whether we should consider changing our format to 7 men/ 3 women?
 - 1. a vote occurred and our league will stay with the 6 men/4 women format.
 - 2. Neal Johnson will clarify the minimum number required to field a team and the minimum number of women requirement.

- v. As the league does not supply teams with balls for the season a reminder to all that we use either Super Gold Dot or Super Grey Dot balls.
 - vi. Do all players batting also have to play on the field? And do all players bat? (not sub in and out of batting). Clarification all players bat in male/female batting order as long as they play part of the game in the field.
- V. Fields: Rentals for fields will again be going up next season. This year we will not be playing on Cedar Hill Rec. We do have Windsor Park for Monday nights – a reminder that Windsor Park game time is 7PM. We also have Braefoot Park, Braefoot School, Cedar Hill School and Uplands (4 fields)
- Tony will confirm all fields and locations.
 - Ice Breaker Tournament is May 11th and the Year End tournament is August 9/10/11th. Average Joes kindly offered to take care of the Garbage/Recycling at both tournaments.....THANK YOU.
- VI. Schedules: Janet will have the generic choices out to all within a week of confirming that we have 24 teams in the league.

General reminder to all that alcohol is prohibited on school fields. Please ensure that your team is being discrete.

The Shrine's will again provide food at both tournaments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31PM