

March 2, 2012

Minutes of the General Meeting for the Victoria All Fun Mixed Slo Pitch League

Meeting Date: March 2, 2012, 5:30pm

Meeting Location: Travel Lodge, 229 Gorge Road.

Executive Present:

Eric Aslett, President
Tracy Campbell, Vice President
Wendy Vermaning, Treasurer
Neal Johnson, Rules
Janet Fraser, Schedules
Fay Cahoon, Secretary

Absent:

Tony Ruffolo, Fields

Representatives of 16 teams attended and registered and paid \$725.00 per team. List of team contacts is attached to this report. Confirmation of payment resides the treasurer. Please look over the contact list and let Fay Cahoon know if any changes are required.

2 new teams were present at the meeting a both teams were invited to join the league. Welcome!

Eric called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15pm.

Introduction of the Executive:

First order of business was to introduce the executive and ask if any member at the AGM was interested in joining the executive. As no one came forward the executive will stand as is for another two years.

Year End Tournament:

Eric asked if there were any suggestions for improvement or concerns regarding the Year End Tournament. One team suggested that the divisions be intermingled among the diamonds to let more players watch other division games. A vote was taken to determine if teams would like to stay on one diamond for the whole weekend or move diamonds. It was voted in that teams/divisions will remain on one diamond for the whole weekend of play.

For emergency purposes, the street address of all of our diamonds will be sent out to all team reps.

Reports:

Finances: For our last season we had an overall net loss of (\$738.94). This has eaten in to our slush fund as of January we had just under \$2,000 in the bank and we were able to pay for the fields in advance only because two of the executive teams paid their league fees in advance. Field costs went up last year and are going up again this year. The league has trimmed expenses and hopes to make a small profit/break even for the year.

Fields: We have the same fields as last year. Tony has asked Cedar Hill Rec Center to maintain the infield better and has requested that if possible the outfield be cut.

May 12th icebreaker and August 10 to 12th year-end will be held at the same fields as last year.

Schedules: Our league schedule will run from week of April 23rd to week of August 6th, with each team playing 15 games. Janet will send out an email shortly asking each team to give their requests for schedule day/field with a deadline specified to get back to Janet. If you do not send in a request (from the spread sheet Janet will provided each team) a schedule will be chosen for your team.

Rules: Last year there were very few times that Neil was asked to clarify rules.

A reminder to all teams that the rule in our league is a Maximum 6 men on the field. If playing with 10 players at least 4 must be women and three of those women must play on the infield. **A team must have a minimum of 3 women on the field in order to play.** A consensus of the teams present has determined a minor rule change to read – if a team is playing with less than 10 players (still with a minimum of 3 women) only 2 women are required to play on the infield.

It was brought up that teams should ensure that the players' umpping the games know the rules of our league.

A reminder was issued to all teams that our bases are 65 feet from home plate.

A suggestion was adopted at the meeting that the 120-foot out field rule (the arc) should have a small cone placed in center field approximately 30 feet behind 2nd base to allow the fielders to better judge where the arc they are standing behind is.

A pitching issue was brought up. Last year a few teams experienced a new pitcher on the other team who threw more than 10 or 12 balls in a row. If we experience problems regarding pitching this year - Please email Neal so that he can keep track of the issue and determine if we need to revise our rules for next year. In tournament play we will be ensuring that pitchers are asked to step down if they throw more than 10 or 12 balls in a row in a game.

Regarding Cedar Hill Rec Center where there was an agreement last year that balls hit into the long grass towards left field automatically being a ground rule double, the members present voted and have changed this rule to being “ in a game at Cedar Hill Rec

Center, a team will be awarded a ground rule double for the first 4 in the air hits into the long grass, any in the air hits into the long grass after that will be awarded a ground rule single (all players may only advance one base)". Neil will ensure that the wording for this is correct.

Balls: The league is not providing balls to teams this year. Neil has talked to Kirby's and they will let us (individual teams) purchase a dozen balls for \$52.00 plus HST. The league will be providing Kirby's with a list of teams and rep names. Balls purchased should only be Super God Dot or Super Grey Dot (yellow or white).

Tournaments: The Shriners will again provide a concession for both the Ice Breaker and Year End tournament. Please support them by buying your coffee, etc from the.

Ywatsac has again generously agreed to look after the co-ordination of toilets for the fields at the tournaments. Thank you!

And one of our new teams (Randy) have agreed to supply garbage/recycling bags and take them away at the end of the day for both of our tournaments. Thank you!!

We will again be asking each team to provide a prize worth approximately \$50.00 for the year-end tournament. An email note will be sent out approximately 6 weeks prior to the tournament as a reminder.

Eric has requested that you email him any team pictures that you might like to appear on our website and remind everyone on your team to visit the website. The URL is <http://www.victoriaslopitch.com>

Eric also reminded everyone to please have your team rep email Eric after each game with your win/loss information and whom you played that week.

A reminder of equipment needed:

1 safety 1st base (with sturdy pins)

a set of 6 cones

3 pieces of carpet –

2 (3 foot by 3 foot) for 2nd and 3rd base, and

1 (2 ½ foot by 3 foot) piece for home plate.

Thanks everyone, have a great season.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:00pm.