

MANITOBA SENIOR SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT LEAGUE

2015 ANNUAL MEETING, PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Teams in attendance were: Flashback Stealers, Flashback 65+, Eastman, Canad Inns, Tri-Clad, Barton's Bunch, Portage la Prairie, Charleswood Prime Time, Westlake Brewers, Wpg. South Bees, Charleswood Hawks, and Dauphin.

Executive members were: Les Newman, Penny Flock, Ross MacIver, and Fred Bobrowski.

Guest in attendance: Mike Fennessy (Softball Manitoba).

President Les Newman brought the meeting to order at 11:00 am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A moment of silence followed for Pat Toner (Flashbacks).

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Motion to approve the agenda: Gerry Miller

Seconded: Al Sharpe ~ carried.

Les reminded everyone that only 1 rep from each team as well as the executive is allowed to vote.

ANNUAL BUSINESS

1.) Minutes of Semi-annual meeting - April 2015

Motion to adopt: Lorne Seneshen

Seconded: Ian Townsend ~ carried.

2.) Financial Statement - April 2015 - September 2015

Motion to adopt: Al Sharpe

Seconded: Lorne Seneshen ~ carried.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year went relatively well. The double-header system was well received. Players liked not having to wait for opponents to finish their game, not changing diamonds and paying umpires only once.

There was one complaint about the schedule. Some teams played some teams many times and others very little, if at all. Perhaps the schedule could be checked before sending out. Les has "noted" this.

SOFTBALL MANITOBA REPORT

Mike Fennessy thanked all teams for their support of Softball Manitoba at the Provincials and Blumberg. There were a few "hiccups" at the provincials and they are working to resolve them. Marshall has sent a note suggesting there will be no rate increases next year unless there are unexpected costs (e.g. Hydro).

If there are any questions or recommendations please let MS know.

Discussion ensued about access to water pumps to water dry fields, washrooms on diamonds 5 and 6 need hot water. Mike said the sinks and plumbing have been replaced and the dugout covers on 6 are completed.

WINNIPEG LEAGUE TOURNAMENT REPORT

Ross MacIver reported they had 19 teams and all went well. They chose Tuesday/Wednesday to eliminate having to play Friday if rained out. Bemidji may enter if invited.

POLAR BEAR CLASSIC COMMITTEE (& MAHNOMEN)

Ross mentioned that the dollar difference (USA and us) is becoming a problem. However all went well this year.

PROVINCIALS

Discussion ensued regarding our provincials. There were only 8 teams entered this year. Why? Some teams withdrew because of rules re: under age players, division assignment, etc.

Perhaps to attract out of town teams the provincials could be held at the beginning of August or the beginning of September. We can set the dates for our provincials and then inform SM.

A committee should be struck re: our provincials.

RULES COMMITTEE and UMPIRES

Henry Rosentreter sent his report to say that there would be no fee increase for 2016 and that he would be convener for one more year.

There were some comments regarding umpires. There should be more attention paid to the height of the ball (12') and for the umpires to make calls quicker (illegal pitches).

Les would like to get a committee together for ALCOA rules.

Motion to adopt reports of rules and umpires: Lionel Bjornson

Seconded: Chuck Biggs ~ carried.

2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Les Newman mentioned there were some contact changes and let him know of any tournament changes from last year. He will update.

BINGO AND 50/50 REPORT

In Orest's absence, Fred B. read out the tentative 2016 lists for above:

50/50.....Portage La Prairie, Selkirk, Tri-Clad.

Bingo.....Flashback Stealers and Flashback 65+'s.

WINNIPEG LEAGUE SCHEDULING REPORT

Les reported that it was so much easier scheduling using the double-header format! Teams were happy with it and if there were great differences in team caliber some teams adjusted to have fun and good games, (switched players, 4 outs, 11 players to name some of the "adjustments").

Teams who ventured to Portage la Prairie and/or Steinbach to play part of regular league play found it to be cheaper and enjoyed the change in venue.

Mention was made to have a "1 only division" schedule. This will be brought up at the spring meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 Winnipeg Tournament League hosts. Email Les Newman if you are interested in hosting.

Teams that indicated interest at the meeting were: Tri-Clad, Prime Time, Flashbacks organization and Eastman.

PROVINCIALS

Mike Fennessy stated that Softball Manitoba needs to know the format, dates, number of guaranteed games, etc.

Fred B. said there were many problems this year and we can learn from these. WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK.

We'll have a meeting strictly to discuss the Provincials.

Discussion ensued regarding Addition/deletion dates for seniors be changed from July 30 to beginning of July to avoid "signing-resigning". Les stated a committee be formed to discuss this.

Motion: Sig Schroeder: Rule change - to eliminate "50+" in the qualification for women playing in our league. (Rule 1.11). No age qualification needed.

Seconded: Lorne Seneshen

Much discussion ensued, followed by a vote ~ defeated.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Needed ~ vice-president, treasurer, and one director at large.

Floor nominations:

Penny Flock nominated Fred Spiring to the vice President position.

Seconded: Gerry Miller ~ carried.

Fred Spiring submitted an email to Les Newman stating a willingness to participate with the MSSTL executive. We still need a treasurer!

Ross MacIver mentioned that MSSTL includes all Manitoba; we're one organization - both rural and urban. All tournaments should follow Softball Manitoba rules to be consistent, to be covered.

Ross can still get balls 10% off if teams so desire, even though teams are no longer subsidized by the league. Notification of our 2016 spring meeting will include info re: wanting balls from Ross and how many. You must respond, directly to Ross, if you want them. His email is rossdi@mts.net

"FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEAGUE"

Concern was voiced about teams abusing the "players running for others" consideration. Some teams use their fastest players to run when the player on base seems fine. Teams are to work things out between themselves.

Ross mentioned the wake for Pat Toner on September 30, 2015.

Motion: Lorne Colpitts: "that the spring meeting be held on April 21, 2016."

Seconded: Lloyd Penner ~ carried.

ALL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL TEAMS must relay this information to their players as we need to grow and incorporate new people into our governing body. Please inform them of the spring meeting, to be held on:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

11:00 AM ANAVETS #283 WINNIPEG

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING (as they all are)!

Motion for adjournment by Gary Johnson 1:05pm.