**2019 MSSTL AGM**

The AGM of the Manitoba Senior Slo- pitch Tournament League (MSSTL) was held at 11:00am, October 2, 2019 in the Canad Inns, Portage La Prairie.

**Teams in Attendance:** Bartons Bunch, Charleswood Prime Time, Charleswood Hawks, Eastman, Flashback Stealers, Flashback 215’s, Manitoba Classics, Portage, Selkirk, Southwest Maulers, St James Ichabods, Swan Valley Silver Fox, Westlake Brewers, Winnipeg South Bees and Winnipeg South Legends. **Regrets:** Lee River, Flashback 55’s and Tri Clad.

**MSSTL Executive in Attendance:** Les Newman, Corky Hayden, Janet Forbes, Orest Strzelbicki, Gord Zamzow, and Henry Rosentreter. Les welcome Rick Simister to the board. **Regrets:** Fred Bobrowski and Sig Schroeder.

**Guests in Attendance:** Bob Gross (Legends), Kyle (Maulers), Orest Fedoruk (215’s), Gary Johnson (Bees), Bob Hayden (Stealers) and Lois Dudgeon (55+ Games) **Regrets:** Don Klym.

The AGM of the MSSTL was called to order at 11:10am.

The MSSTL Executive in attendance were introduced.

Les announced the passing of Ivan Seneshen, Gord Polreis (Canad Inns) and ???? and a moment of silence was observed.

**Agenda Review and Approval:** The agenda was amended to include information on the 55+ Games; and Lois Dudgeon. Janet Forbes/ Jim Hoglund moved and seconded Agenda accepted, as amended. **CARRIED.**

Announced voting procedures, 1 vote per team, (15 Teams), and Executive members (7 in attendance)

Motion to accept SAGM Minutes of April 19, 2019. Moved/seconded Gerald Machnee/Charlie Biggs. **CARRIED**

**Treasurers Report –** report handed out, discussed with no apparent concerns. Acceptance Moved/seconded Janet Forbes/Gord Zamzow. **CARRIED**

**Reports**

Lois Dudgeon reported on the Canada 55+ Games. The games will be held in Kamloops, BC on August 25 to 28, 2020. To qualify for games teams must enter in the Manitoba 55+ Games to be held in Selkirk, June 16-18, 2020. A total of 10 teams may qualify: 4 Co-ed Teams: must always have 3 females on the roster with 2 on the field. 6 Open Teams (2 at 55+, 2 at 65+ and 2 at 70+): any mix of all male or at least 1 female. Contact info for Lois is 204 822-6207, email ldudgeon@mymts.net

**President Report**

Les discussed past season and Western Canadian Softball Championships. Meetings will be set up with Monte Miller, new manager of John Blumberg Softball Complex.

**Softball Manitoba**

Don Klym sent regrets as he was on an important teleconference. He stated that any info required was available on the Softball Manitoba or MSSTL websites.

**Umpires Report**

Henry stated that he would like to continue to facilitate the umpires but is not interested in officiating any games, unless he must. He stated that Dom Trochim has retired from officiating. Henry also advised that Provincials saw 3 players ejected from games for umpire abuse. Anyone interested in getting into officiating can get Umpire Clinic information on the Softball Manitoba website.

**MSSTL Tournament Schedule**

The 2020 Tentative Tournament Schedule was handed out and discussed. I was determined that the Provincials would be scheduled at Blumberg, if available, on August 11-13, 2020.

**Ross MacIver Memorial Tournament**

The 2019 tournament was discussed. There is a need for more Canadian teams to participate if this tournament is going to continue. There is a possibility of 1 American team dropping out. A change in Shooting Star management has resulted in reduce incentive packages but for the individual cost is still a good deal and lots of fun.

**Winnipeg League Report**

The 2019 season was briefly discussed. Flashback 215’s is re-entering the MSSTL but are only playing on Wednesdays at Buhler. Selkirk has stated the they would like to enter the MSSTL in the Competitive A Division. The host for the Winnipeg League Tournament on August 28-29,2020 will be determined at the Spring AGM. (Ichabods was the only team in attendance to express an interest).

**Cancellation Policy**

Les gave an overview of the policy as there were fines handed out this year for incorrect game cancellations. Everyone was advised to follow the instructions on the website.

**Rule Book Changes**

Les went over a purposed change to the Gender Rule. There was much discussion and it was decided to table the change to the Spring AGM. (The reason for this was that some teams left at the lunch break and it was felt that there was no longer a quorum at the meeting)

**MSSTL Website**

It was announced that in order to maintain the website a volunteer would be required. It is not necessary that it be a player. Fred Spiring created, set up and maintained a terrific website for the league and it would be a huge step backward if the website was not maintained and continued.

**Goldeyes Games**

Orest gave an overview of 50/50 fundraiser. Barton’s Bunch and Charleswood Hawks provided volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets at the 2019 Season Goldeye Games. The teams managed to fundraise $500+/$400+ respectively. If we receive 2 fundraising dates next season, the next two teams on the ladder will be Eastman and Charleswood Prime Time.

**2020 SAGM Location**

There was some discussion about moving our AGM to the Sport Federation building but the concession was that parking would be a problem and everyone wanted to continue to have the meeting at the ANAVETS Hall on Portage.

**Reporting Scores**

Al Sharpe will no longer be able to accept the scores of the league games. A volunteer was asked and hopefully we will have the information at the spring meeting.

**Player/Team Warnings**

Janet Forbes discussed a few incidents that happen over the course of the 2019 season as well as the player ejections. It was felt that there should be **Zero Tolerance** for umpire abuse as well as player abuse. It is the responsibility of each manager and team to have their players conduct themselves appropriately.

**For the Good of the League**

Jim Hoglund suggested that if we have cold weather restrictions, we should consider heat/humidex restriction. Ernie Warkentin suggested that the Competitive teams be allowed to play with 11 players to allow more playing time for members. Janet Forbes recommended that we have a contact list of each team providing a name, phone number and email address on the website. Due to Privacy issues, teams will be asked at the spring meeting if this is agreeable. Further discussions will take place at the spring meeting for all these suggestions.

Motion to adjourn at 1:25pm by Bob Hayden