

## 2017 Semi Annual General Meeting

The Semi Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League (MSSTL) was held, 11 am, April 19, 2017 at ANAVETS #283.

### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

**Teams in attendance:** Anola UZ2Bs, Barton's Bunch, Charleswood Hawks, Charleswood Prime Time, Eastman, Flashback 55's, Flashback Stealers, Flashback 65's, Manitoba Classics, Lee River Harvesters, Portage Agri-Sales, Selkirk, St. James Ichabods, Southwest Maulers, Rock Lakers, Tri-Clad Design, Westlake Brewers, Winnipeg South Bees, Winnipeg South Legends, Winnipeg South Night Owls. **Regrets:** Manitoba Coyotes and Dauphin MCs.

**MSSTL Executive in attendance:** Les Newman, Ross MacIver, Fred Bobrowski, Sig Schroeder, Fred Spiring, Orest Strzelbicki, Henry Rosentreter. **Regrets:** Ted Knight.

**Guests in attendance:** Don Klym (Softball MB), Marshall Shuster (Blumberg), Penny Flock (Tri-Clad) and Don Crow (Charleswood House). **Regrets:** Karyn Heidrick (ALCOA) and Lois Dudgeon.

**Appendix B** contains the attendees' sign-in information.

The Semi Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League Meeting was called to order at 11:10 am.

President Newman introduced the MSSTL Executive.

### Agenda Review and Approval

Janet Forbes/Don Crow moved and seconded Agenda accepted as written. **CARRIED.**

There were no known memorials.

There were no Nominations for the vacant MSSTL position of Secretary.

President Newman reviewed the voting procedures.

### Annual Business

#### 1) ALCOA Announcements/Report

In the absence of Karyn Heidricks and Lois Dudgeon, Fred Spiring indicated that the ALCOA 55+ games are scheduled for June 13-15 In Killarney. Ted Knight is the Slo-Pitch convenor for the ALCOA 55+ games and the MSSTL will again be involved with the seeding and scheduling. ALCOA 55+ Slo-pitch applications forms, posters and brochures were distributed.

#### 2) Little Mountain Presentation

Bob Sigfusson acknowledged that Little Mountain Sportsplex (LMS) was interested in attracting daytime leagues. Bob indicated that LMS has added irrigation to two wheels (8 diamonds) and were scheduled to complete dugout covers to both wheels. Bob confirmed that LMS would groom, chalk(line) and wet down infields prior to games at LMS. Discussion

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regarding costs/savings took place, with Bob indicating he could offer up to a \$6000 savings on current Diamond fees and that LMS was very interested in promoting Senior Slo-Pitch in the Province. The savings could be passed on either through support of teams to attend SMB Provincials or directly to a reduction in diamond fees.

President Newman asked Bob for some time to think about the proposal and thanked him for his presentation.

### 3) Minutes of Annual Meeting

Janet Forbes/Penny Flock moved/seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. **CARRIED.**

### 4) Financial Update

Sig Schroeder updated the current financial statements of the MSSTL indicating that there was \$1597.62 and \$1337.80 respectively in the MSSTL operating and the Polar Bear funds for a total balance of \$2935.42. Sig Schroeder/Chuck Biggs moved/seconded that the report be adopted. **CARRIED.**

## Reports and Committees Reports

### 1) President's Report

President Newman reported that the MSSTL Winnipeg League will again base its divisions on ability. A schedule will be presented that has three divisions with 4 teams participating in the Competitive Division, four teams in the Recreational Division I and 5 teams in the Recreational Division II. Les also indicated that the website [msstl.coffeecup.com](http://msstl.coffeecup.com) is up and running and contains updated information.

### 2) Softball Manitoba Report

Don Klym, representing Softball Manitoba (SMB), congratulated last year's SMB Provincial Champions Southwest Maulers (Competitive Division) and Tri-Clad (Recreational Division). Don also reported that the Senior Slo-pitch Provincial play downs are scheduled for August 29-31 at Blumberg. Don explained that the SMB Registration fees include such tangibles as access to Goldeyes 50/50, Insurance, Rule Books, SMB Umpires, Coach's resource centre, Training centre and SMB clinicians/therapists. SMB fees would be \$300 for 2017 if a minimum of 20 MSSTL teams agreed to add the SMB Provincials to their registration. In the event that 20 teams would not commit, the SMB fees would remain at \$150 for registration and \$200 for entry into the SMB Provincials. President Newman thanked Don for his presentation.

### 3) Mahnomen Tournament

Ross MacIver reported that the Mahnomen Tournament is scheduled for August 20-23 and invited all teams to participate in the Tournament. The tournament format will be similar to past years, but a fee schedule had not yet been set. Ross said he would convey this information to all as soon as it was available. President Newman thanked Ross for his presentation.

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### 4) Tournament Schedule

Changes: Little Mountain Tournament, contact to be Larry Schroeder.  
Tournament entry fees will be added to the Tournament schedule if known.

Changes will be posted to the website.

### 5) Umpires Report

Henry Rosentreter reported that:

#### **In Response to:**

#### **a) Executive email received November 2016**

Rick Frost and Charley Kurtz have limited availability during the 2017 MSSTL season, but added that Wayne Deschouwer and Fred Spiring have been added to the Umpire Roster for 2017.

#### **b) Softball Manitoba requirement to use Softball Manitoba Umpires**

All MSSTL umpires have agreed to register with Softball Manitoba.

#### **c) Game Fees to remain the same (\$30 per game)**

Rosentreter/Bjornson moved/seconded that MSSTL Winnipeg League games be 7 innings in length.  
DEFEATED.

#### **d) Complaints**

Henry requested all umpiring concerns/complaints be reported to the MSSTL through Fred Spiring.

President Newman thanked Henry for his presentation.

#### **Softball Canada Rule changes**

Biggs/Bjornson moved/seconded that the Winnipeg League try the new Softball Canada Slo-Pitch Batter's box and plate for 2017. **DEFEATED.**

Attendees broke for Lunch at 12:15 pm.

President Newman recalled the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

#### **Old Business**

##### 1) Team Registration/New Players

Fred Spiring reported that the SMB Registration forms are similar to past years and must be submitted electronically. Fred indicated that the forms would be emailed to all MSSTL teams in the next couple of weeks. In order to meet SMB deadline of June 15, MSSTL registration deadline is June 10 and must be accompanied by a cheque of \$150 made payable to Softball Manitoba.

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Fred also requested that all new member's (did not register with SMB in 2016) information be emailed to MSSTL email address (msstleague@gmail.com) immediately in order to ensure SMB Insurance coverage effective at the start of the season. The new member's name, address, phone number and birth date are required.

### 2) MSSTL Cancellation Policy

Spiring/Biggs moved/seconded Cancellation Policy (see Appendix A) be adopted. Discussion regarding paying umpires when games not cancelled before 8:30 am but not playable at 11 am. No amendments forthcoming. **CARRIED.**

### 3) MSSTL Rule Book Update

Fred Spiring indicated that an electronic version of the MSSTL Rule Book and Constitution had been recovered and that updates were ongoing. Fred indicated that an electronic version of the Rule Book/Constitution would be sent out with the 2017 SAGM minutes and included as an Agenda item for the MSSTL Fall General Meeting.

### 4) 50/50 & Bingo Report

Orest Strzelbicki reported that:

Goldeyes 50/50 scheduled teams are: Selkirk, South Winnipeg Bees, South Winnipeg Legends. Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries' Bingo are no longer using volunteers. MSSTL Performance Bond (\$250) has been returned.

### 5) Polar Bear Fund Usage

Some discussion included purchasing 11" Worth Hot Dot balls and distributing them to MSSTL teams to insure that all teams have a credible Ladies ball. President Newman thought the MSSTL could do this without using the Polar Bear Funds.

Bjornson/Bobrowski moved/seconded that Polar Bear Funds continue to be used in support of travelling teams. **CARRIED.**

MSSTL Executive to develop and present policy at the MSSTL AGM.

### 6) MSSTL Winnipeg League Schedule

Fred Spiring presented a tentative Winnipeg League schedule that would see Winnipeg League play start Monday, May 8. The Tentative Schedule (dated April 18, 2017) is posted on the website. Three Divisions (Competitive, Recreational I, Recreational II) with limited interlocking play were outlined. Representatives will be sent a schedule electronically once finalized.

### 7) SMB Provincial Proposal

A proposal that would see the SMB Provincial play downs be included in the SMB Registration fees was abandoned due to lack of support. As a result 2017 SMB Registration fees will be \$150 and the SMB Provincial play down fees \$200.

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### 8) Little Mountain Proposal

Bob Sigfusson reiterated that LMS would be prepared to host all MSSTL Winnipeg League games for the 2017 season at a cost of \$85 per double header/slot. Based on 115 double headers/slots (assuming no cancelled games), the fees would be \$9775 plus GST. Portage La Prairie indicated that they would be willing to play at Little Mountain, but Anola indicated they would not play Winnipeg League games at Little Mountain. A committee consisting of Les Newman, Fred Bobrowski, Sig Schroeder, Fred Spiring, Al Sharpe and Ernie Warkentin were tasked with reviewing formally the LMS proposal and making recommendations to the MSSTL Winnipeg League.

### **New Business**

#### 1) Website

Fred Spiring briefly illustrated the MSSTL website (msstl.coffeecup.com). League Schedules, Tournament schedules and Team results will be posted to the website. Representatives were asked to use the "Cancellation Button" and "Reported Result Button" to cancel games and record results.

#### 2) Reporting Wins/Losses/Ties

All teams are requested to email their results to Al Sharpe immediately following games. A "button" has been placed on the website that facilitates sending in your win or loss. Results will be posted on the website and used to assist in seeding teams participating in ALCOA and Provincial Tournaments.

#### 3) New Players

A list of potential new players will be included in the email containing the MSSTL SAGM minutes.

### **Anything Further For the Good of the League**

1) The next MSSTL meeting is scheduled for September 27, 11 am, in Portage La Prairie.

2) ANAVETS #283 has been reserved for Wednesday, April 18, 2018 for the next MSSTL SAGM.

Motion for Adjournment by Chuck Biggs at 2 pm

Appendix C contains the Actionables with timelines from the MSSTL SAGM.

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## Appendix A

### MSSTL Winnipeg League Cancellation Policy (Blumberg & Buhler facilities)

Every effort will be made to inform the Ground's Manager, MSSTL Treasurer, MSSTL President and Umpire-In-Chief (and designate) of MSSTL Winnipeg League cancellations as they are reported, as well as by 8:30 am on game days. Cancellations and game day decisions will be communicated to the Cancellation Contact List (below) via email and posted on the MSSTL website's Schedule page ([www.msstl.coffeecup.com](http://www.msstl.coffeecup.com)).

### 2016 MSSTL Cancellation Contact List

#### **Blumberg**

	<b>Contact</b>	<b>email</b>	<b>phone</b>
Grounds	Marshall Shuster	theshu@shaw.ca	204-831-0263
Umpire	Henry Rosentreter	valrosentreter@yahoo.com	204-888-4407
Umpire	Rick Zaretsky	rzaretsky@hotmail.com	204-885-3253
Treasurer	Sig Shroeder	sig123@mymts.net	204 837-6168
President	Les Newman	lnewman@live.ca	204-235-1674
League	Schedule	msstleague@gmail.com	

#### **Buhler**

	<b>Contact</b>	<b>email</b>	<b>phone</b>
Grounds	Steve Mymko	steve@buhlerrecpark.com	204-777-2255
Umpire	Henry Rosentreter	valrosentreter@yahoo.com	204-888-4407
Umpire	Rick Zaretsky	rzaretsky@hotmail.com	204-885-3253
Treasurer	Sig Shroeder	sig123@mymts.net	204 837-6168
President	Les Newman	lnewman@live.ca	204-235-1674
League	Schedule	msstleague@gmail.com	

[A] Umpires will be paid at game time, \$30 (2016 Umpire single game fee) by the participating teams. Any disputes should be reported to the MSSTL President.

[B] In the event that the Grounds are declared **playable** at 8:30 am, but **unplayable** by game time (11 am) on game days, each attending Umpire will be eligible to receive \$15 (1/2 of the 2016 Umpire single game fee) from the MSSTL.

[C] Once an MSSTL Winnipeg League game is started and one inning completed, an attending Umpire is entitled to full compensation of \$30 (2016 Umpire single game fee) paid by the participating teams.

[D] In the event that an Umpire has been scheduled and his/her game is **cancelled due to reasons other than weather/playable grounds (e.g., team forfeiture, fail to cancel in advance, ...)** umpires may be asked to perform duties on another diamond (e.g., base umpire) and be compensated \$30 (2016 Umpire single game fee) by the MSSTL.

[E] Any team failing to cancel games with no notice (8 pm, the night before game day), is responsible for Umpire's compensation of \$30 (2016 Umpire single game fee) and Facility's compensation of

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\$33.60 (2016 single game Grounds' Fees) per game, for all games forfeited. In the event of extenuating circumstances, teams may appeal to the MSSTL President.

### Appendix B

MSSTL 2017 AGM Sign-in Sheet		Signature
<b>League Representatives</b>		
Les Newman (President)		<i>[Signature]</i>
Fred Spiring (Vice President)		<i>[Signature]</i>
Sig Schroeder (Treasurer)		<i>[Signature]</i>
(Secretary)		
Fred Bobrowski (Past President)		<i>[Signature]</i>
Ted Knight (Director at Large)		
Ross MacIver (Director at Large)		<i>[Signature]</i>
Orest Strzelbicki (Director at Large)		<i>[Signature]</i>
Henry Rosentreter (Umpire in Chief)		<i>[Signature]</i>
<b>Team Representatives</b>		
MSSTL - Altona Bisons Ike Enns Alternate		
MSSTL - Anola U22B's Fred Budzey Alternate	JACK HILLY M. J. ...	Fred Budzey ✓
MSSTL - Barton's Bunch Janet Forbes Alternate - Lorne Colpitts	J. Hill	✓
MSSTL - Carman Cardinals Neil Strachan Cheryl Fraser		
MSSTL - Charleswood Seniors Chuck Biggs Steve Sanderson - Reg. for Chartsewood Hawks, House	Chuck Biggs Lila Hornby	✓
MSSTL Charleswood Prime Time Larry Schroeder Alternate - Gary Pfeifer	Larry Schroeder Gary Pfeifer	✓
MSSTL Charleswood Hawks Chuck Biggs Alternate - Lila Hornby	Chuck Biggs Lila Hornby	✓
MSSTL - Dauphin MCs Ed Goertzen Alternate - Brain Ready	REGRET, APRIL 18, 2017	
MSSTL - Eastman Ernie Warkentin Alternate - Brian Gadsby	Ernie Warkentin	✓
MSSTL - Lee River Senior Slo Pitch Boyd Kramble Alternate - Paul Kraynk	Boyd Kramble Paul Kramble	✓
MSSTL - Manitoba Classics Roger Havrilenko Alternate -	Roger Havrilenko	✓
MSSTL - Manitoba Coyotes Ted Knight Ann Kenning	Regrets - April 14, 2017	
MSSTL - Morden Ron Harms Alternate - Gil Wiebe		
MSSTL - Morse Place Flashbacks Stealers Henry Zerbin Alternate - Ian Townsend	HENRY ZERBIN Ian Townsend	✓

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MSSTL Morse Place Flashbacks 55's Bill Vallis Alternate - Fred Bobrowski	<i>Fred Bobrowski</i>	✓
MSSTL Morse Place Flashback 65's Ross MacIver Alternate - Lionel Bjornson	<i>Lionel Bjornson</i>	✓
MSSTL - Portage Agri-Sales Bruce Buschau Alternate Val Buschau	<i>Val Buschau</i>	✓
Southwest Maulers Dennis Kyle Alternate	<i>Dennis Kyle</i>	✓
MSSTL - Rock Lakers Ken Horn Alternate - Doug Rinn	<i>Doug Rinn Mel Johnston</i>	✓
MSSTL - Selkirk Gerald Machnee Alternate	<i>BOB ZAHAYKO</i>	✓
MSSTL - South Winnipeg Seniors Russ Hampton Mac Davidson	<i>Mac Davidson</i>	✓
MSSTL - St. James Ichabods Robert Essery Alternate	<i>R. Essery</i>	✓
MSSTL - Tri - Clad Design Al Sharpe Alternate - Les Newman	<i>Al Sharpe</i>	✓
MSSTL - Westlake Brewers Orlando Oswald Alternate - Ken Dunn	<i>Orlando Oswald</i>	✓
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Legends Bill Dupent Alternate - Bob Gross	<i>Bill Dupent Bob Gross</i>	✓
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Bees Mac Davidson Alternate - Gary Johnson	<i>Mac Davidson</i>	✓
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Night Owls Dmetro Hnytk Alternate	<i>Dmetro Hnytk</i>	✓
<b>Observers</b>		
Don Klym	<i>Don Klym</i>	✓
Marshall Shuster	<i>Marshall Shuster</i>	✓
Steve Mymko		
Karyn Heidrick	<i>REGRETS APRIL 18/17</i>	
Lois Dudgeon	<i>REGRETS APRIL 18/17</i>	
Bob Sigfusson		
<i>Dunny Flock Don Claws</i>	<i>Don Claws</i>	✓

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### Appendix C

Actionables/**Completed** from April 19, 2017 MSSTL Semi Annual General Meeting

- 1) The position of MSSTL Secretary needs to be filled prior to the Fall AGM - Sept. 1, 2017
- 2) Confirm MSSTL Winnipeg league venues for the 2017 season - **April 27-MSSTL**
- 3) MSSTL Tournament Schedule confirmations/updates May 1, 2017
- 4) Finalize Mahnomen Fee Structure and distribute - **No Change from 2016 Fees-Macliver**
- 5) New Individual/Team SMB registration - May 1/June 10, 2017
- 6) Distribute/Review revised MSSTL Rule Book - **April 27/Sept 1** respectively-**Spiring**
- 7) Develop a protocol/policy for disbursement of Polar Bear funds. - Sept. 1-Executive
- 8) MSSTL to purchase 13 - 11" Worth Hot Dot, .52 COR, 275/300 compression balls and distribute to all MSSTL Winnipeg League teams - **May 8-Newman**
- 9) Distribute and post Final Winnipeg League Schedule- **April 27-Spiring**
- 10) Finalize minutes, post on website, email to teams- **April 27-Spiring**
- 11) Teams to report "New Players" to MSSTL - May 8
- 12) New Players to be included in "Minutes" email to teams - **April 27-Newman**
- 13) Anola not to play May 10 - **April 27-Spiring**
- 14) Revise SW Legends contact list to include Rob Eaton & Peter Dyck-**April 27-Spiring**