

2018 MSSTL Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League (MSSTL) was held, 11 am, September 26, 2018 at CANAD Inns, Portage La Prairie.

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Teams in attendance: Anola UZ2Bs, Barton's Bunch, Charleswood Hawks, Charleswood Prime Time, Charleswood Seniors, Eastman, Manitoba Coyotes, Impact, Flashback 55's, Flashback Stealers, Flashback 215's, Morse Place House League, Portage, St. James Ichabods, Southwest Maulers, Tri-Clad Design, Westlake Brewers, Winnipeg South Bees and Winnipeg South Legends.

MSSTL Executive in attendance: Les Newman, Fred Bobrowski, Sig Schroeder, Henry Rosentreter, Janet Forbes and Corky Hayden. **Regrets:** Orest Strzelbicki and Gord Zamzow.

Guests in attendance: Marshall Shuster (Blumberg), Mike Fennesey (SMB/MSSTL), Penny Flock (St. James Ichabods), Fred Spiring (MSSTL) and Bob Sigfusson (LMS). **Regrets:** Don Klym. **Appendix A** contains the attendees' sign-in information.

The Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Senior Slo-Pitch Tournament League Meeting was called to order at 11:15 am.

President Newman introduced the MSSTL Executive.

President Newman announced the passings of Ross MacIver (FB 215s & MSSTL Executive member) and Garry Ollenberger (former MSSTL President).

Agenda Review and Approval

Sig Schroeder/Bill Dupent moved/seconded Agenda accepted as written. **CARRIED.**

President Newman reviewed the voting procedures (19 MSSTL Teams and 6 MSSTL Executives).

Annual Business

1) Minutes of Spring Semi Annual General Meeting (SAGM)

Gerry Miller/Tom Breen moved/seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2018 SAGM. **CARRIED.**

2) Financial Statement

Sig Schroeder updated the current financial status of the MSSTL indicating that there was \$2307.32 and \$1187.80 in the MSSTL operating and the Polar Bear funds respectively, for a total balance of \$3495.12. See **Appendix B** for an updated Financial Statement. Sig Schroeder/Bill Dupent moved/seconded that the Financial report be adopted. **CARRIED.**

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Reports and Committees

1) President's Report

President Newman suggested that overall 2018 MSSTL season was a success with very few weather-related cancellations. Les welcomed Janet Forbes and Corky Hayden to the MSSTL Executive. President Newman asked for questions or concerns. None were raised.

2) Softball Manitoba (SMB) Report

President Newman presented the SMB Report from Don Klym:

- a) SMB would like to congratulate all teams that participated in the MSSTL Winnipeg League and the various tournaments held around the Province during the 2018 season. The level of participation in Senior Slo Pitch in Manitoba is unmatched across the country.
- b) SMB would like to congratulate the participants and medalists of the SMB Provincial playdowns and to acknowledge Barton's Bunch, Portage and the Flashback Stealers on their Gold Medal performances in 2018. SMB would like to extend an invitation to all MSSTL teams to attend the 2019 Senior Slo Pitch Provincial Championships scheduled for July 15-17 at the John Blumberg Softball Complex.
- c) Every effort will be made to hold the 2019 SMB Registration Fees and the 2019 SMB Provincial playdown fees at \$200 and \$150 respectively.
- d) SMB does accept electronic transfers for payment of SMB Registration Fees and SMB Provincial Fees.

Les Newman/Janet Forbes moved/seconded SMB Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

3) Winnipeg League Tournament Report

Bob Essery reported that the Winnipeg League Tournament was held at Little Mountain Sportsplex (LMS) with 17 teams (one team withdrew just prior to the event). Bob thanked all the participants as well as LMS's Bob Sigfusson for his contributions. A profit of \$1114 was realized after a very successful 50/50 draw, the awarding of \$600 in prize money and paying umpires \$960.

Bob Essery/Lionel Bjornson moved/seconded Winnipeg League Tournament Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

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4) Rules Committee

Bill Dupent/Ken Kent moved/seconded that MSSTL Rule 1-19 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 1-19. Roster/Pickups: Unlimited pick-ups are allowed in the MSSTL Winnipeg League and all Tournaments, except the SMB Provincials and the Winnipeg League Championships. The Winnipeg League Championships encourage teams to use a maximum of three unaffiliated, registered SMB House League players in the Championships.

CARRIED.

Jack Kelly/Janet Forbes moved/seconded that Rule 1-11 be amended to read as follows:

Rule 1-11. Gender Rule: Co-ed participation is mandatory. Teams must have at least one woman player 50+ in the game at all times. The age restriction rules of all categories requires that women players aged 40+ to 49+ years of age must play “as a man”, whereby they are not allowed to bunt or to use the 11 inch ball. Teams may alternate 50+ women hitters in the line-up (example: 2 women on the team and only 1 in the fielding/batting line-up; unlimited substitution between the 2 women when they hit in that turn in the batting order). A women must occupy one of the first 9 slots in the batting order. Women aged 50 + have the option of using the 11 inch ball when batting.

CARRIED.

The 2017-18 Softball Canada Rule

8.1.5 Co-Ed: *If a male is walked on four pitches or fewer, he is awarded second base and the female batter has the option of batting or accepting a walk up until the delivery of a pitch.*

Interpretation: If a male batter is walked on four pitches or fewer immediately in front of an on deck female batter, the male batter advances to second base, the female on deck batter has the option of hitting or accepting walk to first base and all base runners advance as forced.

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5) Umpires Report

Henry Rosentreter reported that:

2018 Umpire Fees

\$30 per 7 inning game

2018 MSSTL Umpire List

		Blumberg	Buhler	Phone	Cell
Henry	Rosentreter (UIC)	x	x	204-888-4407	204-470-8280
Rick	Zaretsky	x	x	204-885-3253	
Don	Adamko	x	spare	1-204-383-5223	
Charlie	Kurtz	x	x	204-257-2019	
Bernie	Novak	x	spare	204-837-2001	
Rick	Varnes		x	204-222-3532	
Fred	Spiring	spare	spare	204-261-3912	431-335-0244
Bill	Kellas	x	spare	204-885-3313	
Marcel	Money		spare	204-257-7722	
Wayne	Deschouwer	spare		204-896-6729	
Dan	Trochem	spare	x	204-222-4916	

The 2018 umpiring crew covered Winnipeg League games at Blumberg, Buhler and Henderson locations.

Wayne Deschouwer and Marcel Money umpired one double header each in 2018. Wayne Deschouwer experienced a significant health issue in August 2018.

I welcome all teams' feedback regarding the umpires as a group or a particular umpire.

2019 MSSTL Umpire Proposal

I, Henry Rosentreter, would like to remain as Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) for the MSSTL. Given the current MSSTL Team Registration, I propose to have six (6) confirmed, as well as a minimum of four (4) "spare", umpires for both Monday and Wednesday games. I would be one of the spares on Monday and Wednesday. I have approached Pat Carson to become an MSSTL umpire for Monday games in 2019. Pat was part of the umpiring crew for the 2018 SMB Provincial championships. I have also recruited Rod Zaretsky, who umpired several games late in the 2018 MSSTL Season, and Brian Midgie, who is the UIC for Winnipeg Slo Pitch Evening League to join the 2019 MSSTL Umpire crew.

As UIC, my responsibilities would include recruiting and scheduling the umpires for all Winnipeg League games and any affiliated Tournaments. I would work closely with the MSSTL to ensure sufficient Softball Manitoba Registered umpires for all game days and would, in conjunction with Charlie Kurtz, conduct a training session prior to the MSSTL season, to bring all umpires up to date with rules specific to the MSSTL.

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Henry Rosentreter/Lionel Bjornson moved/seconded Umpire Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

6) Tournament Schedule

A tentative 2019 MSSTL Tournament Schedule was reviewed and revised, see **Appendix C.** Schedule will be posted to the website.

Participants were asked to indicate who might attend the 2019 ALCOA-MB/AAIM games in Swan River and if anything could be done to encourage teams' participation. Westlake Brewers indicated they would be attending. Busing teams to Swan River from Winnipeg and Brandon was suggested.

Attendees broke for Lunch at 12:15 pm.

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

On- going Business

1) 50/50 Report

Orest Strzelbicki reported that:

2018 Goldeyes 50/50 MSSTL Teams

- SW Legends and the SW Night Owls
- share receipts of approximately \$1200

2019 Goldeyes 50/50 MSSTL Teams

- Anola UZ2Bs and Barton's Bunch (Charleswood Hawks on deck)

Les Newman/Ken Kent moved/seconded 50/50 Report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

2) MSSTL Winnipeg League Schedule

President Newman indicated the Lee River would not be joining the Winnipeg League. The tentative 2019 Winnipeg League Schedule was circulated to illustrate the combining of the two Recreational Divisions to form one Recreational Division with an unbalanced schedule. Several teams have indicated that they would prefer to play certain teams more often. Les asked teams to submit their requests and the Executive would do their best to accommodate the requests.

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New Business

1) 2019 Winnipeg League Tournament hosts

Tri Clad and SW Legends expressed interest in hosting the 2019 Winnipeg League Tournament. President Newman asked that any other interested teams contact him via email or phone.

2) Review of SMB Registration process

Fred Spiring suggested that the revised SMB Registration Forms and process went quite smoothly in 2018 and proposed a similar approach for 2019.

3) Little Mountain Proposal

Bob Sigfusson attended the SAGM in support of the LMS proposal that had been circulated to all Winnipeg League teams prior to the SAGM. Bob addressed questions and concerns from attendees. The LMS proposal read as follows:

Little Mountain would like to formally propose a three year agreement (2019, 2020 & 2021) with the MSSTL for the MSSTL Winnipeg League play on Wednesday's at LMS. Understanding the present costs for diamond rental with JBC and Buhler is \$70 per team per day, LMS would match the same pricing as the other facilities. LMS would be prepared to have all lines painted and infield lines done as requested. This would include all league games from May thru to August play. This agreement will be reviewed at the end of the first year to discuss any concerns from both parties.

Along with the league season play, LMS would like the opportunity to joint-venture and sponsor three tournaments during the season which already exist on the present 2019 schedule. These include May 21-22, July 30-31 and August 26-28. If the league teams can agree on LMS hosting these dates there will be no diamond fees and LMS will supplement prize money which teams can enjoy.

Any other concerns, additional costs, or benefits for the league can be discussed at the AGM on September 26, 2018.

Thanks you for the opportunity to work with the senior's group and be part of the success they have developed.

*Yours truly,
Robert Sigfusson,
Facility Director, Little Mountain Sportsplex*

Twenty secret ballots were cast by the 14 MSSTL Winnipeg League Teams and the 6 attending MSSTL Executive members. The LMS proposal was turned down (8 ballots For, 12 ballots Opposed).

President Newman thanked Bob for his proposal.

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Nomination Committee Report

- No nominations from the Floor

For the Good of the League

- 1) An idea to change the starting times of the Monday/Wednesday games in the months of July and August was discussed. No formal strategy was adopted. Deferred to April 2019.
- 2) Discussion regarding moving Winnipeg League play to Tu/Th. No resolution.

The next MSSTL meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2019, 11 am, ANAVETS #283, Winnipeg.

Motion for Adjournment by Lionel Bjornson at 1:55 pm.

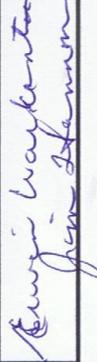
Appendix D contains the Actionables with timelines from the 2018 MSSTL AGM.

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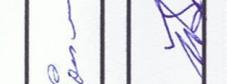
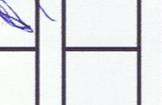
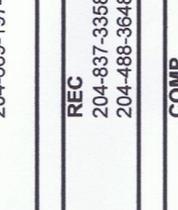
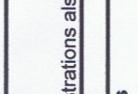
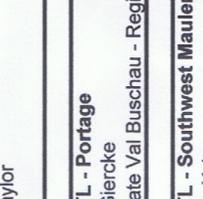
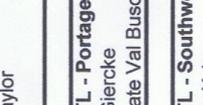
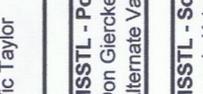
Appendix A

MSSTL 2018 AGM Sign-in Sheet		Signature
League Representatives		
Les Newman (President) c- 299-0631	204-235-1674	<i>Les Newman</i>
Corky Hayden (Vice-President)	204-736-6208	<i>Corky Hayden</i>
Sig Schroeder (Treasurer)	204-837-6168	<i>Sig Schroeder</i>
(Secretary)		
Fred Bobrowski (Past President)	204-224-4941	<i>Fred Bobrowski</i>
God Zamzow (Director at Large)	204-734-2880	<i>God Zamzow</i>
Janet Forbes (Director at Large)	204-256-9481	<i>Janet Forbes</i>
Orest Strzelbicki (Director at Large)	204-895-7723	<i>Orest Strzelbicki</i>
Henry Rosentreter (Umpire in Chief) c- 204-470-8280	204-888-4407	<i>Henry Rosentreter</i>
Team Representatives		
MSSTL - Altona Bisons		
Ike Enns (Registration also)	REC 204-324-6032	<i>Ike Enns</i>
MSSTL - Anola UZZB's		
Maureen Fryza	REC 204-866-3304	<i>Maureen Fryza</i>
Jack Kelly	204-612-7447	<i>Jack Kelly</i>
MSSTL - Barton's Bunch		
Janet Forbes (Registration also)	204-256-9481	<i>Janet Forbes</i>
Allemaire - Lorne Colpitts	204-255-7577	<i>Lorne Colpitts</i>
MSSTL - Carman Cardinals		
Neil Strachan	REC 204-745-6283	<i>Neil Strachan</i>
Cheryl Fraser registration & emails 2016	204-750-2272	<i>Cheryl Fraser</i>
MSSTL - Charleswood Seniors		
Chuck Biggs (President)	HOUSE 204-837-6858	<i>Chuck Biggs</i>
Steve Sanderson - Reg. for Charleswood Hawks, House	204-837-6858	<i>Steve Sanderson</i>
MSSTL Charleswood Prime Time		
Larry Schroeder	COMP 204-895-8588	<i>Larry Schroeder</i>
Allemaire - Gary Pfeifer	204-633-6990	<i>Gary Pfeifer</i>

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MSSTL Charleswood Hawks Chuck Biggs Alternate - Lila Hornby	REC 204-895-8645 204-837-3554	biggs.chuck@yahoo.com	
MSSTL - Dauphin MCs Ed Goertzen Alternate - Brain Ready	REC (Registration also) 204-648-7324 204-648-3130	ed.goertzen@medichair.com	
MSSTL - Eastman Ernie Warkentin Alternate - Brian Gadsby	COMP (Registration also) 204-889-6949 204-392-1111	efwork@gmail.com brgadsby@hotmail.com	
MSSTL - Lee River Senior Slo Pitch Boyd Kramble Alternate Paul Kraynk	REC (Registration also) 204-389-4843 204-345-8396	boydkramble@yahoo.com paulkraynyk@hotmail.com	
MSSTL - Manitoba Classics Roger Havrilenko (2015) Alternate - TBD	REC (Registration also) 204-663-1201	rhavrill@shaw.ca	
MSSTL - Manitoba Coyotes ERIN BUTLER Ann Kenning	REC Team Registration info	erinbutler@gmail.com akenning@mts.net	
MSSTL - Impact Gerry Miller Alternate - Sig Schroeder	REC 204-895-1747	milger321@gmail.com sig123@mts.net	
MSSTL - Morden Ron Harms Alternate - Gil Wiebe	REC (Registration also) 204-822-1462 822-9442	rondonharm@gmail.com gilwiebe@gmail.com	
MSSTL - Morse Place Flashback Stealers Alternate - Bob Hayden Peter Paley	REC 204-736-6208 204-667-2088	iantownsend@shaw.ca ppaley@mymts.net	
MSSTL Morse Place Flashback 55's Gary Anderson Registration/Financial-Diane Dewar	COMP 204-667-0337 204-669-6558	garya@mts.net dibridewar@gmail.com	
MSSTL Morse Place Flashback 215's KEN KENT Lionel Bjornson	REC 204-222-9806 204-237-0237	A KENT@SHAW.CA goalie34@mts.net	

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MSSTL Morse Place Flashback House League Vic Taylor	HOUSE 204-669-1974	divs2@shaw.ca	
MSSTL - Portage Don Giercke Alternate Val Buschau - Registrations also	REC 204-837-3358 204-488-3648	vbuschau@mts.net	
MSSTL - Southwest Maulers Dennis Kyle	COMP 204-724-0240	dwkyle@hotmail.com	
MSSTL - Rock Lakers Ken Horn Alternate - Doug Rinn	REC 204-242-2138 204-825-2796	kwhorn@mts.net dbrinn@xplornet.ca	
MSSTL - Selkirk Gerald Machnee Alternate - TBD	REC (Team registrations also) 204-757-4745	machnee@gmail.com	
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Seniors Tom Ferris Mac Davidson Treasurer SWSSP - Registrations	HOUSE 204-255-1088 204-475-1900	pferris2011@gmail.com matsdav@mts.net	
MSSTL - St. James Ichabods Robert Essery (Team Registration also)	REC 204-837-8881	b.c.essery@shaw.ca	
MSSTL - Swan Valley Silver Fox Gord Zamzow	REC 204-734-2880	gordmax5@gmail.com	
MSSTL - Tri - Clad Design Al Sharpe Alternate - Les Newman (Team registration also)	REC 204-475-0654 204-235-1674	alsharpe@mts.net lnewman@live.ca	
MSSTL - Westlake Brewers Orlando Oswald Alternate - Ken Dunn (Registrations also)	REC 204-386-2564 204-767-2266	kjdunn10@gmail.com kjdunn10@gmail.com	 
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Legends Bill Dupont Alternate - Bob Gross	REC 204-467-5058 204-489-4728	bdupont@live.com abgross@shaw.ca	

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MSSTL - Winnipeg South Bees Bill Schrader Mac Davidson Alternate - Gary Johnson	REC 204 253-8883 204-475-1900 204-256-5651	wlsch@mts.net matsdav@mts.net grj_mustang@hotmail.com	Gary J. Bill Schwader ✓
MSSTL - Winnipeg South Night Owls Dmetro Hnytko Alternate -	REC 204 256-4074	dmetro@mts.net	
Observers			
Don Klym	SMB	donklym@mts.net	REGRETS
Marshall Shuster	Blumberg	theshu@shaw.ca	MSBhd
Steve Mymko	Buhler	steve@buhlerrecpark.com	
Bob Sigfusson	Little Mountain	robertsigfusson@mymts.net	R. Sigfusson
Fred Spiring	MSSTL	fspiring@mymts.net	Fred Spiring
EXTRA		Penny Flock	Penny Flock
CRSENER		MIKE FENNESSY	Mike Fennessy

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Appendix B

MANITOBA SENIOR SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT LEAGUE (MSSTL)

	2018	2017
Opening balance	1,738.37	1,597.62
Revenues		
Registration Fees	520.00	500.00
Fees from Teams - Blumberg	4,900.00	6,300.00
Fees from Teams - Buhler	6,720.00	4,550.00
MSSTL - Championship	1,500.00	0.00
Goldeyes	0.00	908.30
Polar Bear Fund - see Statement	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	15,378.37	12,258.30
Expenses		
Blumberg Diamond fees	4,900.00	6,300.00
Buhler Diamond fees	6,720.00	4,620.00
ANAVETS Meeting Room/Coffee	135.25	206.25
Meeting Room Portage	0.00	0.00
Umpire - Rain outs	0.00	60.00
MSSTL Championship	1,275.00	0.00
Goldeyes - Selkirk	0.00	476.86
Goldeyes - Wpg South Bees	0.00	431.44
Bingo - Flashback 65's/Stealers	0.00	0.00
Bank Service Charges	30.80	23.00
Miscellaneous - Stamps	10.00	0.00
Total Expenses	13,071.05	12,117.55
Year End Balance	2,307.32	1,738.37

Polar Bear Balance	\$1,187.80
Year End Balance (as above)	\$2,307.32
Bank Account Balance	<u>\$3,495.12</u>

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Appendix C

Manitoba Seniors Slo-Pitch Tournament League 2019 Proposed Tournament Schedule				
May 21-22	Tu/W	Little Mountain Entry Fee \$150 Register by May 17	Larry Schroeder schroed@mymts.net	895-8588
				
May 28-29	Tu/W	Coyotes in Brandon Entry Fee \$100	Anne Kenning akenning@mts.net	729-9212
June 5-6	W/Th	Steinbach Entry Fee \$125	Ernie Warkentin efwark@gmail.com	889-6949
June 11-13	T/W/Th	55+ Games Swan River	Karyn Heidrick Manitoba55plusGames@gmail.com	261-9257
				
July 2-3	Tu/W	Dauphin	Ed Goertzen ed.goertzen@medichair.com	648-7324
July 9-10	Tu/W (rain date, July 11) Th	Portage Entry Fee \$150	Don Giercke giercke@mymts.net	857-3358
July 16-18	Tu/W/Th	Provincials Entry Fee \$150	Don Klym – SMB donklym@mts.net	925-5674
				
July 25-26	Th/F	Altona Entry Fee \$75	Ike Enns iens@mts.net	324-6032
July 30-31	Tu/W	Wpg League Entry Fee \$150	msstleague@gmail.com	
				
Aug. 7-8	W/Th	Eddystone	Orlando Oswald bettylug@mts.net	386-2564
Aug. 18-21	Su/W	Ross MacIver Memorial Mahnomen	Diane MacIver rossdi@mts.net	253-5710
				
Aug. 26-28	M/Tu/W	Winnipeg League Championship Entry Fee \$125	Les Newman newman@live.ca	235-1674
				

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Appendix D

Actionables/**Completed** from September 26, 2018 MSSTL Annual General Meeting

- 1) The position of MSSTL Secretary needs to be filled prior to the Spring SAGM - April 1, 2019
- 2) Confirm MSSTL Winnipeg League venues for the 2019 season - April 1, 2019
- 3) 2019 MSSTL Tournament Schedule confirmations/updates – **Fred Spiring - October 1, 2018**
- 4) Distribute/Post revised MSSTL Rule Book - **Fred Spiring - October 1, 2018**
- 5) Finalize minutes, post on website, email to teams - **Fred Spiring - October 1, 2018**
- 6) Update/distribute MSSTL Contact list – **Fred Spiring - October 1, 2018**