

MANITOBA SENIOR SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT LEAGUE
2017 ANNUAL MEETING, Portage La Prairie
September 27, 2017

Teams in attendance were: Barton's Bunch, Charleswood Hawks, Charleswood Prime Time, Dauphin MC's, Eastman, Lee River, Flashback 55's, Flashback Stealers, Flashback 65's, Manitoba Classics, Portage, Southwest Maulers, Tri-Clad Design, Westlake Brewers, Winnipeg South Legends, Winnipeg South Bees.

Executive members were: Les Newman, Sig Schroeder, Ross MacIver, Fred Bobrowski, Orest Strzelbicki.

Guests in attendance: Mike Fennessy (Softball Manitoba) and Marshall Shuster (Blumberg Complex).

President Les Newman brought the meeting to order at 11:06 am.
A moment of silence followed for Bob Hekl (St. James Ichabods)

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL :

Use of helmets added.

Motion to approve the revised agenda: Janet Forbes

Seconded: Ken Kent

Motion carried

Les reminded everyone of the voting procedures and that only one representative from each team as well as the executive is allowed to vote.

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

- 1.) Minutes of Semi-annual meeting – April 19, 2017 reviewed by Les Newman

Motion to adopt minutes as presented- Orlando Oswald

Seconded by – Lionel Bjornson

Motion carried

- 2.) Financial Statement – April – September 2017

Sig Schroeder gave a financial report to all. Our league yearend balance was \$1738.37. The Polar Bear Classic funds totalled \$1337.80 which Ross MacIver donated to our league.

Our total bank account balance was \$3076.17.

Motion to adopt the financial report – Sig Schroeder

Seconded by – Janet Forbes

Motion carried

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT-

This year went fairly well, there wasn't much change from last year. Our finances are healthy. The league still requires additional volunteers for the board. Fred Spiring will not be on the board for 2018. The MSSTL website has been operational for over a year and many positive comments were received from a number of teams.

SOFTBALL MANITOBA REPORT

Don Klym was unable to attend but submitted a report that was read by Les Newman. Don thanked the membership and congratulated all the teams that participated in the Provincials. He asked for comments regarding the past year or providing suggestions for improvements.

There were several comments from the floor stating that expanding the provincial tournament to three days was a positive change.

Motion to accept the report as information – Gary Anderson

Seconded by – Bill Dupont

Motion carried.

WINNIPEG LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Ross MacIver reported that the tournament at Blumberg was a success. Eighteen teams participated in four divisions.

Motion to accept the report as information – Ross MacIver

Seconded by – Orest Strzelbicki

Motion carried.

RULES COMMITTEE and UMPIRES

- 1.) Rule Book – to be reprinted in 2018 and also available on the MSSTL website
- 2.) Cancellation Policy – Several proposed changes were discussed. These changes were available for review on line prior to the AGM .

Motion to accept the Revised Cancellation Policy – Bill Dupont

Seconded by – Chuck Biggs

Motion carried.

- 3.) Polar Bear Fund Disbursement Policy – This formal policy was presented by Ross MacIver and was available on line prior to the AGM. Under the current policy only two teams had requested funds from it. Ross suggested alternative use for the funds and suggested that everyone bring suggestions to the April 2018 AGM for consideration. No vote was taken.

- 4.) Umpires Report – Henry Rosentreter was unable to attend and will present a report at the Spring AGM. The general discussion from the floor included suggestions that “more umpires get out from behind the plate.”

It was requested that Henry review the MSSTL rules with the umpires so that they understand and are able to apply our league rules as expected, including those that are unique to MSSTL. Another request concerned the application of the pitch arc rule and that it be applied consistently by all umpires.

It was suggested that all teams ensure that new players are advised of the league rules to ensure their understanding and compliance of all MSSTL playing rules.

2018 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Les Newman mentioned that there were some contact changes and to let him know of any tournament changes to the tentative tournament schedule for 2018.

The league tournament organizing group will be determined at the April 2018 AGM.

The 2018 Canada 55+ Games will be held in Saint John New Brunswick from August 21 -24.

GOLDEYES 50/50 REPORT

Orest Strzelbicki reported that Selkirk and Winnipeg South Bees did the 50/50's for 2018. Proceeds to MSSTL were \$908.30

2018 – Winnipeg South Legends and Winnipeg South Night Owls

WINNIPEG LEAGUE SCHEDULING REPORT

Les Newman reported that there may be an additional team to the B Division in 2018. Bill Dupont requested that Winnipeg South Legends be placed in the B Division for 2018. Final division placement will be determined in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

LITTLE MOUNTAIN 2018 PROPOSAL

A new fee proposal for 2018 was received from Little Mountain days before MSSTL AGM. There was a brief discussion about the proposal with several questions posed. As there was not a representative from Little Mountain on hand at the AGM to answer any questions regarding the proposal the following was presented:

Motion presented by Janet Forbes – That MSSTL decline the Little Mountain Fee Proposal dated Sept. 21, 2018.

Seconded by – Lionel Bjornson

Motion carried.

2018 WINNIPEG LEAGUE TOURNAMENT HOSTS

Both Tri Clad and Flashbacks offered to host the 2018 tournament. A final decision will be made at the April 2018 AGM.

2018 SOFTBALL MANITOBA PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

At this time it was agreed that MSSTL recommend the tournament dates as Aug. 28-30 to Softball Manitoba. (Note tournament motion at end of minutes.)

2018 SOFTBALL MANITOBA REGISTRATION FORM

A request had been made by the league to modify the Team Registration Form (TRF) so that player/coach address information would not be required. Softball Manitoba responded that they/we would be unable to obtain any insurance coverage if this change were to occur.

There was a brief discussion about Softball Manitoba implementing a Registration card or wrist band process for players to have with them. This may come in 2018. More information will be available at the April 2018 AGM.

SOFTBALL MANITOBA REQUIREMENT FOR PLAYERS HELMETS

The league received a memo from Softball Manitoba regarding the proposed requirement that slo pitch players wear helmets for safety measure. After reviewing and discussing the memo the league consensus was that use of helmets not be a mandatory practice and that it be up to the individual player to decide whether to use a helmet at any time.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The following nominations were received for the 2018 MSSTL Board:

President – Les Newman

Vice President – Vacant

Treasurer – Sig Schroeder

Secretary – Ted Knight

Director at Large – Ross MacIver

Director at Large – Orest Strzelbicki

Director at large – Vacant

No nominations were received from the floor.

In view of the continuing vacancies to the board, the executive asked permission from the membership to canvas for volunteers and fill any outstanding vacancies prior to the April 2018 AGM. This permission was provided.

Motion to accept the Nomination Committee Report as presented by Chuck Biggs.

Seconded by – Lionel Bjornson

Carried

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

That MSSTL provide recognition to Fred Spiring for the significant work he performed including developing and maintaining the league website and developing and documenting policies improving league practices.

Prospective Motion for 2018 April AGM – All pitchers must wear a face mask and shin guards. Discussion about an end of season tournament possibly after Labour Day. Prizes would be offered. This is to be discussed further at the April AGM.

After further discussion regarding leagues tournaments the following motion was presented by Dennis Kyle (Southwest Maulers) – To change the date of the Softball Manitoba Provincial Tournament to July 24, 25 and 26, 2018.

Seconded by – Al Sharpe

Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Next meeting is tentatively set for:

APRIL 18, 2018 at ANAVETS #283 11am