

MANITOBA SENIOR SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT LEAGUE (MSSTL)
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
April 18, 2018

Teams in attendance were: Anola UZ2B's, Barton's Bunch, Charleswood Seniors, Charleswood Prime Time, Charleswood Hawks, Dauphin MC's, Eastman, Lee River, Manitoba Classics, Manitoba Coyotes, Impact, Flashback Stealers, Flashback 55's, Flashback 215's, Wpg. South Bees, Wpg. South Night Owls, Portage, S.W. Maulers, Selkirk, Wpg. South Seniors, St. James Ichabods, Swan Valley Silver Foxes, Tri-Clad Design, Westlake Brewers, Wpg. South Legends.

Executive Members in Attendance: Les Newman, Corky Hayden, Sig Schroeder, Ted Knight, Fred Bobrowski, Gord Zamzow, Ross MacIver, Orest Strzelbicki, Henry Rosentreter.

Guests: Don Klym (SMB), Marshall Shuster (Blumberg), Bob Sigfusson (Little Mountain), Fred Spiring (MSSTL)

President Les Newman brought the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

A moment of silence followed for: Charlie Moore (Westlake), Mike Korda (Ichabods), Diane Holmstrom (Flashbacks), Albert Kasper (Flashbacks), Alan Lucko (Anola UZ2Bs) and Allan Neufeld.

AGENDA REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

Nothing new to add.

Motion to accept the agenda: Jack Kelly

Seconded: Lionel Bjornson

Motion Carried

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS

- 1) ALCOA. Karen Heidrick was unable to attend but she left some handouts. The games are being held in Glenboro from June 12-14th. The cutoff for Slo-Pitch is May 18th. Fred Spiring suggested that team attempt to fill their roster with as many players as possible as there will not be any changes allowed after the cutoff date. With the seeding process currently in use, it is un-fair to allow changes after the seeding process has started.
- 2) Minutes of the semi-annual meeting September 27, 2017 reviewed by Les Newman.
Motion to accept the minutes as presented: Fred Bobrowski
Seconded: Garry Anderson - Motion carried

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOFTBALL MANITOBA

Don Klym indicated that team registration is \$200.00 and that \$150.00 is the cost for a Provincials. The bat list has been expanded and we were advised to check it out on the website. Don further advised to use the Hot Dot Ball only.

Don congratulated Ed Gilroy and Dave Boch on the induction into the Hall of Fame.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Les noted that we have a new rule book and constitution (yellow booklet) and one was provided to each team. Les also mentioned that Corky Hayden has joined the executive as well as Gord Zamzow.

HENRY ROSENTERTER (umpires)

Henry indicated that the umpires have not had a raise in 9 years. Softball Manitoba has increased their fee to \$40.00/game and Henry thought that we should follow suit.

A motion was made by Henry to raise the umpire fees for MSSTL to \$40.00.
Seconded by Maureen Fryza.

Much discussion ensued: comments were made indicating that for several years the umpires have been told to become more involved in the game i.e. getting out from behind the plate and down the baselines to make calls. Suggestions were made that the active umps get paid \$40. and the less active remain at \$30. Charlie Kurtz spoke about his feelings as an umpire as well about training and evaluations.

A vote was taken following these discussions and the **motion was defeated.**

The new strike mat is approved. The 2" space on either side of home plate is a strike. Note: The rule change is for 2018 only and will be evaluated afterwards.

The new rule requiring a mandatory runner for the pitcher was discussed and resulted in a motion.
Motion by Gerry Miller that Rule 4, Section 11 does not apply to our league.
Seconded by Al Sharpe
Motion carried.

Don Klym advised that the use of helmets for batters and base runners is being reviewed at this time and is not mandatory. A motion was not made, but the general consensus in the room was an emphatic "no".

Motion by Henry Rosentreter that the umpires report be accepted.
Seconded by Boyd Kramble
Motion carried.

2018 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

July 31-August 1 Winnipeg League Tournament. Both Ichabods and Flashbacks expressed an interest in running the tournament this year, but as the Flashbacks ran it in 2017, it was awarded to Ichabods for 2018.

The 55+ Canada Games have deleted the 65 + teams and are going with 55+only. This is due apparently to the lack of representation in the older age brackets a couple years ago.

Ross MacIver spoke about the Mahnomen tournament. His wife Diane will be assisting him this year. The price for the tournament is not yet known. Ross indicated that they want to continue to have 12 teams in this tournament. If we can't field 12 Canadian teams, then Ross has American teams that will fill in.

August 28-30 League Playoffs.

The teams playing will need to set up some type of format (by division). There will be prizes awarded. (Donated by Blumberg).

12:20 Lunch Break

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Team registration: this is all available on line on the MSSTL website. You will need Microsoft Excel programme to properly access and to cut and paste existing data. Send the \$200.00 fee to SMB, but the registration comes to the league. Deadline is June 10 to the league.
- 2) The registration form will be sent out from the league. You will receive last year's forms and you can cut and paste for this year.
- 3) For additions/ deletions, transfers, send the form to MSSTLeague@gmail.com.

Fred will check with Don Klym to see if we can do online money transfers for the fees.

Winnipeg League Report:

League playoff were discussed earlier.

The league schedule will on the website in the next week or so.

There will be 4 teams in competitive, 5 teams in Rec. A and 5 teams in Rec. B

Fees are \$20.00 per team. Please fill out the form and submit ASAP.

The cancellation policy was reviewed and is available on the website. It is similar to last year's policy.

MSSTL rule book: The new rule book (yellow) was handed out to everyone in attendance and it is also available on the website.

Gold eyes 50/50:

The Winnipeg South Legends and the Night Owls will run it this year and that will end the rotation.

NEW BUSINESS

Diamond Usage: no change in diamond fees this year

Reporting Scores: email the results ASAP to Al Sharpe. This applies to all rural tournaments as well. The scores will be posted on the website.

New Players: none for this year

Pitchers Facemask and Shinguards:

After some discussion, there was a motion put forward.

Motion by Fred Bjornson that the wearing of equipment by pitchers be left to the individual.

Seconded: Ted Knight

Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE LEAGUE

It was noted that the SW Maulers will be representing MSSTL in the 55+ division at the Senior Games in August.

NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

Motion to adjourn: chuck Biggs