**2024 Semi-Annual General Meeting Friday, April 9th, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**Welcome, Introductions and Memorials**

**Agenda Review and Approval**

No changes to Agenda.

Motion to Accept: Bill Kellas Seconded: Val Buschau

Unanimously Accepted.

**Voting Procedures**

1 vote per team rep

1 vote per executive member

Question: Do team reps get 2 votes if they are also on the executive?

**Annual Business**

**Minutes of AGM September 2023**

Motion to Accept: Al Sharp Seconded: Larry Schroeder

Unanimously Accepted.

**Financial Statement:**

Brent Peterson not available today.

Current Balance: $2,696.93 No change from review at 2023 Fall AGM.

**League Championship:**

$100 to be budgeted/charged yearly

Motion to Accept: Bill Kellas Seconded: Brian Gadsby

Unanimously Accepted.

**Reports and Committee Reports**

**President’s Report (Les Newman)**

RAMP Sign in each year

$25.00/player

Must be registered/eligible to play

Link to be sent out Re: RAMP System

Insurance information located on Softball Manitoba website. Coverage kicks in after one’s personal insurance is used up. Don Klym to provide more information.

**Softball Manitoba/Manitoba Championships**

Don Klym not available today. Monty Miller to report on his behalf.

$25.00 to play. Must be registered on RAMP by July 15th, 2024.

Date and location of Provincials TBA.

Question: Is RAMP connected to Softball Manitoba? Answer: No.

Cost of Provincials - $250.00/registration form

**2024 Tournament Schedule**

(In order of discussion): Asked what teams were interested in running a tournament.

May 21 & 22, 2024: Charleswood Hawks and SW Legends

July 23 & 24, 2024: Stealers and Tri-Clad as well as Nomads and Ichabods

Runner of July Tournament was determined by a draw from a hat.

Result Nomads and Ichabods

Call Bill Kellas if you want umpires.

**55+ Games:**

June 18-20, 2024 in Brandon. Registration closes on May 20th - $300.00/team

**Portage Tournament:**

July 9 & 10, 2024 (Raindate: July 11) - $175.00/team. No Prize Money

Contact Don Gierke if interested.

**Provincials:**

August 27-29, 2024 Question: Will “A” teams be competing at Provincials?

To be determined by Softball Manitoba.

**55+ Canada Games:**

To be held in Quebec City August 27-30, 2024

**MSSTL League Championships:**

August 19-21, 2024 (Raindate August 22, 2024)

Question: Who is willing to go to Portage to play league games?

Tri-Clad

Nomads

Eastman (1 game)

Steelers

Charleswood Hawks

Ichabods

Prime Time

Barton’s Bunch

Fossilized

Coyotes

Bill Kellas—Do you want umpires for league games in Portage? Are you willing to pay mileage? Let Bill know once the league schedule is done.

**Umpires Report (Bill Kellas)**

12 umpires with various credentials available for Monday and Wednesday league games.

Bat checks approved last year for every game this year.

Rec Ball Rundown Rule Discussion/Clarification. Players must commit if going to next base. No back and forth run-down.

Umpire Fees $70.00/doubleheader

Contact Erv Buhler (Coyotes) for 55+ Games in Brandon.

**Little Mountain Diamonds Report**

$175/day/diamond = $92/game/team with GST included

Last year’s cost $78/game/team with GST included (An increase of over 15%)

Minimum of 32 rentals on Mondays and Wednesdays

Tournaments on Tuesdays and Thursdays: $175/day

Game cancellation by 8:30am due to weather will not be billed.

Book tournaments by May 15, 2024

Question: (Bill Kellas)

If 3 Mondays are holidays during the season, why do we pay for these days?

Bob Sigfission advised to have Matt (Little Mountain) will look into this.

Number of games this year will be vey close to the number of games last year.

Question raised about increased price to play at Little Mountain this year. All costs are going up this year.

Bees and Legends will still play some games at Moffat Diamonds.

Umpires satisfied with Little Mountain.

Can we get a refreshment stand inside the wheel? Will talk with Matt.

Teams generally enjoy playing at Little Mountain.

Bob Sigfission stated that Little Mountain will review rentals, beer and food.

Andy V. asked if games can start at 10:30am instead of 11:00am. Discussion. Little Mountain will talk to their maintenance people.

Motion: All league games to start at 10:30am during 2024 season if Little Mountain is available at that time. Motion by Andy V. Seconded by Dennis Tucker.

In favour of motion: 9 members. Opposed to the motion: 7 members.

Motion is passed.

Portage league game times TBA - Don Gierke is Portage Contact.

**New Business**

Motion: Doug Pratt Seconded by Cliff Kitchen “In the interest of player safety in the Rec League, the run-by rule on 2nd and 3rd base be rescinded and that the baserunner must run directly to the base and stop (unless they are proceeding to the next base)”.

Discussion and vote: Members in favour: 6 Members opposed: 7 Motion is Defeated.

**League Website/Reporting Scores**

All teams must report their game scores on the website (msstl.coffeecup.com). Let Peter Rothney know if there is any problem.

Tournament organizers must report scores on website (win-loss standings are sufficient).

Winnipeg Divisions

Competitive: Barton’s Bunch, Charleswood Prime Time, Fossilized and Maulers (4)

Rec: Charleswood Hawks, Eastman, Stealers, Coyotes, Nomads, Portage, Selkirk, Ichabods, Bees, Legends and Tri-Clad (11)

**Players looking for a team:**

Jeana Cutts 204-804-5655 jeanacutts@gmail.com

Tim Henderson 431-323-5655 facebook.timhenderson@gmail.com

Val Kramble 204-389-4843 boydkramble@yahoo.com

**Anything Further For The Good Of The League**

Booking Anavets for our meetings adds $10-$20 fee per team.

Motion by Val Buschau Seconded by Penny Flock: Increase our league fees to $30/team.

Unanimously Accepted.

**RAMP is now open for player registration.**

Tentative Date for Fall 2024 AGM: September 25, 2024 @ Anavets

**Adjournment:**

Motioned by Penny Flock

Respectfully submitted by

Luis Reis

**Addenda as per email** **from Les Newman May 3, 2024**

* Legends and Hawks requested to move their Tournament to May 28-29 and start League Play on May 22 to allow teams to play a game before the tournament.
* Flashback Stealers and Tri Clad Design have set up a tournament for Aug 6-7.
* Eastman sent an email after the meeting stating that they changed their mind about playing a game in Portage
* Portage advised that games out there would start at 10:30 am, the same as all League games.