**MSSTL Semi Annual AGM**

**September 27, 2023**

**ANAVETS Hall Portage Avenue**

Those in attendance:

**Executive Members**: Les Newman, President, Brent Peterson, Treasurer, and Bill Kellas, Umpire in Chief.

**Team Representatives**: John McConkey, Barton’s Bunch, Orest Strzelbicki, Charleswood Prime Time, Derek Webber, Selkirk, Tom Beaudry, Fossilized, Rick Donald, Charleswood Hawks, Gord Pavlick, Flashback Stealers, Bob Essery, St James Ichabods, John Beckner, Nomads, Val Buschau, Portage, Doug Pratt, Winnipeg South Bees, and Bob Gross, Winnipeg South Legends.

**Observers**: Ted Critten, Dennis Koroluk, Luis Reis, Don Giercke, Rick Simister and Janet Forbes.

**Regrets**: Don Klym, Al Sharpe, Peter Rothney and Penny Flock.

Meeting called to order at 11:10am.

Opened with a moment of silence for members that passed, Charlie Kurtz, Len Neufeld and Dennis Kyle.

Motion to accept the agenda by Val Buschau, seconded by Rick Donald.

Motion Accepted after discussion of the omitted motion re umpire honorarium was included.

Motion Carried.

Minutes of Spring AGM reviewed. Motion to accept Gord Pavlick seconded John Beckner.

Motion Carried.

Brent Peterson summarized the financial statement and passed out a few copies and answered questions. Motion to accept financial statement, Brent Peterson Seconded, Bill Kellas.

Motion Carried.

Les read the Softball Manitoba email from Don Klym. Ramp fee registration to stay the same, no increase and Provincial cost may increase as Little Mountain charges for diamonds whereas Blumberg never charged fees for Provincials.

Bob Essery gave a report on the preseason tournament his team shared with Nomads. Each team profited by $654.

Bob Gross reported on the Winnipeg League Tournament his team shared with Tri Clad. Each team profited $582.

Bill Kellas gave the umpires report. He stated that he used 5 MSA certified umpires and 1 SPN certified umpire. He only used MSA umpires for Provincials. He had discussions with umpires, re: issues. Would like to go over the Rules and Constitution over the off season. Bill stated that there was a request to increase umpire fees, after discussion it was decided that there would be no increase for next season. He also asked about checking bats during League play. After discussion it was agreed that umpires will be checking bats next season.

Motion to accept the Umpires report, Bill Kellas, seconded by Tom Beaudry.

Motion Carried.

Les went over the 2024 Tentative Tournament Schedule as well as the 55+ Provincial and Canada Games. Teams interested in hosting Tournaments in 2024 are: Flashback Stealers, Nomads, Charleswood Hawks, St James Ichabods and Winnipeg South Legends.

Tournaments will be finalized at the Spring AGM.

Les reported on the scheduling process. Most teams liked the scheduling of the double headers for the League Championships. It was stated that there was a request to go back to Buhler but there seemed to be no interest at all in going back to that Venue.

Nominations for Board Executive positions were requested as 4 individuals showed an interest, Penny Flock, Luis Reis, John Beckner and Rick Donald.

Motion to nominate and accept all 4 individuals, Orest Strzelbicki, seconded by Bob Gross.

Motion Carried.

For the Good of the League. There were a few topics brought forward and discussed.

More variety in scheduling, possible seeding system, spacing between League Championship and provincials, checking bats and the run by rule, is it really safer.

It was also discussed that under different circumstances, Eastman, Manitoba Coyotes and Southwest Maulers may decide to play in League games. Les to contact these teams in the off season.

The Spring AGM Meeting is set for Wednesday April 17, 2024, at 11:00am, Venue to be determined. ANAVETS are now requesting $100 for the meeting space.

Motion to adjourn, John Beckner.

Adjourned.