

EDMONTON SENIORS SLO-PITCH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Meeting held February 9, 2017 at Central Lions

Director's in attendance: John Cabaj, Bill Donlevy, Ben Gona, Brenda Montgomery, Rick Patry, Ron Stefure, Bruce Romaniuk, Kevin Wiese.

Director's regrets: Don Hussey, Karen Stucke, Barry Wilhelm, Randy Zingle.

Guest(s): Gord Stamp, Bob Young

Pre-meeting: Website review. The website, hosted by Ramp InterActive, is a work in progress. Bob went thru:

- Some of the areas of the website that can be loaded and/or maintained interactively, by different people each with their own passwords. Who will maintain what, training & passwords still need to be setup.
- The registration process, where all members will be required to create a RAMP login after which they can register & the registration data is immediately available to the registrar.

Bob was given a number of suggestions for improvement/corrections some of which some were done immediately and some of which require discussions with Ramp InterActive.

1) Call to Order at 7:45pm

2) Financial Matters

- a) Financial Treasurers report for current period - bring forward
- b) Draft Budget
 - i. Jersey's (Randy Zingle) – bring forward review of colors
 - ii. Capital Expenditures input (Don Hussey) – bring forward
 - iii. Budget Update & review – (all board members) bring forward
 - iv. As part of the website build RAMP gets \$2 for each registration. **Motion:** ESSPA absorb the RAMP registration fee for payment by cheque or cash for 2017. By Brenda, 2nd Ron. **PASSED.**

3) New Business

- a) Website update – Bob Young – see pre-meeting notes
- b) Registration from & related database – see pre-meeting notes
- c) Director at Large – **Motion:** Bob Young be accepted as Director at Large, 2nd Rick, **PASSED**
- d) 2017 dates
 - i. Mar 22 & 25 (Wed & Sat) –tentative indoor evaluations. Ben to try and book.
 - ii. Mar 31 (Fri) - all registration funds must be received to avoid \$30 late fee.
 - iii. Apr 10/11 (Mon/Tues) - review registration numbers to determine players per team & # of teams
 - iv. April 5 & 8 (Wed & Sat) – tentative outdoor evaluations
 - v. April 17-28 – Team selections
 - vi. May 1 (Mon) – league starts
- e) Safety of less mobile seniors – Brawner wants to keep the status quo

- f) How to reduce injuries – bring forward
- g) Diamond Bookings – Bill Donlevy reported that Dave Raessler was at a meeting with the city and the city was requesting we reduce our approximately 900 booked hours by 300 hours. Our hours increased in the past 2 years with the opening of diamond #2 and the additions of 4 teams. Although divisions with 6 teams could consider giving up 1 night a week these nights have been used for rainout games. *John Cabaj* indicated that per the Home Base agreement we get first choice of hours for the Airways diamonds.

4) Reports

- a) Equipment – *John Cabaj*– see-thru mesh wind screens had been available at Habitat Re-store; however, because of our tight budget John did not purchase them. Members could keep an eye out for 2nd hand products to use on back stops and around the club house. *Rick Patry* reported new home plate mats had been ordered for diamond #3 & #4 to replace the damaged mats
- b) Registration – Kevin recommended division specific emails, for example, Cuthbertson members could be encouraged, if abilities are declining, to consider dropping down a division & Brawner/Hansen members wanting to move up a division, could be considered based on their demonstrated capabilities in previous years or they could attend an evaluation camp to improve their chances of being selected in their chosen division.

5) Correspondence–None

6) Adjournment –at approx. 9:10pm.

7) Next Meeting Dates – Thursday Mar 9, 2016