

ELSA AGM

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Drivewyze - 5425 Calgary Trail NW, Edmonton

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

2. **Attendance:**

- 10 teams in attendance: Warrior Vipers; St. Albert Storm; Impact; Shaleburn; Thunder; Edmonton Royals; River City Hornets U17; Edmonton Havoc; Hurricanes; Edmonton Stingers
- 5 teams not in attendance: St Albert Angels U19A; Calahoo Erins; Alexander Rampage; 6ers; Grizzlies

3. **Approval of 2022 AGM minutes:**

- Moved: Cassie; Second: Jon; *Carried.*

4. **President's Report:**

- Smoke and rain weather conditions affected several games.
 - i. Have added into the operating rules an air quality index of 7+ will result in game cancellation for the health of our members
- Continuing to struggle for diamond time with the City of Edmonton as there are minor and other groups also wanting to use the diamond space.
- Congratulations:
 - i. *League Play:*
 1. *Pool 1:* 1st: St Albert Angels; 2nd: Warrior Vipers; 3rd: Storm
 2. *Pool 2:* 1st: Rampage; 2nd: Royals; 3rd: River City Hornets
 - ii. *Provincials:*
 1. Warrior Vipers - Silver Intermediate B

5. **Treasurer Report:**

- **Account Balance: \$34,000.17**
 - i. General Account: \$16, 443
 - ii. Special Events: \$17, 556
- No longer renting office space from Softball Alberta, only being used as storage for nominal fee, saving significant rental cost
- No program coordinator hired this year, saving over \$4000
- League use of prepaid cell phone for 3 months, rather than paying for the full year
- Reinstated fundraising bond
- Low registration for 2023 season (15 teams, compared to 26 teams pre-covid in 2019)
- Re-establishment of Ice Breaker weekend as a tournament helped bottom line
 - i. There was a small loss, but it was better than the full loss of the weekend in previous years

- ii. Will continue tournament next year, hoping to expand the number of teams and divisions
- Overall had a loss of about \$1000; in comparison there was a loss of \$14000 in 2022
- Field bookings:
 - i. 139 games played
 - ii. 34 rain out / smoke cancellation
 - iii. 4 forfeits
 - iv. 12 dropped slots (at risk of losing them for next season)
 - v. 6 unused/no-show
- Next year is the last year with the current umpire contract. Umpire fees are set to increase by \$1.00 next season.
- Looking at fundraising ideas:
 - i. Ice Breaker Tournament
 - ii. Other easy fundraising ideas? Please speak to the board if you
- **Financial Report Approval:**
 - i. Moved: Jim; 2nd: Kristal; *Carried*

6. Operating Rules Changes:

- Weather Conditions: added air quality consideration.
 - i. Need to get clarification from the City of Edmonton regarding their policy on poor air quality
- Scoresheets: require FIRST and LAST name on scoresheet and lineup cards. Both of these should be legible to confirm player eligibility.
- Player Eligibility:
 - i. Roster is completed via Excel for league approval
 - ii. Change to sub rule to allow up to a maximum of 10 players, rather than up to 9.
- Rule 17: Teams Folding/Withdrawing from ELSA
 - i. If a withdrawal request is made to the league prior to registration deadline, a full refund of registration and bonds will be issued to the team
 - ii. If a withdrawal request is made to the league after the registration deadline and commencement of the creation of the schedule, teams will forfeit registration and cash bonds.

7. Elections:

- Vice President: Cassie self-nominated. No other nominations from the floor. *Passed.*
- Scheduler: Erin allowed her name to stand. No other nominations from the floor. *Passed.*
- Treasurer: Allana allowed her name to stand. No other nominations from the floor. *Passed.*
- Events & Fundraising: Jamie allowed her name to stand. No other nominations from the floor. *Passed.*

8. New Business:

- Open call for help with fundraising and tournament
- Options for open field slots:
 - i. Returning to the city may cause us to lose the slot in the future
 - ii. Reach out to GEMSA & SEMSA
- New Player List: will not be posted to the ELSA website, to protect the privacy of our members. Team reps will have access to the Google Sheet to contact players

9. Adjournment: 8:10 pm