

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association

Minutes - September 8, 2019 AGM

Attendees Count: 47 full members, 4 associate member, 0 guests

Board members present: John Cabaj, Bill Donlevy, Don Hussey, Brenda Marshall, Brenda Montgomery, Bruce Romaniuk, Karen Stucke, Randy Zingle

Board members absent: Peter Brown

1. Call to order 3:20pm – Presentation of gift basket to Karen Stucke.
2. Moment of silence was held for the following list of deceased members:
Steve Aksenchuk, Herbert (Bud) Roberts, Del McKeown, Jack Belkin, Jay Metheral, Bev Munro
3. Amendments to the agenda– **Motion:** To approve agenda adding 10 a). By Brenda Montgomery, 2nd, Don Comartin. **PASSED**
4. Approval of Minutes from 2018 AGM- **Motion:** To approve minutes of September 25, 2018. By Brenda Montgomery, 2nd Bill Yakymyshyn. **PASSED**
5. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. Sharps Disposal–Maintenance crew is collecting sharps and placing in garbage bin which is collected without manual intervention. Sharps disposal container not viable on diamonds. Rick Patry talked on behalf of the maintenance crew and said what they are doing is working well.
 - b. Bathroom facilities at diamond #2 - The city will not allow a washroom.
6. Reports
 - a. President Bill Donlevy
 - b. Vice-President Peter Brown, read by Brenda Montgomery
 - c. Treasurer Karen Stucke
Motion: To adopt the treasurer's report as presented. By Karen Stucke, 2nd Jack Gamble
PASSED
Laurie Macintyre, Don Comartin volunteered to review financial statements for 2020.
 - d. Registrar Brenda Marshall 372 members, less assoc 365, 294 male 74 female
 - e. Social Open
 - f. Tournament/ASSPA Bruce Romaniuk
 - g. Division Coordinators
Brawner - Danny Ruesch Hansen - Darlene Pruden
Hirsch–Tom Smith for Bert Carruthers Cuthbertson - Dan Leclair
Suggestion to everyone to watch other divisions. Suggestion Brawner book only 1
playoff game per night so a full 7 innings could be played. Suggestion to watch Randy Greg
team practice and games.
 - h. Maintenance Dennis Stucke reported
Suggestion to seal in one dugout as a trial to reduce maintenance. Various material
suggested, concern over costs, homeless will still cause damage, if dugouts barricaded
will Ulmer House be at risk discussed. Alternative to mesh discussed. Dennis will try
removable mesh to go in base buggy.
 - i. Equipment Randy Zingle
 - j. Promotions Brenda Marshall for Gord Stamp – did not spend full budget.
 - k. Special Projects Dennis Stucke
7. Recognition
Volunteers

- a. Rentals – Rick Patry
- b. Concessions - Karen Stucke
- c. Diamond Bookings (City) - Bill Donlevy
- d. Web Page Manager –Karen Stucke, Brenda Marshall
- e. Scheduler –Brenda Marshall
- f. Game Score Entry - Sonia Braun, Brenda Marshall, Peter Brown, Bruce Romaniuk
- g. Batting Cage Manager –Jamie Ewatski
- h. Ulmer House locks - Karen Stucke
- i. Day League - Bill Donlevy assisted by Don Comartin
- j. Casino Coordinator – Don Holtom
- k. Volunteer Coordinator –Karen Stucke

Paid staff

- a. Building Caretaker - Barb Clifford
- b. Diamond maintenance - Richard Osadchuk, Rick Patry, Jamie Parliament, Kenny Sumner

8. General Questions from the floor - none

9. Election of board members– 2 year positions unless otherwise noted

Nominations were accepted from the floor.

Motion: To cease nominations By Jack Gamble 2nd Bruce Munro. **Passed**

The following nominations were accepted and were elected by acclamation

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| a. President | Peter Brown |
| b. Vice President | Kerri Pasqua |
| c. Director – Maintenance | Grant Huys |
| d. Director – Equipment | DeWayne Brown |
| e. Director – Special Projects | Don Hussey |
| f. Director at large | Kevin McCunn |
| g. Director –Social | Carrie Runnels (to work with Karen Stucke) |
| h. Director – Tournaments (1 year) | Bruce Romaniuk to complete his current term |

10. New Business

a. Email from Kerri Pasqua was read by Brenda Montgomery – Discussion included but were not limited to:

- Suggestion to post draft minutes rather than wait for approved minutes
- Suggestion to use email more
- Anyone can attend board meetings
- Books are available to anyone at any time
- Dennis Stucke offered to meet with anyone regarding special projects
- Direct question to the board. Suggestion that the question and answers go out to the membership to improve information transfer and transparency.
- Suggestion to set up a blog for ESSPA members
- Question as to who should decide whether small ball should be used
- Players leaving Cuthbertson move away because they want to play with men and don't want to play with the small ball, rather than moving to other divisions.
- Division coordinators will discuss alternatives to make the playing field more competitive for women and encourage more women to join.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at approximately 5:04 pm By Frank Hanzmann

ESSPA AGM Sunday, September 8, 2019
Presidents Report – Bill Donlevy

Good afternoon, everyone.

Thank you all for being here in less-than-ideal circumstances.

Your presence at this AGM shows a commitment and interest in ESSPA, a commitment that the League needs and is grateful for. This League was built by, and is held together by, volunteers.

Let me introduce your Executive and Board members, some of whom are stepping away, after years of dedication:

I would like to thank...

Brenda Marshall, Registrar who puts in a gargantuan effort, from beginning to end, to keep the website up and our member lists in some semblance of order;

Brenda Montgomery, Secretary, who keeps this Board on the straight and narrow, and mostly upright;

Karen Stucke, our tireless Treasurer;

Peter Brown, our knowledgeable and well-connected Vice President;

John Cabaj, Past President, who works constantly to get teams, leagues and even strangers involved with our League.

Our Directors:

Don Hussey, Project Coordinator and City of Edmonton Liaison;

Gord Stamp, Promotions Dennis Stucke, Project Coordinator;

Bruce Romaniuk, Tournaments;

and Randy Zingle, Equipment.

I wish to thank them sincerely for their support, their time, their efforts, and plain old hard work...

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The slopitch season of 2019 will be remembered as probably the wettest on record. Now, I didn't say "worst"... actually, there was a remarkable amount of excellent ball played through the year. It is just unfortunate that Mother Nature didn't give us more TLC...

We had 8 Brawner, 6 Hansen, 5 Hirsch and 7 Cuthbertson teams this year, 26 teams, with a total of 372 members of various levels of participation.

I am very proud of the dedication shown by our volunteers: men and women who work hard, often at their own expense, to keep ESSPA and its facilities the superb and viable organization it is. I hesitate to name names here, because I do not wish to lessen the efforts of so many out there but allow me to give a nod to Rick Patry and Dennis Stucke and Don Hussey for their continuing contributions. Three different functions, really, but converging to meet and coordinate with The City of Edmonton to maintain our facility as one of the finest anywhere in the GEA. And a special thank you to Karen Stucke, who works just unbelievable hours for you.

We are a volunteer organization. We need you, the membership, to continue to step up and continue to keep ESSPA moving into the next, new, decade... we need younger people because, as I have often mentioned, time is not our friend. Please step forward, tonight and in the coming months and years, and contribute to the well-being of our League. Thank you.

Bill Donlevy
President
ESSPA

2019 VP report – Peter Brown

Good after noon everyone.

I must apologize for not being able to be at the meeting but I am away playing the game we all love. This was the first year for me being on the executive and I must say, it is incredible the amount of time and effort it takes to make our league run smoothly. From the executive to the division coordinators, everyone must work together to obtain the final result..a well run league!

During my first year, I did manage to secure the 2020 SPN Nationals for mens 60 plus. This is a huge leap forward for our small but eloquent baseball facility. I was also the SPN liason and managed to secure a fairly nice array of prizing for our divisions.

ESSPA is a great organization for social interaction and all levels of exercise. I highly recommend that if you truly care about the future of our organization, you will throw your name into the hat and help design the path ahead for ESSPA.

Hope everyone has a great winter and see you all next year on the shale.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

To: The members of ESSPA

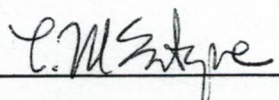
In our capacity as members in good standing, we have examined the statements of financial position of the Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association, as at August 31, 2019 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended and the accompanying notes to the statements.

Evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the above mentioned statements were reviewed. We also examined the accounting principles used when evaluation of the overall presentation of the above mentioned statements.

In our view these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at August 31, 2019 and the results of its operations for the then ended

Dated: September 4,

Edmonton, Alberta



Laurie McIntyre



Rilla Kostyk

Profit and Loss

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association

For the year ended 31 August 2019

Trading Income	2019
ASSPA Tournament Revenue	1,372.00
ATB Casino Interest	24.04
ATB Interest General Account	3.44
ATB Interest Special Savings	370.49
Day League Drop-in	930.49
Diamond Set-up Revenue	812.50
Donations Received	300.00
General Membership Fee	45,627.50
Guest Fee - banquet	2,650.00
Jackson Classic Revenue	2,809.56
Late Registration Fee	480.00
Member Fee- Umpire Cuthbertson	2,247.50
Member Fee-Jersey H/H/B	7,450.00
Member Volunteer Fee	16,975.00
Registration credit charge fee	1,488.84
Social Function Allocated Funds	15,105.00
Team Fee Cuthbertson	1,000.00
Washroom Rental	300.00
Total Trading Income	99,946.36

Gross Profit

99,946.36

Operating Expenses

Advertising and Promotions	804.27
AGM Meeting Rental Expense	507.60
Airways Up-grade Projects	125,979.51
Awards, Trophies, Memorials	200.00
Building Liability Insurance	2,660.00
Building Maintenance Expense	8,096.40
Casino Bank Charges	60.00
Cuthbertson Umpire Fees	3,672.99
Day Drop-In Expenses	245.47
Diamond Maintenance Contract	17,272.50
Diamond-Fields Maintenance	15,074.92
Total Operating Expenses	186,549.66

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Equipment-Repair and Maintenance	1,045.03
Field Rental Diamond Set-up	3,674.00
General Account Bank Charges	115.80
Global Website Banking Expenses	1,472.67
League Balls, Bases etc.	2,597.30
Meeting Expenses Board, Draft	280.15
Office furnishings, software expenses	114.45
Office supplies	1,251.34
Shaw Internet	693.00
Social Event Expenses	14,808.66
Spring Mixer	817.36
Tournament Expenses	3,955.74
Volunteer Fee Refunds	6,900.00
WCB Maintenance Contractor Coverage	215.85
Website Ramp International	1,478.40
Total Operating Expenses	225,821.57
Net Profit	(125,875.21)

Balance Sheet

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association

As at 31 August 2019

Assets		31 Aug 2019
Bank		
ATB Casino		2,126.32
ATB General		6,847.71
ATB Special Savings		591.22
Total Bank		9,565.25
Current Assets		
Petty Cash Holding		736.00
Total Current Assets		736.00
Total Assets		10,301.25
Net Assets		10,301.25
Equity		
Current Year Earnings		(125,875.21)
Retained Earnings		136,176.46
Total Equity		10,301.25

Edmonton Seniors SloPitch Association
AGM Financial Statement September 8, 2019

Summary of Income

Income From Membership	Amount
General Administration	\$ 45,382.50
Volunteer FEE	\$ 16,975.00
Late Fees	\$ 480.00
Global Website Credit Charges	\$ 1,488.84
Drop-in Day League	\$ 930.49
Donations Received	\$ 300.00
Bank Account Interest	\$ 397.97
Retained Earnings From 2018	\$ 136,176.46
TOTAL	\$ 202,131.26

Divisional Income

Budget Allocated Value for Jersey's	\$ 7,450.00
Budget Allocated Value for Umpires	\$ 2,247.50
Cuthbertson Team Spare	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,697.50

Budget Value Allocated for Social	\$ 15,105.00
Guest BBQ Tickets	\$ 2,650.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,755.00

Tournament/Rental Revenue

Jackson Classic Revenue	\$ 2,809.56
ASSPA Tournament Revenue	\$ 1,372.00
Washroom Rentals	\$ 300.00
Diamond Set-up Revenue	\$ 812.50
TOTAL	\$ 5,294.06

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AGM Financial Statement September 8, 2019

Summary of Expenses

Special Project Expense

Building Up-Grade \$ 125,979.51

Divisional Expenses

Amount

League Balls, Bases Etc. \$ 2,597.30

Cuthbertson Umpire Fees \$ 3,672.99

Volunteer Fee Refunds \$ 6,900.00

Day League Set-up \$ 245.47

TOTAL \$ 13,415.76

Seasonal BBQ Expenses \$ 14,808.66

Tournament/ Rental Expense

Spring Mixer Tournament \$ 817.36

Diamond Set-Up Field Rental \$ 3,674.00

Tournament Expenses \$ 3,955.74

TOTAL \$ 8,447.10

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Advertising Promotions \$ 804.27

Awards \$ 200.00

Bank charges Casino \$ 60.00

Bank Charges General \$ 115.80

SPN Insurance \$ 2,660.00

AGM Meeting Expense \$ 507.60

Meeting Board, Divisional \$ 280.15

Office Furnishings, Software \$ 114.45

Office Supplies \$ 1,006.34

Shaw Internet \$ 693.00

Utilities Direct Energy \$ 1,301.93

Utilities Epcor \$ 10,526.23

Website Ramp \$ 1,478.40

Global Website Banking Exp. \$ 1,472.67

WCB \$ 215.85

TOTAL \$ 21,436.69

Maintenance Expense

Building Maintenance \$ 8,096.40

Diamond Maintenance Contract \$ 17,272.50

Diamond-Fields Maintenance \$ 15,074.92

Equipment-repair and Maint. \$ 1,045.03

TOTAL \$ 41,488.85

Totals of Income

General Income \$ 202,131.26

Divisional Income \$ 10,697.50

Social Income \$ 17,755.00

Tournament/Rental Rev. \$ 5,294.06

Total Income \$ 235,877.82

Totals of Expenses

Special Project Expense \$ 125,979.51

Divisional Expense \$ 13,415.76

Seasonal BBQ \$ 14,808.66

Tournament Rental Exp. \$ 8,447.10

Administrative Expenses \$ 21,436.69

Maintenance Expenses \$ 41,488.85

Total Expense \$ 225,576.57

Income less Expenses \$ 10,301.25

Bank Balances

petty Cash \$ 736.00

ATB Special Savings \$ 591.22

ATB General \$ 6,847.71

ATB Casino \$ 2,126.32

TOTAL Retained 2019 \$ 10,301.25

ESSPA - 2018 Registrar Report

September 8, 2019

Registrar - Brenda Marshall

Assistant Registrar - Gord Stamp

ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL	Male	Female
Players Only	365	294	71
Associates / Non Playing	7	5	2
Total Membership	372	299	73

The percentage of men to women 81 19

PLAYERS ONLY	TOTAL	Male	Female
New Members	71	57	14
Returning Members	294	237	57
	365	294	71

New Members percentages 80 20

Returning Members percentages 81 19

PLAYERS BY DIVISION	TOTAL	Male	Female
Brawner	113	75	38
Hansen (83-6)	77	56	21
Hirsch	65	58	7
Cuthbertson (94-1)	93	93	0
Day League	7	5	2
Registered Spares	10	7	3
	365	294	71

The Cuthbertson Division had some challenges this year as we lost many games due to wet field conditions and rain. As Brenda mentioned we also lost the Vintage team as they had to fold. That was unfortunate as they had been a long time member of Cuthbertson.

The weather however has been much better lately and playoffs have been going well. We start the final this week with two outstanding teams in the final namely Slick 50 and Redline. I encourage anyone who wants to see some great ball to come out and watch.

I want to thank the executive for all their hard work, my fellow co-ordinators (Danny, Darlene and Bert) for their co-operation, Dave Patterson and his umpire crew for another year of great work and the coaches in Cuthbertson for their continued support.

Dan Leclair

Cuthbertson Co-ordinator

2019 AGM - Hansen Coordinator Report – Darlene Pruden

- The Hansen regular season was very exciting and going into the final games the standing were not decided till the last game.
- In the playoffs the Diamondbacks defeated the Strikers 16-12 in a very exciting final game.
- I'd like to thank the umpires for volunteering their time in our playoffs. They did an excellent job.
- I'd also like to thank the coaches and managers for their time. They spend a large amount of time organizing the teams, calling people, ensure they have a team each game and getting spares.
- We are always looking for new people to join us in Hansen and if anyone is interested in coaching please see me.
- A thank you to Brenda Marshall for all her help in scheduling, recording scores, the registrations, etc.
- Thank you to the board also for all the help and to the coordinators in each division.

2019 AGM - Equipment report – Randy Zingle

Balls:

About 45 dozen balls were used. Similar to what was used in 2018. We were able to get pricing at the same price as 2017, at approximately \$5/ball.

This was the inaugural year of the 11" ball. It was only used by the women in the Brawner division. Two 11" balls were handed out per Brawner team at the beginning of the season. With additional ones given at the request of their division rep.

Acceptance of the 11" balls for the Brawner women was overwhelming.

It was suggested that the 11" balls should be used by the women in other divisions to give them more of an equal opportunity with the men in the division.

There was also a suggestion to bring in a 12" ball with a different center core that has more pop off the bat. This would also give the women more parity with the men, but give the same feel when throwing.

For the 2020 season I was able to secure the same ball price point as in 2019 at \$59.00/dozen. The anticipated price increase in 2020 is an additional \$3.00 per dozen.

Jerseys:

This was the third year of the Gold away and the Maroon home jerseys. At the beginning of the 2019 season I had thought that we may have enough jerseys in stock to get us through till 2021.

But as it turned out we had a number of new players join our league.

In 2018 we used 59 sets.

In 2019 we used 73 sets.

Each set costs us approximately \$50.00.

Going into 2020 we will have 73 new sets of various sizes.

The current jerseys are no longer available; I have been looking at a similar style with the same colour to get us through the 2020 season. After that we will need to look at our options.

Ulmer House Addition

History for the facility

-ESSPA operates our association under a Home Base Agreement with the City of Edmonton.

-The City owns the property and the buildings. In turn ESSPA is allowed first rights on field use and collects the payment for the diamond rentals.

They pay us a lump sum at the end of the calendar year less 5% handling.

This pays for our diamond set-up charges paid to our diamond maintenance staff over and above the fee we pay for them to maintain the diamonds for our league use.

Diamond set-up is often done on weekends and is time consuming as set-up also entails putting bases etc. back into storage nightly.

-If the ESSPA Association should cease to exist then the fields and buildings revert back to the City of Edmonton.

Background on the Prince Rupert Area and the City MIA Agreement

-In 2017 ESSPA determined that a small extension to the existing block building would not hold the larger mower or the other equipment, and a larger facility was required.

It was decided to build a new storage facility as a separate building to house the maintenance items and give us room in the existing building for much needed storage of items.

-In 2018 the City of Edmonton advised ESSPA that the rink area leased by Prince Rupert Community League would revert back to the City in 2020, this is still in process only.

The storage C-can would also need to be removed.

-We were also advised that if the City would not be able to cost share our garage facility as a new min. value of improvements was now a base of \$250,00.00.

-Since we were building on City property, the building plans had to be circulated through 6 departments for approval for the MIA. This was capability and efficiently handled by Don Hussey.

-Budgets, our tender process and drawings were submitted to the City of Edmonton for approval.

Out Come

-We received permission from the City of Edmonton to occupy the building on August 30, 2019

-We still have inspections proceeding from one department that was part of the approval process.

Thank you to the:

-Volunteers who assisted with many items to reduce costs who are too many to list, but were really appreciated.

-Especially Rick Patry, Richard Osadchuk, Jamie Parliament and Kenny Sumners who made things run smoothly. Karen Stucke for support in clerical work and feeding of the troops.

-Funds for the building come mainly out of the Casino funds, and funds returned by the City Municipal Improvement Agreement from the main building expansion costs of 2017.

-Casino funds must be spent on capital projects or items that benefit the organization only. Items benefiting individuals are not allowed.

BUDGET

Item	Budget Value	Actual
Architectural, Engineering Design	\$ 18,075.00	\$ 18,026.76
Permits and Construction Insurance	\$ 4,056.10	\$ 4,239.68
General Conditions. (security fences, drywall fans, del. Charges)	\$ 2,682.00	\$ 1,179.60
Excavation, Concrete Piles, Landscaping/Topsoil	\$ 44,185.00	\$ 47,825.02
Construction & Finishes	\$ 55,873.00	\$ 57,488.84
Electrical	\$ 3,585.00	\$ 3,400.51
Sub Total	\$ 128,456.10	\$ 132,160.41
GST	\$ 6,422.81	\$ 6,464.22
Contingency	\$ 4,000.00	
**Grand Total	\$ 138,878.91	\$ 138,624.63

**not included 1 lost invoice for concrete \$3963.75 not yet submitted
It will be paid if it gets presented.

** \$14,934.00 was paid in the fiscal of year 2018 for Engineering and design.

Agenda items, suggestions and questions for AGM:

Attracting and retaining members

There has not been a lot of growth in the league in the past couple of years. This year's membership did not fill 6 Hirsch teams for example.

- What strategies can be employed to attract members? What past strategies have been successful? How can current members assist?
- Could we consider a survey of members to help determine what people enjoy about the league, and gather suggestions for improvements and for recruiting? This survey could be done on line (Survey Monkey for example) and the results would then be shared on line with members as well as the board.
- The number of women playing has increased. However, the difference in batting strength can create a disadvantage for a team playing with more women; this has resulted in some disparity and dissatisfaction this year in some divisions. We risk losing membership as a result of the dissatisfaction with the competitiveness of some divisions. Can we explore rule changes to help level the playing field and allow for improved competition?
 - Big ball, little ball – the majority of slow pitch tournaments use this
 - A different density ball (in a different colour) - may be more appealing to those who don't like the feel of the little ball when fielding
 - Allowing use of a seniors' bat may not be viable because of the expense and how easily it might mistakenly be used by someone else.

ESSPA governance and financial info

Members are concerned over the quality of recent projects, and the costs. Increased transparency is needed.

- Will ESSPA financial records be posted on the website, as well as being available at the AGM? When is the fiscal year end?
- Members would like to see more detail available:
 - Details on completed, current, and future projects
 - Details on income to the league, including registrations, monies from governments, grants and organizations, from other sources such as concessions and tournaments
 - Details of expenditures, including for maintenance and improvements
- What is the process for maintenance and improvement contracts or projects?
 - How are needs determined? How are quotes or bids invited? Are multiple quotes obtained? How are quotes qualified and evaluated?

- What is the agreement with the city on these facilities located on city owned land? What is the city's role, its compensation, its contributions? Do they have standards for projects or vendors? Do they get included in the process of determining needs and vendors able to bid on projects? Do they do inspections when improvements have been made?
- Could the website include more to keep members informed? There is not a lot of detail in the minutes. Some divisions have not posted minutes in a very long time.
- What are the ESSPA regulations with regards to bylaws, voting procedures, criteria for holding a position on the board, etc.? Can this info also be posted so that members are informed and might then agree to assist as a board member or volunteer in some capacity?
- This year's GM occurs on a weekend where many members are not available. How is the date determined? Members are still at tournaments and busy otherwise in September. Later in the fall causes problems with members leaving for the south. Could it be moved to spring, prior to the season? This might get more members out because everyone will be anxious to get out and start the season. It might get more volunteers as well.