

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association

Minutes – October 4, 2020 AGM

Attendees Count: 25 full members, 3 associate member, 4 guests

Board members present: **Kerri Pasqua**, Acting President & Chair; **Brenda Montgomery**, Secretary; **Kevin McCunn**, Bookings Director; **Carrie Runnalls**, Acting VP & Treasurer; **Grant Huys**, Maintenance Director; **Dan Leclair**, Director at large

Board members absent: **Brenda Marshall**, Registrar; **Bruce Romaniuk**, Tournament Director; **Dewayne Brown**, Equipment Director

1. Call to order 1:00pm

Kerri welcomed everyone, confirmed quorum, thanked everyone for attending, introduced the board members and thanked them for their hard work during this very challenging season. Kerri also read the attached email from Bruce Romaniuk regarding his regrets for not attending and his outgoing comments.

2. Moment of silence was held for the following list of deceased members:

Herbert (Bert) Plowman, Sam Sheckter, Orlie Pederson, Don Hussey, Don Hussey, James Plastow

3. Amendments to the agenda – **Motion:** To approve agenda as is, By Kevin McCunn, 2nd George Rowlands. **PASSED**

4. Approval of Minutes from 2019 AGM - **Motion:** To approve the AGM minutes of September 8, 2019. By Kevin McCunn 2nd Carrie Runnalls. **PASSED**

5. Business arising from the minutes – None

6. New Business

a. Bylaws

Kerri reported that the proposed bylaws were based on sample bylaws prepared for nonprofit organizations and the primary changes were to beef up the director positions, add a few accounting practices, require a written resolution for Special Meetings and limit the Special Meeting topic to that resolution.

Some comments:

- Peter Brown provided Kerri with a WORD document with several comments and questions on wording in the bylaws.
- The requirement for multiply quotes should not be required if a selected supplier offers a discount and we use them regularly because the others being asked for quotes will quite responding if we never buy from them.

Motion: To table bylaws until changes are included and presented to the membership. By Kevin McCunn, 2nd Peter Brown. **Passed**

Motion: That division coordinators are included in the board. By Lorie Bronson, 2nd Kevin McCunn. **Passed**

Motion: Division coordinator positions be for 2 years. By Kevin McCunn, 2nd George Rowlands. **Passed**

b. Fees

Motion: To remove social fees from the membership fees so that Social events will run on their own merit. By Brenda Montgomery 2nd Peter Brown. **Passed**

Motion: to allow the board to reduce fees if circumstances warrant. By Brenda Montgomery, 2nd Kevin McCunn. **Passed**

7. Reports

a. President-acting Kerri Pasqua – see attached

b. Treasurer-acting Carrie Runnalls – see attached

Motion: To adopt the treasurer's report as presented. By Carrie Runnalls, 2nd ???? **PASSED**

c. Registrar Brenda Marshall 93 members, assoc 7, ??? male ??? female

d. Maintenance Grant Huys – see attached

Issues to address are drainage and cost to prepare diamonds vs rental income

e. Division Coordinators

Hansen/Brawner – Carrie Runnalls – see attached

Thanked past coordinators, coaches. Nominated for making the game fun (nominated from other teams) were ?&?. George Rowlands nominated for fun conduct & most memorable play.

Cuthbertson/Hirsch – Bert Carruthers

Thanked his helpers, team leaders who ran the division, maintenance crew.

8. Recognition

Volunteers

Kerri thanked board members stepping down: Bill Donlevy (Past President), Peter Brown (President), Karen Stucke (Treasurer), Brenda Montgomery (Secretary), Bruce Romaniuk (Tournaments), Gord Stamp (Promotions) and the following:

a. Bert Carruthers – league and division coordinator, managing batting cage & scheduling

b. Carrie Runnalls – division coordinator, acting Treasurer & re-coding locks

c. Brenda Montgomery – recoding locks

d. Don Holtom – Casino Coordinator

e. Jenn Grimstead – scorekeeping for HB division

f. Vince Pasqua – compilation of survey results & updating website

g. Kevin McCunn & Bill Donlevy – diamond bookings

9. General Questions from the floor

a. Is diamond #4 going to be lengthened now that the rink is gone?

The old rink space currently belongs to the community league and is wanted by the community league, Central Lions, and us. ESSPA would have to assist in moving the playground to move the fence.

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

Nominations were accepted from the floor.

Motion: To accept non-member nominations this AGM if they meet membership status in the 2021 season. By Lorie Bronson, 2nd Dean Bromberger. **Passed.**

Scrutineers volunteered: Renee Messier & Dan Leclair

The following nominations were accepted with everyone in by acclamation except VP which was voted by ballot.

	Nominated	Acclamation/Vote
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President – 1 year	Kerri Pasqua	Kerri Pasqua
Vice President – 1 year	Carrie Runnalls Brent Schell	Carrie Runnalls
Treasurer	Bert Carruthers	Bert Carruthers
Secretary		
Registrar	Brenda Marshall	Brenda Marshall
Tournament	Barrie Wilhelm	Barrie Wilhelm
Marketing & Recruitment	George Rowlands	George Rowlands
Media	Tom Smith	Tom Smith
Facility & Bookings – 1 year	Kevin McCunn	Kevin McCunn
Div Coord - Cuthbertson	Mario Scrivano	Mario Scrivano
Div Coord - Hirsch	Darrell Shivak	Darrell Shivak
Div Coord - Hansen	Darlene Pruden	Darlene Pruden
Div Coord - Brawner		

Motion: To destroy ballots. By Brenda Montgomery, 2nd Lorie Bronson. **Passed**

11. Business & Service Directory

Kerri presented the idea to create a Business & Service Directory.

We would put together a directory of our members, for our members, to access goods and services. If you have a business or are a tradesperson or someone who could provide services to our ESSPA community, we would like to have you advertise on our website free of charge. We are hoping to create a mutually beneficial community for members.

If you are interested in participating, please send your information to info@esspa.ca

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at approximately 2:45pm By George Rowlands

ATTACHMENTS

From: Bruce Romaniuk <roamy@live.ca> Date: Oct. 4, 2020 9:40 a.m.
Subject: AGM
To: kpasqua@shaw.ca

Hi Kerri,

I had a hernia surgery earlier this week and I was waiting until today to see how I would be feeling before deciding if I would be able to attend the AGM. Unfortunately, I feel that I am not up to snuff to be attending today's meeting. Please pass on these few words for me.....

I want to express a huge thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make this past, very challenging season a success. This includes all of the ESSPA coaches, players, board members, field maintenance workers, etc. etc.

I would like to extend a very special thank you to Kerri Pasqua, Carrie Runnels, Kevin McCunn, Brenda Montgomery, Bert Carruthers, Grany Huys and Brenda Marshall. They all went above and beyond the call of duty to make this unique Covid19 season work.

I would like to say that it has been a privilege for me to have been on the ESSPA Board of Directors for the past 6 years. I feel that there has been good progress made in these six years and with the excellent new people that have stepped up last year and more that will be stepping up this year, ESSPA has a bright future ahead.

Best Regards, Bruce Romaniuk

Attendance List – Please make appointment with Secretary to review signed list.

Board Reports

2020 AGM – ACTING PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The slo-pitch season of 2020 was not without its difficulties. There were times when we thought there wouldn't be a season. The board was meeting every week to figure out what we needed to be done to get things going if and when we could start. We unfortunately lost a few good people on the board and we had many of our members not play due to personal circumstances related to COVID- 19.

On the positive side, we were one of the few leagues to play an almost complete season with 2 cohorts of 50 and to have no members get sick. This was the result of everyone's commitment to each other to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for your hard work!

We as a board have had a steep learning curve this year and as a result, we have put some changes in place to ensure that our league not only functions but grows in the future. We have made suggestions to improve our bylaws, and our accounting practices, we have new ideas to encourage more participation, we have made changes to board positions to divide labour so that our volunteers are not over worked, we have devised some best practices to ensure the security of our facilities and assets as well as board function, and we surveyed our members to get input into improvements for rules and play. We are also working with the Clansmen Rugby Association to approach the City to help with drainage issues and we will be trying to get increases to the money we take in from rentals so that they are more in line with other jurisdictions. Many of these things you have seen in attachments and will be hearing about during the course of this meeting. We, as a board, have been very busy and hope to have your help and continued support in making ESSPA THE place to play ball!

2020 AGM – Maintenance Report – Grant Huys

Covid and constant rain throughout the summer made for a trying year both for ESSPA and Renters of the diamonds. With a very limited budget we were unable to do much except maintain the diamonds for play. We had hoped to add shale, replace the home base mat on Diamond 1 and fill the low areas on Diamond 2 this fall. These will have to wait until next year.

Our Maintenance Costs for the 2020 Season:

Labor costs to maintain the ESSPA Diamonds	\$5,500.00
Labor costs to maintain the Rentals Usage	\$9,200.00
Expenses for all diamond usage	\$1,400.00

Year End Review of

1. Player issues:

Effectively no player discipline issues. A few general squabbles regarding Umpire calls and such that the Team Leaders took control of and limited any real problems. No disciplinary action necessary. This was agreed by all Team Leaders.

2. Exception rules:

A. Exception rule regarding Courtesy runners was brought up for discussion. After some debate the Exception rule as stated was agreed to be satisfactory by all Team Leaders and will be reviewed in the spring.

B. 12 foot rule – need 12 foot rule to be enforced. 1. Put marker on Back Stop at 12 foot mark for visual reference. 2. Go over all exception rules including 12 foot rule with all designated umpires at the beginning of next season in Hirsch by Team Leaders and Coordinator. Cuthbertson may have their own umpires.

3. Umpires:

A. Unanimously agreed that designating specific people at the beginning of the year by the Team Leaders to umpire during games resulted in more consistent and competent umpiring. No umpire calls resulted in changing game results.

B. As noted by Team leaders, the sportsmanship and comradery of the players was on display when they would actually call themselves out if they were out on a play. For example a lead off or a tag the umpire could not see. Etc.

C. Consideration for all members and those designated to umpire is that the SPN Umpire exam is available on line for free for anyone who wants to take it and it is not as easy as we all may think.

4. Fields:

A. Great kudos to Grant Huys, Rick Patry and Jamie Parliament from the Team Leaders.

Diamonds were meticulously groomed and ready to play every day. Best kept diamonds in the city. A hand.

B. D1; Fix Diamond Home Plate and mat. Making sure home plate and mat are positioned properly.

C. D1; Thicker back stop mesh or another layer because still getting glare from cars and buildings behind.

D. D1; Thoughts to crew about rolling with a big roller to flatten the outfields.

5. Hirsch Division as a Merit Division:

A. Long general Slopitch discussion regarding everything from full CO-ED division to using 1.21 bats.

B. General consensus by all Team Leaders is to keep as a Merit Division with all players using the regular ball. To be reviewed depending on circumstances at beginning of next season.

6. General thoughts on season: from All Team Leaders

1. Overall great season. Players enjoyed themselves. Many compliments from players from both Divisions.

2. Showed we can play by AHS rules and still have fun.

3. Found that playing with only 4 teams was not an issue and actually brought us closer together as a group because you get to know players on other teams more easily.

7. Other topics

- A. Team Leaders want to stress to players to wear their jerseys. The league is very visible from Kingsway Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood. Jerseys show a commitment to the sport and facility. They show a unified collective support from all members to a cause that almost did not happen.
- B. First Aid Kits need to be refurbished.
- C. Team Leaders would like to work towards having specific jerseys for each team. Whether that means sponsorship or purchase. To be discussed at executive level.

In Summary:

We finally organized to start playing our first game on Tuesday June 30, 2020.

Due to rainouts we finally played our first full game on Tuesday, July 14 believe it or not .

We persevered and by the end each team played 21 regular season games and 3 playoff games each minimum. The 2 finals teams actually had 26 games.

The season was a great success. There was a unique commitment from all players from all skill levels to enjoy the season with an emphasis on enjoyment and friendship. Thanks to all the players for their participation and positive attitude.

Speaking of success, here are the names of the winning team for the division:

Slick 50 – Team Leader Mario Scrivano

Dean Bromberger

Larry Christensen

John DeMos

Don Dufily

John Landers

Gerry Lorimer

Rod McBeth

Dave Miller

Wanda Miller

Vaughn Purcell

Scott Roszell

Darrell Shivak

Jerry Zurburg

PLAYER AWARDS – Sportsmanlike, Most Dedicated

Slick 50	MS, Jerry Zurburg	MD, John Landers
Tigers	MS, Gary Watt	MD, Don Pruss
High Maintenance	MS, Mary Ellen Mimeault	MD, Rene Messier
Classics	MS, Shawn Mevel	MD, Dan Costigan

HB Coordinator Report – 2020 season

I would like to start by THANKING all the division coordinators that came before me – they have done tremendous work and put in a ton of hours of effort to keep everything running smoothly.

It truly was my honor being the HB coordinator this season; I met so many amazing, friendly, talented individuals along the way. Each of you are incredible!! It was so much fun getting to know everyone and if you know me my super power is to rename you and yet I managed to eventually get everyone's names correct – except Joe. Sorry Joe.

This year consisted of 3 teams – Gray Jays, Strikers, and Old Crickety Bats, 24 games for each team and a Saturday Funday which included a BBQ for players and significant others. The Gray Jays captured the HB crown this season – Congrats Gray Jay!! Hats were handed out at the last game and you can find the picture on the ESSPA website.

These individuals made my job as coordinator so much easier and without them chaos would have ruled:

Dave Ingram – coach Gray Jays – easy going, organized, happy, thoughtful but he's a competitive guy behind that smile.

Bob Grimstead – Coach Strikers – sassy, trash talking pitcher who kept the game fun. Led his team to 8 straight wins.

Jack Gamble – Coach Strikers – Always smiling, joking with players, witty comments, most positive guy you'll meet and sub extraordinaire. He was also nominated both awards noted below.

Merv Luczak – Coach Old Crickety Bats – Happy go lucky guy with a safety first mentality. His team finally won when he changed his hat.

Art Jones – Coach Old Crickety Bats – stepped up to finish off the season. The grumpy looking, trash talking, teddy bear always kept the game entertaining.

Special Recognition Awards

“Making the Game Fun” Award

This award is for the individual on a team that they other teams thought brought an extra amount of fun to the game on the field.

Marie Craft – Gray Jays - Always smiling, and keeping all of us on track.

Dawn Welwood – Strikers - positive attitude, willing to play any position with a smile. **George**

Rowlands – Old Crickety Bats - Pure entertainment! Whether he was playing 3rd base or at bat, he had you laughing with him or at him. Easily the most harassed player in the division. LOL. Also nominated for Most Memorable Play award.

“Most Memorable Play” Award

This award was an accumulation of nominations from all players in the division.

Larry Dietrich – stellar 3rd baseman, impressive hitter.

Kevin Smith – only batter to hit it over the fence the year. Plus the only fielder to moon his teammates while making an incredible catch in the field.

Lorie Bronson – outfielders learned quite quickly that standing at the fence was the only way to defend against her. Inside the park home-runs, triples, doubles – she did it all.

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Profit and Loss

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association For the year ended 31 August 2020

2020

Trading Income

General Membership Fee	12,510.59
Registration credit charge fee	713.60
Late, Drop In & Spare Fees	160.00
Income Bar Sales	265.62
Tournaments including Washroom Rentals	2,207.50
City Rebate Diamond rentals	20,279.10
Field Rental/Concession Income	5.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	39.77
Donations Received	1,050.00
Total Trading Income	37,231.18

Gross Profit

37,231.18

Operating Expenses

ADMINISTRATION

Advertising and Promotions	1,079.23
AGM Meeting Rental Expense	555.39
Awards, Trophies, Memorials	66.92
Building Liability Insurance	2,703.00
Bank Charges	153.40
Direct Energy Utilities	1,311.83
Epcor Utilities	(5,266.01)
Global Website Banking Expenses	876.76
Meeting Expenses Board, Draft	72.52
Office furnishings, software expenses	615.49
Office supplies	313.96
Shaw Internet	412.27
Website Ramp International	1,318.80
Total ADMINISTRATION	4,213.56

FIELD & BUILDING EXPENSES

Building Maintenance Expense	5,550.79
Diamond Maintenance Contract	11,228.00
Diamond-Fields Maintenance	4,119.02
Equipment-Repair and Maintenance	1,431.94
Total FIELD & BUILDING EXPENSES	22,329.75

TEAM & SOCIAL EXPENSES

Cuthbertson Umpire Fees	767.00
League Balls, Bases etc.	4,022.68
Volunteer Fee Refunds	250.00
Total TEAM & SOCIAL EXPENSES	5,039.68

	2020
TOURNAMENT & FIELD RENTAL EXPENSES	
Field Rental Diamond Set-up	264.00
Total TOURNAMENT & FIELD RENTAL EXPENSES	264.00
EQUIPMENT-SUPPLIES-UPGRADES	
Airways Up-grade Projects	6,268.58
Total EQUIPMENT-SUPPLIES-UPGRADES	6,268.58
Total Operating Expenses	38,115.57
Net Profit	(884.39)

Balance Sheet

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association As at 31 August 2020

	31 AUG 2020
Assets	
Bank	
ATB Casino	3,146.55
ATB General	5,809.14
ATB Special Savings	118.42
Total Bank	9,074.11
Total Assets	9,074.11
Net Assets	9,074.11
Equity	
Current Year Earnings	(1,227.14)
Retained Earnings	10,301.25
Total Equity	9,074.11

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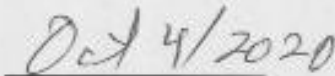
September 30, 2020

In our capacity as Members in good standing, we have examined the financial statement of the Edmonton Senior Slo Pitch Association, as at August 31st, 2020 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year end and the accompanying notes to the statements.

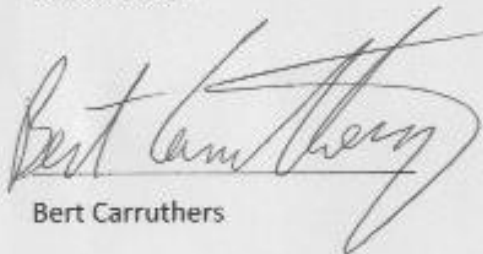
In our view these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Association.



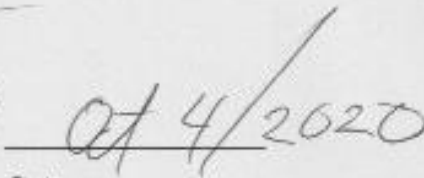
Daniel Leclair



Date



Bert Carruthers



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