

Edmonton Seniors Slo-Pitch Association (ESSPA) 2021 AGM

Date: October 24, 2021

Location: Clansmen Rugby Clubhouse

1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

- Meeting called to order at 1:04pm
- Covid protocols discussed – when seated OK not to wear your mask, however if moving about please put it on.
- Quorum –60 people in attendance: 56 Voting Members, 4 Associate Members, 0 Guests- quorum achieved
- Board Members in attendance at meeting:

Name	Position
Kerri Pasqua	President
Brent Schell	(Acting) Vice-President
Penny McFall	(Acting) Secretary
Brenda Marshall	Registrar
Grant Huys	Maintenance Director
Kevin McCunn	Facilities and Bookings Director
Mario Scrivano	Division Coordinator – Cuthbertson
Darrell Shivak	Division Coordinator – Hirsch
Darlene Pruden	Division Coordinator – Hansen
Bill Donlevy	Division Coordinator – Brawner
Dan LeClair	Division Coordinator – 60+

- Board Members not in attendance

Name	Position
Bert Carruthers	Treasurer
DeWayne Brown	Equipment Director
Barry Wilhelm	Tournament Director

2. Moment of Silence for Deceased Member(s) since 2020 AGM

- George Townsend

3. Presidents Report and Welcome (please see Appendix, Page 6)

4. Approval of Minutes recorded from 2020 AGM

- **Motion** - accept minutes as recorded - by Larry Christensen
- 2nd by Brent Schell
- Passed

5. Business arising from 2020 AGM minutes

- None

6. New Business

- Bylaw Updates
 - Changing the terms for President and Vice-President renewals. Background – both positions are currently up for renewal on the ODD year, reasoning behind was to have continuity however it is not working out.
 - **Motion** – to amend bylaws so that these two specific positions are offset, President up for renewal in odd year, Vice-President up for renewal in even year - by Larry Christensen
 - 2nd by Kevin McCunn
 - Passed
 - To add clause to bylaws about experience for Treasurer position

Discussion on this subject raised the idea of having a professional accounting firm to provide oversight, substantial amount of money being handled, would help alleviate the pressure of this position. Cost is prohibitive if we had to pay for this, potentially look to see if can find someone who would do pro-bono. This was left for the new board to look in to and bring back to members.

 - **Motion:** – Add a clause to the Treasurer's position description that reads 'Recommends the treasurer have book keeping, accounting or similar experience - by Ivy Drews
 - 2nd by Grant Huys
 - Passed
- Fees
 - Discussion about Cuthbertson fee structure and desire to change it so that is based on a per team fee versus a cost/player
 - We need to grow Cuthbertson, which in turn grows our membership base. Need to look at ways to make us competitive with St. Albert, Sherwood Park, and other leagues.
 - Amount proposed covers ALL expenses for Cuthbertson
 - We can try this out for a year and re-evaluate this next year – nothing written in stone
 - Could look at the use of Casino funds, currently used for projects, however can be used for maintenance equipment and other items, which could reduce fees
 - Concern there could be a casino backlog due to Covid – lots of organizations did not get a casino during Covid lockdowns, we were fortunate to get in when we did, payouts were lower, however! Usually we would get one every two years.
 - **Motion:** Propose to keep our fees at a max of \$200. *Cuthbertson will pay a team fee of \$2600 - by George Rowlands
 - 2nd by Lorie Bronson
 - Passed

7. Reports

- Treasurer (see Appendix, Pages 9 to 15)
 - Auditors identified for review of 2022 ESSPA financials – Larry Christensen and Carrie Runnalls
- Maintenance (see Appendix, Pages 17-19)
- Division Coordinators
 - Hirsch (see Appendix, Page 20)
 - Hansen (see Appendix, Page 21)
 - Brawner (see Appendix, Page 22)
 - Cuthbertson (see Appendix, Page 23)
 - 60+ (see Appendix, Page 24)

8. Volunteers/Recognition (see Appendix, Pages 34-37)

- A thank you to all who have served on the board and have stepped down/away
- We will need a Casino Coordinator – Don Holtom is stepping away after many years
- Committees – (see Appendix, Page 34)
- Don Hussey's family has made a \$1,000 donation to ESSPA in his memory, how best to use?
Ideas please send to info@esspa.com

9. Election of Board Members

- Information provided on positions (see Appendix, Pages 26-33)
- Scrutineers – Darlene Pruden and Carrie Runnalls
- Vice President – Brent Schell is acting VP, needs ratification by members
 - **Motion:** ratify Brent Schell as Vice President – by Dan Leclair
 - 2nd Darren Tanchak
 - Passed

Position	Nominee(s) for Position	Status
President	Bill Donlevy	Voted in by acclamation
Secretary	M.E.(Mary Ellen) Mimeault	Voted in by acclamation
Treasurer	Penny McFall	Voted in by acclamation
Registrar	Brenda Marshall	Voted in by acclamation
Tournament Director	Darrell Bignell Tom Smith Grant Huys	By ballot – Darrell Bignell voted in as Tournament Director
Marketing and Recruitment Director	Tracie Campbell	Voted in by acclamation
Media Director	None	Vacant
Maintenance Director	Grant Huys Dennis Stucke	By ballot – Dennis Stucke voted in as Maintenance Director
Facilities and Bookings Director	Lorne Belley	Voted in by acclamation

Position	Nominee(s) for Position	Status
Equipment Director	Danny Ruesch	Voted in by acclimation
Div 6 (Women's) Coordinator	Karen Armstrong	Voted in by acclimation

10. Logo Update and New Uniforms (see Appendix, Page 39)

- Looking to update ESSPA logo, a couple of ideas presented.
- Will be sending out a poll to member base to gather their input on uniforms, what do they want? This is not about color, it is about whether ESSPA buys and members keep, ESSPA buys and they are returned at end of year (deposit required potentially), or if we even want uniforms.
- Logo samples will be sent out in this email to see if anyone has any other suggestions/ideas on.

11. Contractors, Business and Service Directory

- We would like to 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. Looking for new ideas (see Appendix, Page 42)

- No idea is to big or to small, send ideas/comments to info@esspa.ca

13. Adjournment of AGM

- **Motion:** adjourn meeting at 3:18pm - by Kevin McCunn
- 2nd Brent Schell
- Passed

APPENDIX

The following information was presented at AGM by Kerri Pasqua, and is referenced above.