

ESSPA Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Date: January 17, 2023
Start Time: 7:00 pm
Location Meridian Place (10142 – 111 Street)

Present:

Bill Donlevy	Karen Armstrong
Kerri Pasqua	Mary Ellen Mimeault
Tracie Campbell	Grant Huys
Dennis Stucke	Dan Leclair

Absent:

Mario Scrivano	Rich Ferguson
Carrie Runnalls	Sue Shave
Darlene Pruden	Brent Schell
Danny Ruesch	

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: to accept minutes from Dec 6th Directors Meeting, by Karen
2nd by Grant
Passed

Details for upcoming season

- Fees
 - Women's & Men's remain the same at \$2,600 (includes carded umpires)
 - Co-Ed Team fees will be \$2,100 (no umpires, no uniforms). 2022 cost of umpires/team was ~\$500, reduced the Women/Men's fee by this amount
- Confirm names of divisions in 2023
 - Men's
 - Women's
 - Co-Ed Team
 - Div 1 Co-Ed Drafted (formerly Hansen)
 - Div 2 Co-Ed Drafted (formerly Brawner)
- Confirm details for Co-Ed Team division
 - 7 & 3 (must be 3 women on the field at all times)
 - Ages – Women 45+, Men 50+
 - \$500 deposit due April 14th – will be non-fundable unless the division does not go (don't want to put this in writing on advertising though, could seed doubt that this division will go ahead)
 - Email out to all members announcing this new division more formally. Stating that going to Team format and you can register a team and have your members register against this team, or indicate that you are an individual looking to play on a Co-Ed Team, and the Div Co-ordinator will find you a team, or indicate that you want to be a drafted player and get drafted to a team in Hansen or Brawner, or

find a base group of players and register a team and Div Co-ordinator will help fill it out.

- Advertising
 - Facebook needs a refresh, Tracie to figure out how to update the Facebook name to reflect ESSPA
 - Kerrie will update the posters and share once ready – where can these be posted?
 - We need to enhance the on-line presence to get coverage
 - Billboard/signage on boulevards – ME looked up some online, will check with Gord Stamp as ESSPA did this type of advertising a few years back, Dennis couldn't remember with whom, thought maybe Gord might

AGM Details

- Reports required by Division Co-ordinators, President, Maintenance and Treasurer – send to ME no later than February 10
- Since 2023 is an odd year, for the AGM positions noted as 'Voted in ODD year' in Section 5.2 of our Bylaws, plus those that are vacant/need to be filled will be put forward.
 - Upon review of positions in 5.2 of our bylaws, plus those that are vacant/need to be filled, the following positions are available:
 - President – currently Bill – ODD year
 - Treasurer – currently M.E. – need a replacement
 - Maintenance Director – currently Dennis – ODD year
 - Facilities & Bookings Director – Vacant – ODD year
 - Registrar – currently Carrie – ODD year
 - Tournament Director - Vacant
 - Equipment Director – currently Danny – ODD year

Dugouts

- Unfortunately we are left to solve the cities challenge with homelessness, and the mess they create/leave behind
- Once city budget is set, there is a chance to could qualify for a grant to help with this item.
- Dennis handed out two documents (attached to minutes) that outlined the cost to ESSPA for dealing with and cleaning up after the homeless, plus a proposal to replace cinder block dug outs with a steel structure. We could use this proposal as the basis for the grant if we submitted it
- Brent knows someone in the masonry industry and he will be touching base with him to discuss our challenges and see what is recommended/what the cost would be
- Grant suggested we build an 8' high chain link fence and enclosed the dugouts/diamonds inside this fence similar to what some of the other diamonds do
- To be continued ...

Miscellaneous Items

- Dennis mentioned that there is a discussion with the City for the potential to reclass ESSPA from a home base agreement to a Sports Facilities Agreement
 - Would give us a bit more say in the running of our facility – i.e., rates charged
- Dennis is going to get the plaques refaced to that of our ESSPA logo
- Staffing – Dennis informed us that Jamie Parliament will not be providing maintenance services to ESSPA this summer. Richard Osadchuk said would stay, we need to find a

2nd person. Send an email out to membership to see if anyone interested? Approx 20 hrs/week

- Dennis raised the idea of reinstating payment (credit towards next years fees kind of idea) of volunteers for services, hard to get people out to help, or it is always the same people - would be an incentive?
 - Many times when call for help went out it was during the day or on the weekend – hard to get people out on a Saturday after working a full week!
 - If you 'pay' someone, it is no longer volunteering
- ME to book an AGM planning meeting with Bill & Kerri, and maybe Brent via zoom

Date for February Meetings

- Directors meeting – February 16th, Meridian Place, start time 7pm

Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn meeting at 8:55pm, by Tracie
2nd Karen
Passed

Expense of the Maintenance Crew Cleaning Dugouts and Washing Dugouts – prepared
January 17,2023

During the 2022 ball season, from May until October 15, the staff on site tracked the hours to power wash the dugouts, remove clothing and debris from the dugouts (clothing, bedding etc) and scattered debris from homeless at the perimeter of the park, cleanup around the concrete pads next to the buildings, and removal of graffiti on dugouts or picnic tables.

Summary of the chart - Out of 135 days worked on site 114 days required some of the above work.

Of our total labor cost of \$16,577.00 , the above activities totaled \$ 5,819.00 or 35.10 %

The materials totalled \$592.00

Even if the dugouts were changed we would still have some costs of debris removal.

In a meeting with the City of Edmonton and City Police the homeless issue is spread citywide and there are no solutions available from the City.

Proposal for Discussion - January 17,2022

Removal of the Block Walls and Replace With Steel Structure

- Remove the block walls, leave the metal roof deck in place. Break out the block at 4 points to install the vertical 3.5 in round posts to support the roof deck. Once supported remove the rest of the block wall, remove all debris from site.
- Install a 3.5 by 3.5 steel angle over top of the posts to support the roof deck screw the metal deck down to the steel angles.
- Install a 3.5 inch angle from the new rear posts to the front existing chain link posts. The structure is now rigid and will support the roof.
- Grind the block area and patch the concrete.
- Install chain link fence to the rear of diamond 4 west dugout only
- Paint the steel structure
- Reinstall the benches
- Option - install the coat hangers and shelves for a 15 foot section of dugout only reusing existing shelves

Dynamic Demolition and Recycling

Demolition \$24,322.00
Steel Structure \$19,200.00`

Misc Items concrete patch, anchors for benches, anchors for columns, paint, fasteners for deck	\$874.71
Chain Link fence	\$458.00
Total	\$44,854.71

Volunteer work required

Remove fasteners from q deck
Grind concrete from old block area, patch concrete
Install anchors for columns
Install anchors for benches
Install fasteners to hold q deck to angle
Paint the steel components
Supervision of subtrades and volunteer workers
Coordination with Sports Liaison for agreement on this work
Agreements with The Kingsway Business Assoc. that the murals could be removed

The Millwoods Association replaced 4 in ground dugouts with dugouts on a concrete slab, they spent \$60,000.

Dennis Stucke