

ESSPA

Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2021

January 2021 Board Meeting via ZOOM

Attendees: **Kerri P** (President & Chair), **Carrie R** (Vice President), **Bert C** (Treasurer), **Grant H** (Maintenance), **Penny M** (Secretary), **Kevin M** (Facility & Bookings), **Tom S** (Media), **DeWayne B** (Equipment), **George R** (Promotions & Recruitment), **Barry W** (Tournaments), **Mario S** (Cuthbertson), **Darrell S** (Hirsch), **Darlene P** (Hansen), **Dan L** (60+ Men).

Registrar regrets: Brenda Marshall

Guest regrets: Brenda Montgomery

Called to order at 7:07 PM

1) Kevin and Carrie (2nd) to accept last exec meeting minutes

2) Financial – Bert Carruthers

Reports:

Account balances to date: General \$9018.99, Casino \$2371.80 = \$11,390.79

Registration collected to date: \$2338.25.

City of Edmonton rental paid Nov 18/20 \$7527.64

Use of washrooms not paid yet! Kerri will call (ACTION ITEM)

Forecast expenses: Utilities are being paid from the Casino account and will remain so. The balance in the Casino account should cover this until the Casino funds are in.

Casino funds may be delayed due to financial info to be sent before receiving. Feb/Mar is typically pay out of Casino funds.

We need a PO Box – Canada Post will not deliver to our building – clear walks.

Budget:

YE August 31st. 10K needs to be left in account to pay residual expenses paid after year end.

Carrie - Need 2 plans – Covid and Non-Covid

Grant – the basic enrolment of 200 is needed to get going.

Barry – tournaments will bring in money

Kevin – last year good season, no contamination, must follow rules or out.

Mario – why \$50 more fee? Kerri-if more people register, we will refund. To clarify - this is not like prior years when a person volunteered, they were reimbursed \$50. This fee is based on a bare minimum, Covid season, needed to cover costs to run the league (4 Cohorts).

Covid - As an organization we need to follow guidelines, we cannot risk the league.

Ramp:

Brenda – better reporting re: credit cards

3) Registration – information provided by Brenda Marshall and presented by Carrie.

a) Overall registration – break down by division:

- Cuthbertson - 7

- Hirsch – 7
- Hansen - 13
- Brawner - 5
- 60+ - 6
- Women 45+ - 2
- New – 6

Dan – 60+ from St Albert (Redline) interest in 60+. Probably not if in cohorts like last year.
 Darlene – Oil City folded, possibly contact players. Has mixed, competitive/rec.

South side slo-pitch folded – several players our age group

- b) Schedule – COVID season and non-COVID season.
 Possibly another year making it difficult to increase

4) Maintenance – Grant Huys & Kevin McCunn

- a) Personnel – update.
- City of Edmonton meeting update. Drainage issued, surface. Quick fix – no money in their budget/slashed. Meet quarterly.
 Need to call in about dugouts / graffiti! Grant feels City wants to tear out dugouts due to graffiti but more issues with homeless.
 Possible suggestions: RCMP presence, locked gates (can access), plexiglass (costly), lighting (costly), engage community and paint the dugouts (Kerri). Lions having the same issue.
 - Grant Application – summer student? Rick resigned, there is too much work for Jamie alone.
 Grant – maybe an ESSPA member wants a part time job
 Kerri – more volunteerism
 Bert – will inquire about summer grant programs.
- b) Field Allocations

5) Tournaments – Barry Wilhelm

- a) Tournament Listing with dates – 60+ Nationals, Spring Mixer, Jackson
 Jackson – women also? Need to acquire the liquor license for it now \$10, easy to cancel later if needed. Is the ASPA and Jackson the same tournament? 3RD week of June and not Aug long weekend
 ACTION ITEM – GEORGE
 Grant-weekends open on diamonds – no rush on tournaments
 Some people that registered for league expressed interest on volunteering for tournaments
- i) 60+ National – requirements – Committee, equipment, facility, etc.

6) Equipment – DeWayne Brown

- a) 2021 requirements – currently we have 599 12” balls, 53 11” balls and some used
 Last year we bought 54 dozen
 Currently the # of jerseys are LG-16 sets, M-16, S-10, XXL-4. Planning meeting – note to discuss jerseys.
 Bases are good, home plate-? Kevin – we can get by with minimum – agreed!
 Tournaments – Nationals. Does SPN supply balls? Kerri to call Trevor @ SPN. ACTION ITEM.

7) Advertising and Recruitment – George Rowlands

Need players – advertisement to attract new players. There is a budget set aside for new posters.

IDEAS:

- Slo-pitch sites
- Kerri – new posters, grand re-opening
- Social media sites
- Community league papers – everyone to look at their local papers
- Facebook groups
- Old members
- Maybe a phone committee for leagues that folded to contact players
- George will contact folded league – message him if we have phone #s
- George – SUN advertising (personal section) used to be popular
- Grant – electronic billboards \$5-600 per month (George will look into)

Next meeting – recruiting and advertising

Registration deadline – March 31st? need to decide

8) Website – Tom Smith

- a) Updating the carousel. Carrie
Tom has login, needs website help. Contact Brenda
- b) Posting meeting minutes

Post minutes regularly

Update members

Lost and found tab

Directory services / businesses on website

Every member gets mail out to give highlights and can unsubscribe (can do mass email just not unsubscribe)

Memo – register now

Kerri – communibee – free

Carrie/Tom – look into website

RAMP is limiting

9) Division Coordinators

Darrel – business cards sent out

Mario – contact list from year before. Red Line (consider)

Darlene – reminder email – like to see who's registered

Dan – will reach out but if Covid, 60+ may not run. It will cause ill effect to Cuthbertson league

Browner – NEED A COORDINATOR

Ladies director – NEED A COORDINATOR

60+ - if no league then tournament

10) New Business

- a) Partner with Clansmen – they had fire and possibly need to store stuff
- b) Moving office files/equipment from Central to clubhouse. Need trucks and help. Sooner the better for weather.

11) Next Meetings – 2nd Tuesday of every Month

- February 9th @ 7pm – 9pm
- March 9th@ 7pm- 9pm
- Planning meeting – current, future, financial stable, structured, informed members
- Recruitment

Action Items:

| Assigned Date | Description | Assigned to | Due Date |
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| | Use of washrooms not paid | Kerri | |
| | Is Jackson and ASPA same tourney (when) | George | |
| | Contact Trevor (SPN) balls supplied for Nationals | Kerri | |
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12) Adjournment @ 8:55 PM

Kevin – called to adjourn

George to 2nd