

EDMONTON SENIORS SLO-PITCH ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes of Meeting held Feb 21, 2019 at Central Lions

Director's in attendance: Peter Brown, John Cabaj, Bill Donlevy, Don Hussey, Brenda Marshall, Brenda Montgomery, Rick Patry, Gord Stamp, Randy Zingle

Director's regrets: Bruce Romaniuk, Karen Stucke, Wanda Miller

Guests: Darlene Pruden, Dave Patterson, Dan Leclair, Danny Reusch

1) Call to Order at 6:42pm

- a) Welcome –
- b) Approval of agenda – **Motion:** To accept the agenda as amended. By B. Montgomery, 2nd Peter. **PASSED**
- c) Approval of minutes – **Motion:** To accept the minutes of Dec 13, 2018. By B. Montgomery, 2nd Don. **PASSED**

2) Financial Matters

- a) Treasurer's report – carry forward
- b) Umpire payments to Gary – carry forward

3) New Business, Brought Forward

- a) Field Maintenance position – Candidates reviewed: Rick Salvador (course commitment), Dwayne Brown (weekend commitments), and Rick Patry. It was brought to our attention that several other candidates had emailed info@esspa.ca and Rick was not aware. Rick will review these candidates and provide a summary of his review and recommendation at the next meeting. Don suggested someone be brought on board for training purposes.
- b) Evaluations – Sat Apr 13, 1800-2000hr, Tues Apr 16, 1900-2100hr at Turf Training Centre (just off Roper Road at 5820-59 Ave) have been booked. We will book an outdoor evaluation Sat. Apr 20 2-4pm if required and weather permitting. Who is coordinating evaluations has not been confirmed.
- c) Team Selectors
 - i. Rules & how the selectors are chosen – should be in place before evaluations
 - ii. Dates – April 24, 25, 26 respectively for ea. Division are acceptable to the division reps
- d) League Affiliation – Peter
 - i. Contacted NSA (no response), CSA (same as SPN), SPN (they have improved their prizes to match what CSA offered).
 - ii. Leduc has offered to have ESSPA host the Men's 60's nationals for 2020. We would provide workers for and receive all revenue from concession and bar. The only diamonds that are national level are #1 & #2. Who pays for umpires is to be determined. **Motion:** To host the Men's 60's nationals for 2020. By Peter, 2nd Don. **PASSED**
 - iii. If we want to host larger national level tournaments there is an option of expanding diamond #3 into the rink area and moving the playground. The rink lease expires in 2020. **Motion:** For Don to contact our CRC regarding using the rink space to expand diamond #3 for the purpose of hosting national tournaments. By Don, 2nd John. **PASSED**

- e) Edmonton Sport & Social – Karen – carry forward
- f) Rules – Divisions are responsible for their own rules. Currently ESSPA follows SPN rules, there are some ESSPA wide rules (i.e. ages) and then Division rules. Brenda suggested each division reference the SPN rule that their division is amending. All rules should be submitted to the board to ensure they do not conflict with ESSPA rules.
- g) Insurance – bring forward. We need to ensure we have adequate insurance for improvements on city property. Don suggested some of the city requirements are too much for our smaller projects. Don will provide Karen information on requirements so that our insurance policy can be reviewed when Karen returns from vacation.
- h) Tournaments – John – Alberta 55+ Games will be in Medicine Hat Jul 4-7. Please post on our website. John would like a replacement to manage tournaments. Jamie Parliament was suggested. John suggested we tap our membership and other sources for entertainment (i.e. open mike, skits etc.) at tournaments.
- i) League dates – The official league dates are May 6, 2019 to Aug 31, 2019. Cuthbertson, Hirsch & Brawner may need until Sep 13, 2019 to complete playoffs.
- j) Bingo – We received a request to supply approx. 15 volunteers (we do have some regulars that do this) for Northgate Lions Bingo. On review we did not receive the annual donation (usually \$3000) from Northgate Lions for the last 2 years and because of this were considering not providing volunteers as each volunteer costs \$50. We received assurances that these donations will be made. **Motion:** To continue providing Northgate Lions Bingo with volunteers as long as we receive all outstanding donations. By B. Montgomery, 2nd Rick. **PASSED**
- k) Volunteer Fees – Cuthbertson proposed ESSPA work out a way that volunteer fees could be picked up by a coach to forward to team members who qualified for the rebate but could not attend a function in which the rebates were scheduled to be provided. Perhaps team members would be required to sign a proxy and then the coach would have to sign for the rebates and be responsible for distribution. Carry forward.

4) Reports - Executives, Directors etc. – only as required

- a) Promotions–Gord–Coffee News & Kijiji ads to start. John will participate in a live CFRN interview. Gord contacted all new members from last year to request they invite their friends. Gord will be meeting with others involved in organizing Slo-pitch to promote our league. We were reminded of the restriction on banners to charitable organization. Gord will research a 90-day sign rental to go on 111 Ave (cost should include required permit) as this provided good response in the past.
- b) Registrar –Brenda Marshall - RAMP provided no notice of a new registration program which required jumping thru hoops to get our past membership data carried forward. RAMP customerservice has been not only poor but also rude. Our members are having difficulty and there are issues with couples registering. Registered to date: 66
- c) Special Projects –Don –City approval of our plan has been received and we have the building permit.Dennis Stucke will be the contractor on behalf of ESSPA and will work on the tendering.Municipal Improvement Agreement (MIA) to be done. As noted above (6 g Insurance) Don suggested some of the city MIA requirements are too much for our smaller projects and he will see if he can get these adjusted. We should be in the ground in May.
- d) Maintenance – Rick inquired about obtaining, from the city, bleachers that do not require painting for diamond #3 & #4. Don did not think the city would supply these. Rick will make inquiries.

5) Correspondence - Incoming/Outgoing –Terry Ward’s resignation effective Feb 20, 2019.
He will continue working with Dave Raessler to get the diamond bookings finalized

6) Adjournment –at approx. 9:15 pm

7) Next Meetings

Thursday Mar 14, 2019 – board meeting. Peter will be absent (on vacation)

Approved