



## **South Edmonton Minor Softball Association**

### **AGM Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:15 pm
2. **Attendance:** Julie Robicheau, Melanie Murray, Katherine Sammer, Other participants in attached list
3. **Motion: To approve agenda**

*Motion by: Melanie M                      Second: Brett Foley                      All in Favor*

#### **4. Reports from Committees/Officers**

##### **A. President's Report –**

- Thanks given to parents for attending the meeting, their support and a great season.
- Congratulations to all the teams.
- Would like to improve everyone's experience and welcome feedback.

##### **B. Vice President's Report – None given**

##### **C. Treasurer's Report –**

- Spreadsheet of financials on back of agenda sheet provided.
- Money put in GIC (restricted funds) to cover any incidents as SEMSA does not carry insurance.
- Setting same budget as last year for new season.
- Was given money from GEMSA to support operations.
- New equipment purchased and started to rent turf in Nisku for training.
- SEMSA had a net loss last year but will use reserves.

**Motion: To top up restricted funds. Buy additional GIC for \$10,000.00.**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray                      Second: Cameron Worthing                      All in Favor*

**Motion: To approve financials as discussed**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray                      Second: Brett Foley                      All in Favor*

D. **Secretary Report** - Nothing to report

E. **Registrar's Report** -

- Had 320 players last year which is down from year prior
- Plan to run skills clinic with River City Softball for all age groups.
- Will set up pitching clinic. Likely in January 2024.
- Might run a B level team for U13, U15 U17. There would be try-outs and the expectation to attend provincials and tournaments.
- If coaches want to run practices they can reach out and gym time can be booked
- Softball Alberta has determined participants at all levels can participate in their expressed gender. **Policy regarding Nonbinary and transgender players, SEMSA adopts Softball Alberta's policy on Inclusion – Players can choose a team that matches their expressed gender**
- Other softball associations not currently active. SEMSA has been asked to run softball for entire city. Would require change to by-laws. Will be called Edmonton Minor Softball Association; territory would be amended to include all of Edmonton and would change the Board of Directors to include more people. Can then advertise in north and west end. Would allow us to have more kids and diamonds. Would slowly purchase new jerseys. Will try to make teams based on home address unless request to play with certain players. GEMSA will provide more funds and **registration fees would not increase because of this change but would bring in more registration fees which would in turn cover new equipment.** Do not anticipate large increase in players immediately.
- Board always open to assistance, even on one time basis
- 2024 budget will be created in next month or two

5. **Voting – Bylaw update and name change**

**Motion: Update bylaws as discussed (cover entire city) and change name to Edmonton Minor Softball Association (EDMSA)**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray*

*Second: Dan Quenneville*

*All in Favor*

6. **Elections**

**A. President – Julie Robicheau**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Jill Schlender      All in Favor*

**B. Vice President – Melanie Murray**

*Motion by: Julie Robicheau      Second: Jill Schlender      All in Favor*

**C. Treasurer – Nicole Auser**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Julie Robicheau      All in Favor*

**D. Secretary – Katherine Sammer**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Julie Robicheau      All in Favor*

**E. Registrar – Dan Quenneville**

*Motion by: Julie Robicheau      Second: Melanie Murray      All in Favor*

**F. Equipment Manager – Cameron Worthing**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Julie Robicheau      All in Favor*

**G. Player Development Coordinator – Brett Coley**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Katherine Sammer      All in Favor*

**H. Media – Luis Salazar**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray      Second: Julie Robicheau      All in Favor*

**7. Discussion from floor**

- Softball Alberta AGM is in October. Will communicate any major rule changes
- Tryouts for B teams will likely be in January. They will not be sooner based on current resources

- Could more games be played between SEMSA teams? GEMSA makes schedules. Would have to play outside GEMSA to control schedule.
- Comment that September tryouts (as club is doing) for U17 team too early. Hoping to instead run camps and build a program. Would like to see competitive ball but at lower price than club.
- How often does board meet? Supposed to meet monthly.

**Motion: Close AGM meeting**

*Motion by: Melanie Murray*

*Second: Brett Foley All in Favor*

**Closing**

**7:56 pm**