



VSWSA Meeting Minutes

AGM Meeting

Feb 7, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Hyacinth Park

In Attendance

Executive: Kim Shelley, Steve Brossard, Shannon Moore, Emma Cottier, Marie Stevenson, Kristin Kemle.

Members

Kaos: Gerry Shelley, Kara Shelley

Devils '94: Bruce Lubinich, Ross Chow, Nelson Hughes, Rafer Strandland

Duncan Red Hots: Brian Bull, Katrina Bull, Stan McKinlay

Devils '96: Brian Wallace

Athletics: Laura Mannerfeldt, Carla Soares

Aces: Karyn Rainer, Sandi Rainer, Don Rainer

Bullets: Mel Alsdorf, Rocky Wilson, Tom Wilson

Other: Rick Merrifield, Russ Fanucchi

Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Kim Shelley.

President's Report - Kim Shelley

Thank you to all players, coaches and volunteers for a successful 2011 season. Highlights included resurfacing of the diamonds (\$2500 donation from Saanich), and great feedback from the all star game. Playoffs were cancelled last season, and we need to reexamine the format for the upcoming year.

New applications this year: 2 Midget A, Bantam A, and possibly a team from Uvic.

Expenses for the upcoming season include \$10 000 for new fencing (if matched by Saanich), ~\$2000 for the fire extinguisher system in the concession, a new cooler, electricity for both diamonds, and possibly a batting cage.

Victoria Women's Fastball is interested in organizing some crossover exhibition games with our teams. They will also be using our diamonds on Wednesday nights, and the occasional Monday. Slopitch will continue to use our park on Friday nights.

Vice President's Report - Steve Brossard

Steve to contact Tower fencing for a quote to replace / repair our fencing. Backstops to be completed first, then other fencing. Possible batting cage - will depend on volunteer commitment. Pipes will be cut out in dugouts on D#1.

Discussion: Could we cover the diamonds with mesh to prevent the loss of foul balls. Steve explained that this would be an expensive venture, which may not make much of a difference.

Russ asked if current poles would support the installation of a heavier mesh. Steve noted that Tower has been consulted, and they have assured us the current poles are adequate.

Nelson noted that higher plugs are needed on both diamonds, especially for second base as it can be difficult to find. Steve suggested the installation of ropes, as higher plugs seem to cause damage to the drag mat.

Saanich has been asked not to till the diamonds this spring - we hope to maintain them using the mat and tractor system.

Financial Report - Kristin Kemle

2011 Treasurer's Report was read.

Motion:

To accept the 2011 Treasurer's Report as read. (Tom/Gerry)
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Carried

2011 Concession Report was read. Maintenance expenses to concession were discussed (fire system and cooler).

Motion:

That we accept the report as read and approve the payment of the required expenses. (Gerry/Don)
Carried

Elections:

Board members are all willing to stand for another season, as are the members of the disciplinary committee.

Softball BC

Highlights from the AGM:

Senior B - last year of Westerns. Top 4 teams from Senior A provincials will now attend Westerns and Nationals.

All teams at the Senior level now qualify for Provincial championships (no maximum). This makes it difficult for our park to host a championship.

Discussion: Carla requested that resolutions be emailed to the VSWSA membership in advance of the meeting so we may discuss / provide feedback for the AGM.

Umpires' Report

Nothing to report - not a rule-change year.

New Business

Team applications: Midget A team from Duncan (full schedule).
Midget A team , up from Bantam (full schedule).
Bantam A team (2nd year).

Discussion: A lengthy discussion ensued regarding safety, previous applications by Bantam-age teams and players, pick up regulations, etc. Several opinions were voiced by the membership and the executive both for and against the application of a Bantam-age team into a senior park. Katrina Bull (Softball BC minor director) noted that Softball BC does not currently allow Bantam-age teams to play against senior teams, including exhibition. Kim suggested that we table our discussion regarding this application and that the team contact Softball BC for further clarification if necessary.

Motion:

That we accept the application of the Duncan Red Hots Midget A team for the 2012 season. (Gerry/Tom)

Carried

Motion:

That we accept the application of Rick's Midget A team for the 2012 season. (Gerry/Marie)

Carried

Motion:

That we allow the VWFL to use our park on Wednesday nights and the occasional Monday. (Shannon/Gerry)

Carried

Motion:

That we allow the slopitch league to use our park on Friday nights as well as for two weekend tournaments (dates to be determined). (Shannon/Kristin)

Carried

League icebreaker tournament set for May 6th and 7th. Each team is required to participate, and we will be actively seeking additional teams from around Victoria and the lower mainland. Format will be true icebreaker, with guaranteed games and entry fees to cover cost of umpires.

2012 fees to remain the same: \$250 for key / bond to park, \$400 for annual team fee, \$160 per player. Kim noted that Midget player fees will be slightly less due to difference in Softball BC fees.

Coaches and Managers meeting date set for Wednesday, March 7th at 7pm.

Park clean-up date set for Saturday, April 14th.

Emma noted that 50/50 will run on May 15th, June 15th, and July 15th this season.

Request was made by the Devils to use Hyacinth park to run part of their Midget A provincials on July 27-29th. Devils will cover volunteers for park duty. Approved by the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. (Stan / Jean)