



VSWSA Meeting Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Monday, February 18th, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Hyacinth Park

In Attendance

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

Members

Kaos: Ashley Brossard, Gerry Shelley

Devils '95: Brian Bull, Katrina Bull, Stan McKinlay

Devils '96: Darryl Pearson

Athletics: Paige Niederer, Carla Soares, Sarah Anaka

Aces: Karyn Rainer, Melissa Caton, Jeremy Kirby, Jean Peterson

Bullets: Tom Wilson, Julie Sparrow

Cordova Bay Jr. B: Dale Marshall, Dave Gamble

Devils Jr. A: Mike Newman, Ross Chow

Devils: Nelson Hughes

Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Kim Shelley.

President's Report - Kim Shelley

Thank you to all players, coaches and volunteers for all your support in 2012. New team applications this season, plus the need to discuss the use of our diamonds by other groups. The new format for selection of coaches to the all-star game was well received, and the new stats program (despite a few glitches) was a success. Thank

you to the concession staff for continuing to operate our park concession, and to Don, Gerry and Steve for all their work getting diamond 1 ready for the new fencing. Saanich has put \$10000 towards the project, with the VSWSA contributing \$7000 in cash, and \$3000 in kind. Diamond 2 is a future project, depending on funding from Saanich. The Special Olympics would like to use one diamond for their tournament this year, and our league icebreaker was a great success, and three teams from Vancouver have expressed interest in coming over this season.

Financial Reports - Kristin Kemle / Jean Peterson

2012 Treasurer's Report was read. 2012 was successful, with our finances ending up in the black. A reminder that \$20 from each player's registration fee still goes toward park improvement.

2012 Concession Report was read. Also in the black. Maintenance expenses to concession were discussed (fire system and freezer). It was noted that the deep fryer will soon need to be replaced as well.

Motion:

To accept the 2012 Financial Reports as read. (Tom)

Carried

Elections

Emma is willing to stand for the upcoming season as player rep, but would like to train a new player to take on this role. She also requested some help with the preparation of the park 50/50, as this is a large job. Marie offered to help with this task, and the group suggested adding this to the list of park duties on clean up day.

Shannon is willing to stand as secretary for another term.

Kim is stepping down as league president. Nominations are called for president. Steve Brossard is nominated (Jean). He accepts.

The Vice-President role is now vacant. Melissa Caton and Jeremy Kirby are nominated to co-chair this role (Gerry). Jeremy declines this nomination, and Melissa accepts.

Thank you to all new and returning executive members.

New Business

Team applications: Midget A Devils '95 (Stan/Brian).
Midget A Devils '96 (Darrell/Brian).

Motion:

That we accept the application of the Midget A Devils '95 for the 2013 season. (Kim)

Carried

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Carried

Two Senior teams will also be joining our park. The Devils Junior A team (Ross/Mike/Rafer), and the Cordova Bay Jr. B team (Dale/Dave).

Due to some expenses last season, it was suggested that player fees be raised for the upcoming season.

Discussion: Fees could be raised \$5 to \$165. Shannon suggested that to avoid raising fees each year, perhaps we should raise it \$15 to \$175.

Motion:

That we meet in the middle and raise fees \$10 to \$170. (Kim)

Carried

Park Improvement

Volunteers for painting of new fencing (weather dependent).

Discussion: Shannon and Ross requested a time to be set for recruiting volunteers for painting. This was set as 10am on Saturday, February 23rd and Sunday, February 24th. Teams are asked to email Steve to let him know how many are coming so he can have adequate supplies.

Lighting in score shack on diamond 1. Steve received quote of approximately \$1100, but is looking for volunteers to assist with the labour. One member requested a supply list as he may be able to obtain a donation. To be continued.

Team Responsibilities

Monthly 50/50 for the league (3).

Preseason clean up date set for April 13th. It was noted that the Devils '95 will do the clean up of the bathrooms during the previous week as they will be out of town on April 13th.

Weekly park duties.

Minor teams - form approvals in before game night.

Purchase of game balls.

Discussion: The brand of ball chosen last season was not durable, but was selected as it is the one utilized by Softball BC at Championships. It was suggested that we purchase a different brand of ball for league use, and a few of the other balls to use prior to Championships. Nelson mentioned that they get a good price at Kirby's, and will get a quote on a bulk order of Baden balls. Tom noted that the Bullets do not need any balls this season. This cost will be added to league fees for the other seven teams.

Harbour Cats Fundraiser

Our league has been offered the 50/50 at two Harbour Cats games. Each team will be expected to sell a minimum of 20 tickets (10 for each game), with \$2 from each sale going to the team, and \$1 to the league. Teams are encouraged to sell as many tickets as possible.

Volunteers will also be needed for each game to run the 50/50. Dates are July 6th and August 10th. It was noted that Cordova Bay will be participating in their Provincials Championships at the park during the first game. More details to follow.

Umpires' Report

Nothing to report - not a rule-change year. Stumpy as new umpire allocator, and Stan Walushka as UIC.

Marie will continue to run our website - please send any requests to her.

We will be hosting the Junior B Provincials on July 5-7. Kim will stand as the Tournament Director.

League icebreaker tournament set for April 20th and 21st. Earlier this year, but this allows all teams to be in attendance. Each team is required to participate, and we

already have interest from several teams from out of town. Format will be true icebreaker, with guaranteed games and entry fees to cover cost of umpires.

New Business

Kim and Kristin mentioned that the park phone line is costing the league \$60 per month. With the number of cell phones available now, is this \$800 annual cost necessary?

Motion:

That we cancel the business line at the park. (Tom/Sarah)

Carried

Request was made by the Devils to use Hyacinth park for two games of their Midget A provincials on July 27-29th. Permit application will be sent to Saanich. Approved by the membership.

Kim brought up the issue of the slopitch and Victoria Womens' Fastball league using our park last season, and whether or not we want to see this continue in 2013.

Discussion: We want to maintain a positive relationship with the VWFL, and to rebuild bridges with teams in the league (Emma). The women's league and slopitch teams are leaving the diamonds and dugouts in horrible condition (Steve). The women's league is also using our supplies (lime, equipment, gas, etc) and several members asked if the return is worth it. There was hope last season that teams would engage in exhibition games or possibly interleague play, but this was not the case except for a few games before provincials. Also, some members expressed the difficulty they experienced with rescheduling rainouts and practice times. It was also discussed in terms of the benefits to the concession revenue.

Motion:

That due to the larger number of teams in the VSWSA this season, that we leave our schedule open for practices and make up games, and deny the VWFL and slopitch use of our park this coming season. We will also write a letter to the VWFL inviting them to continue to contact us for exhibition games, etc. (Kim/Paige)

Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm. (Kim)