



Annual General Meeting Package

March 5, 2018

AGENDA

Campbell River Slopitch

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Sportsplex Exercise Room 1, March 5, 2018, 7:00pm

1. Issue Voting Cards
2. Call to Order
3. Confirm quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Presidents Message
6. Approve Minutes of Previous meeting February 27, 2017 Annual General Meeting
7. Approve the Financial Statement for 2017
8. Present Proposed Budget for 2018
9. New Business
 - i. Request for a raise from the Umpires from \$30/per game to \$35/per game.
 - ii. Request to implement the use of the “mat” at home plate.
 - iii. Request to increase the strike zone by including home plate as a strike.
 - iv. Request to adjust and rotate Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday games each year beginning in the 2018 season. Example: Monday would play on Tuesday, Tuesday would play on Wednesday and Wednesday would play on Monday, then it would rotate forward the next year.
 - v. Request to have the league change the Monday games that follow local tournaments to the previous Sunday.
 - vi. Approve new Constitution/Bylaws
10. Resignation and Election of Board Directors
11. Adjourn the meeting

MINUTES

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1. Issue Voting Cards

30 team representatives were issued Voting Cards

2. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:16pm

Introduction by Chad Braithwaite

3. Confirm Quorum

Board Members Present:

Chad Braithwaite – President

Mel Zylstra – Treasurer

Dustin Lottis – Vice President

Quorum confirmed

4. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda – Doug Irvine/Karen Stuart

Motion Carried

5. Presidents Message

6. Approve Minutes of Previous meeting February 27, 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were unavailable at the meeting to review.

No Questions.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 27, 2017 AGM – Gord

Smith/Misko Valent

Motion Carried

7. Approve the Financial Statement for 2017

The motion was tabled until all expenses can be properly entered in the Financial Statement. Questions arose about the balance, purchase of helmets and lack of income shown for them and if the statements go to an accountant. The Executive will confirm the income received from helmets and update the financials to reflect that. It was confirmed that the financials are provided to CR Management.

Motion to Approve the Financial Statements for 2017 – Jeremy Hoover/Matt Pederson

Motion Tabled

8. Present Proposed Budget for 2018

Motion to Approve the Proposed Budget for 2018 – Jeremy Hoover/Matt Pederson

Motion Carried – 30 for, 0 against

9. New Business:

i. Request for a raise from the Umpires from \$30/per game to \$35/per game.

Motion to Approve a raise for the Umpires from \$30/per game to \$35/per game. – Jeremy Hoover/Kyle Hickman

Motion Defeated – 13 for, 17 against

Motion to Approve a raise for the Umpires from \$30/per game to \$32/per game. – Jeremy Hoover/Maria Addison

Motion Carried – 30 for, 0 against

ii. Request to implement the use of the “mat” at home plate.

Motion to Approve the use of the Mat at home plate – Kyle Hickman/Kirk Bittman

Motion Carried – 23 for, 7 against

The mat will be used every night of the week, Umpires will be informed.

iii. **Request to increase the strike zone by including home plate as a strike.**

Motion to increase the strike zone by including home plate as a strike – Brent Cross/Jarret

Motion Defeated – 2 for, 28 against

There will likely be a trial of this rule at the Team Theoren Charity Tournament.

iv. **Request to adjust and rotate Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday games each year beginning in the 2018 season. Example: Monday would play on Tuesday, Tuesday would play on Wednesday and Wednesday would play on Monday, then it would rotate forward the next year.**

This topic was highly debated with the majority confirming they do not want it to begin for the current season but are open to it beginning in 2019.

Motion to Adopt the rotation of nights for Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday night teams – Brent Cross/Matt Pederson

Motion Defeated - 1 for, 29 against

v. **Request to have the league change the Monday games that follow local tournaments to the previous Sunday.**

The discussion and vote was only open to Monday night teams.

Motion to change Monday league games that follow a local tournament to the previous Sunday. – Brent Cross/Jeremy Hoover

Motion Carried – 3 for, 2 against

The league will move the Monday games scheduled following these tournaments: Team Theoren, Quadra May Long, Lyndon's Legacy, and the League Tournament, to be played the Sunday prior.

10. Approve new Constitution/Bylaws

Not enough time or notice was given to review the new bylaws. Suggestion by Kristie Cross to add into the Bylaws the rotation the years of election for Directors so the entire Board isn't up for election every two years. Always leaving a previous member on the Board to help the new Directors navigate their new roles.

Motion to Table the Approval of the new Constitution/Bylaws to be approved my special meeting. – Gord Smith/Kirk Bittman

Motion Tabled

Vote can be emailed to crslopitch@hotmail.com or given to the Executive April 8th at package pick up. Deadline to vote is April 8, 2018.

11. Election of Board Directors

Resignations from the Board. Mike Wieringa and Darren Munro have stepped down as Directors, effective immediately.

Board Elections took place as follows:

- i. Kristie Cross nominated – Brent Cross/Maria Addison – Kristie Accepted
- ii. Shayla Attfield nominated – Sandra Toohey/Shelby Huffman – Shayla Accepted
- iii. Misko Valent nominated – Chad Braithwaite/Kirk Bittman – Misko Accepted
- iv. Rhonda Bobocel nominated – Dustin Lottis/Curtis Parker - Rhonda Accepted
- v. Maria Addison nominated – Steve/Darren Munro – Maria Accepted
- vi. Kris Kool nominated – Curtis Parker/Rhonda Bobocel – Kris Accepted
- vii. Curtis Parker nominated – Maria Addison/Misko Valent – Curtis Accepted
- viii. Current Board members voted to stay on (Chad Braithwaite, Melanie Zylstra, Dustin Lottis) – Sandra Toohey/Travis Uzzell – All accepted

The Board is pleased to welcome 7 new Directors for the 2018 season.

12. Adjourn the meeting

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Motion to Adjourn the meeting - Jeremy Hoover/Brent Cross

Motion Carried

Chairperson

Secretary

Date

Date

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2017 was a year of highs and lows.

This executive saw excellent plays in the field, long home runs and excellent sportsmanship by our membership towards each other and to the umpires. Yes, there was some bumps in the road here and there when it came to the umpires but we as a membership overcame those bumps and continued on and had another great season. Please remember umpires are human, there will always be good, bad and close calls, but please do not lose your cool. We cannot run this league without them.

Last year our membership was able to donate over \$3600 to local Campbell River charities from our local tournaments. This executive wish to thank each and every player who played in those tournaments and spent their hard-earned money at the beer gardens, raffle tables, bake sale, 50/50, Texas mickey draws. Without you, we are not able to give back to our community.

With the highs of the ball season in full swing, 1 tragic event changed the way we will play this game for the rest of our lives. Chis Godfrey was killed after being struck in the back of the head at a local Courtenay tournament. He was married, had a 1 year old daughter, worked in Campbell river and was a guy like the rest of us who thoroughly enjoyed playing slo-pitch. In 1 split second that all changed.

This Executive did not waste any time in implementing a mandatory rule that all players must wear a helmet while batting and running the bases. We took some heat for this swift rule change on social media and through the leagues personal email, but we feel we did the right thing. This executive does not want to see any of our members have to go through what the Godfrey family did, no matter if we do not get along on or off the field. I can't even begin to explain the high and lows this executive went through once we found out what happened and how we were going to handle it. I can't speak for my colleagues at this table, but I know for me, my stomach was in knots and I even shed some tears thinking about what Chris's wife, daughter and family were going through and I thought about what if that was me or a member of our league. I believe 100% this Executive did the right thing by implementing helmets, it's something that should have been done long ago and it's unfortunate it took a death for us and every league in BC to implement a change.

Staying on this topic, our league and SPN highly recommends, that everyone wear protective gear at the following positions:

- pitchers/catchers- mask, helmet and chest protection
- 3rd base helmet, mask, shin guards
- rest of the infielder's shin guards.

This is not a rule, it is just a recommendation.

Staying on the topic of helmets, there is a rule change this year concerning them. The rule does not need to be voted on, as it falls under a safety concern and will be implemented regardless if there is an objection or not. Reason is simple, under the code of conduct 1 of our jobs as your Executive is to place the safety and welfare of players above all else.

The rule change is:

If your helmet comes off or you remove it while running the bases, play will be called and the runner will be called out. Chin straps are not necessary, but are recommended.

This year's ice breaker will be held May 5-6 as we hope for better weather than mid-April tends to give us. The tournament will be called Team Theoren. Matt and Tammy Hillier's son, Theoren has a condition called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. To give people a bit of background on this disease, the symptom of muscle weakness usually begins around the age of four in boys and worsens quickly. Typically muscle loss occurs first in the upper legs and pelvis followed by those of the upper arms. This can result in trouble standing up. Most are unable to walk by the age of 12. No cure for muscular dystrophy is known. Physical therapy, braces, and corrective surgery may help with some symptoms. Assisted ventilation may be required in those with weakness of breathing muscles. Medications used include steroids to slow muscle degeneration, anticonvulsants to control seizures and some muscle activity, and immunosuppressants to delay damage to dying muscle cells

Some of the items listed are not covered by health care and as you can imagine can be tough on a family's financial situation. This league has helped so many in the community and I know people, teams and businesses will step up again to help make this tournament a huge success for Theoren and his family. If you can help, please email us or see us after the meeting. If you wish to contact the family directly to help that is great too and we can certainly help you get in touch with Matt or Tammy.

In closing:

Remember umpires are human too and to watch your P's and Q's around the diamonds as there are more and more children attending games with their parents. Also, there is no smoking on school grounds, nor is there going to the bathroom on peoples' fences. We have already been threatened by the school board to pull up our socks or they will take away all school fields from our league. We cannot let that happen, so act like an adult at the fields. Also, please put your alcohol in a koozie or a cup. The police have also issued a warning as they get complaints from people walking by the diamonds at the Sportsplex. Common courtesy folks or this sport and league could be gone in a snap of a finger in Campbell River.

On behalf of myself and this Executive we wish everyone a safe, fun and exciting season.

Chad Braithwaite

President

Proposed 2018 Budget

Umpire Fees	\$11,000	Includes Raise
SPN Fees	\$4,900	
Balls	\$7,400	
User Fees	\$10,500	Based on 51 teams
Bank Fees	\$116	
Office Supplies	\$167	
CR Management	\$340	
Lawyer	0	
Total	\$34,423	