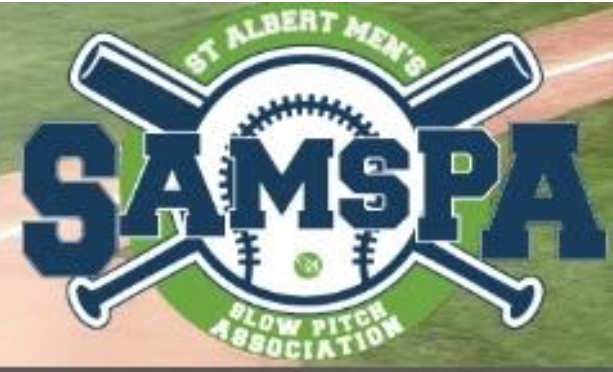




SAMSPA

St. Albert Men's Slow Pitch Association



2025 General Meeting

April 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM

St. Albert Legion

AGENDA

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|---|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Quorum / Minutes (VOTE) / Agenda (VOTE) | <i>Darren</i> | <i>10:05</i> |
| 2. Updates | | |
| • Board Member Portfolios | <i>Kelly</i> | <i>10:10</i> |
| • League Updates | <i>Kelly</i> | <i>10:15</i> |
| • Budget Presentation (VOTE) | <i>Brian</i> | <i>10:30</i> |
| • Fundraising Initiative | <i>Lynda</i> | <i>11:00</i> |
| • Advertising Incentive Program | <i>Lynda</i> | <i>11:05</i> |
| 3. Information Items | <i>Kelly</i> | <i>11:10</i> |
| • Spring Work Bee | | |
| • Policy Review | | |
| • League Procedures | | |
| • League Communications, website, umpires, schedule | | |
| • Bat testing weekend / additional dates | | |
| • SAMSPA Rule book exceptions/updates | | |
| • 1/1 count survey results | | |
| • Game ball distribution change | | |
| • SAMSPA Survey | <i>Darren</i> | <i>11:30</i> |
| • Divisional alignment | <i>Jesse/Bryan</i> | <i>11:35</i> |
| 4. New Business | <i>Kelly</i> | <i>11:55</i> |
| 5. Adjourn (VOTE) | <i>Kelly</i> | <i>12:00</i> |

Reserve for Housekeeping

Rules of Order – SAMSPA Bylaws

- 6.1 – A quorum is 50% +1, rounded up (we require 31 teams present)
- 7.1 – Each team gets one vote only
- 8.2 – Resolutions presented during meeting by members require a 2/3rds majority vote to be heard at the meeting
- 8.4 – A member should refrain from voting on matters where a conflict of interest exists

Quorum / Minutes / Agenda Approval (Darren)

Call to Order

1. Roll Call – 31 teams required for Quorum
2. Motion to Adopt Minutes of Feb 1, 2025 Annual General Meeting
3. Motion to Adopt Agenda for this Meeting

2025 Board Member Portfolios (Kelly)

President – Kelly Porter	Health & Safety – Glen Dolynchuk
Treasurer (*) – Brian Dickson	Concession Liaison – Phil Presakarchuk
Secretary / Rules (*) - Darren McBride	Umpire Liaison – Mike Coxworth
Vice President / Tournaments – Dustin Sloan	Open Division – Jessey Belley / Brayden Hollett
Filed Maintenance – Marc Savard	40/50 Divisions – Bryan Shields
Facility – Earl Sloan	60/70/74 Divisions – Bob Franks
Vacant (Website)	Past President (*) – Joel McGovern

(*) *Signing Authority*

*Call for volunteer/nomination for Director -
Website*

League Updates 2025 (Kelly)

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/samspa>

Player Waivers

ALL players in all divisions, whether they are full time, part time or a one-time player must sign the insurance waiver, which is on the SAMSPA website, located under the Teams tab – Players - Player Waiver. One waiver per player will cover all the teams you play on.

74+ Division

There are approximately 75 players 74 years of age or older playing in the Plus 70 Division and 12 players over the age of 80 and that number is expected to grow if players feel they are physically able to play, contribute to their team and face reasonable risk. Plus 74 Division operating in conjunction with the Plus 70 Division for the 2025 season and beyond. The Plus 74 and Plus 70 teams would play an unbalanced schedule within its group.

League Updates 2025 (Kelly)

Team Bond Implementation for 2026

We are excited to announce that, effective next season, we will be implementing a new \$500 team bond initiative (over and above the league fees annually and is returned upon completion of volunteering) aimed at strengthening collaboration, trust, and communication across our entire league. This initiative will include a variety of activities/opportunities designed to bring everyone closer together both on and off the field including Oil Kings game assistance, SAMSPA Spring Work bee or Mixed Tournament volunteering, auction item assistance and the list goes on.

We believe that fostering strong relationships within the league will not only enhance our league but also create a positive, supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

We look forward to your full participation as we embark on this journey together.

League Updates 2025 (Kelly)

SAMSPA Membership Tournament Incentives

SAMSPA offers its members a reduced rate of \$1,000.00 facility rental fee for a Sat/Sun rental and \$1,200.00 facility rental fee for Fri/Sat/Sun along with a .25 cent beverage rebate on alcoholic drinks, after the conclusion of the rental. This fee would include a cleaning service for bathrooms coming in 2x a day. Any additional requirements of the Tournament Operator, such as lights, maintenance etc. would be at an additional fee.

League Updates 2025 (Kelly)

Planned Giving Through Your Estate: A Thoughtful Way to Support the Future of SAMSPA

Planned giving allows you to make a significant, lasting impact on an organization by incorporating a gift into your Estate Plan. Through a planned gift, you can ensure that your values and philanthropic goals continue to shape the work of our organization long after you're gone.

The Benefits of Planned Giving

- Legacy:** By planning a gift through your estate, you create a lasting legacy that reflects your values and commitment to the cause.
- Tax Benefits:** Planned gifts can offer various tax advantages, including reducing estate taxes, and in some cases, providing income tax deductions during your lifetime.
- Flexibility:** You can choose from a variety of giving options that suit your financial and philanthropic goals, and modify your plan if necessary.

League Updates 2025 (Kelly)

- **Provincial Non-Profit Organization:** (SAMSPA in this category)
 - Can fundraise, but donations are generally not eligible for tax receipts. It may still be able to receive donations and grants, but these are often not tax-deductible for the donors.
- **Federal Registered Charity:**
 - Can engage in fundraising activities and issue **tax receipts** to donors for charitable contributions, making it easier to attract financial support from the public.
 - Federal charities are eligible to apply for government funding and grants designated for registered charities

2025 Budget Presentation (Brian)

Summary of League Operations

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
League Operational Revenue	\$165k	\$175k	\$172k
Other Income	2k	10k	\$10k
TOTAL LEAGUE REVENUE	\$167k	\$185k	\$182k
Operating Expenses	\$166k	\$157k	\$172k
Administrative Expenses	\$125k	\$125k	\$124k
TOTAL LEAGUE EXPENSES	\$291k	\$282k	\$296k
Gain/Loss LEAGUE OPERATIONS	(\$124k)	(\$97k)	(\$114k)

2025 Budget Presentation (Brian)

Spotlight on Food Concession Operations

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
League Revenue	\$27k	\$21k	\$26k
Tourney Revenue	\$42k	\$57k	\$55k
TOTAL FOOD REVENUE	\$69k	\$78k	\$81k
Expenses	\$50k	\$69k	\$63k
Gain/LOSS from FOOD	\$19k	\$9k	\$18k

2025 Budget Presentation (Brian)

Spotlight on Beverage Room Operations

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
League Revenue	\$153k	\$161k	\$150k
Tourney Revenue	\$38k	\$45k	\$47k
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$191k	\$206k	\$197k
Expenses	\$103k	\$128k	\$100k
Gain/LOSS from OPERATIONS	\$88k	\$78k	\$97k

2025 Budget Presentation (Brian)

Summary of SAMSPA Financial Budget

	2025 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual
Gain/Loss League	(\$124k)	(\$97k)	(\$114k)
Gain/Loss Concession	\$19k	\$9k	\$18k
Gain/Loss Beverage Room	\$88k	\$78k	\$97k
Gain/Loss Operations	(\$17k)	(\$10k)	\$1k
Fundraising (net)	\$14k	\$21k	\$20k
Gain/Loss change in Reserves	(\$3k)	\$11k	\$21k
Amortization	(\$117k)	(\$106k)	(\$113k)
Gain/ Loss	(\$120k)	(\$95k)	(\$92k)

Motion to approve budget

SAMSPA Auditors for 2025 (Brian)

2025 Auditors

Tom Harrison was appointed at the 2025 AGM

John Engel was appointed at the 2025 AGM

2025 Updates – Fundraising Efforts (Lynda)

Off-Season Fundraising Initiatives

Online Auction	\$4101.00	Target was \$3,500
Oil Kings Game (March 9)	\$338.00	All 200 Vouchers sold
Chuck a Puck (Nov)	\$1347.50	
Chuck a Puck (Mar)	\$1720.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$7506.50	



Fundraising (Lynda)

SAMSPA Fundraising Tournament

presented by **ALLEY KAT BREWING CO**

July 18th-20th

- Supports our facility helps keep our fees down
- Mixed Tournament (6-4-EH) – 5 Games Min
- Currently we have 18 teams, 2 pending, looking for 4-6 more
- Please spread the word!
- Volunteers Needed!
 - Registration table
 - Umping for Fri/Sat games
 - Batting cage supervisor
 - Selling 50/50 tickets
- Looking for **team prizes**.
- If you can help, please contact Lynda at admin@samspaslowpitch.com or 587.987.7454



The poster features a background image of a baseball field with a baseball, a bat, and a glove. The SAMSPA logo is in the top left, and the Alley Kat Brewing Co logo is in the bottom right. Text is overlaid on the image in white and green.

MIXED SLO-PITCH TOURNAMENT
MIXED 6/4 • EH / 5GGTOURNAMENT

JULY 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH 2025

\$450 PER TEAM

Contact Lynda - 587-987-7454
admin@samspaslowpitch.com
Meadowview Ball Diamonds
St. Albert, AB

CASH PAYOUT & 50/50

PRESENTED BY ALLEY KAT BREWING CO

Alley Kat Sampling
Saturday 1-4pm
Sunday 12-3pm

WWW.ALLEYKATBEER.COM

Signboard Advertising Program (Lynda)

- Issue:**
- Lacking Director responsible for signboard sales
 - Large supply of unallocated signboard space

- Opportunity:** - Encourage sales through **higher incentives**

50 / 50 split of net revenue after costs

Available to:

- SAMSPA Teams (Money in your Mitt Program)
- Local Community Groups

Applies to:

- Fence boards, bleacher signs, picnic tables and diamond naming rights

SAMSPA Diamond-Naming Sponsors



D2

D1



D3

D4



SAMSPA Signboard Sponsors (Review)

4-Fence Board Sponsors

Sherwood Dodge (*)

Canadian Brewhouse

Labatt Breweries

Bleacher/Picnic Table Package

Mission Fun and Games

Phoenix Fence

Core Networks

Sturgeon Animal Hospital

Re/Max Ross Storoshenko

ReMax River Valley (*)

Tri-Tec Project Mgmt.

Fence Board Signage

Top Hat Advisory

Sturgeon Auto Body

Brokerlink

MFP Resources

St. Albert Inn & Suites

Canadian Fence

Musco Lighting

Alley Kat Brewery

St. Louis Bar and Grill (*)

Southview Acura

Sparklean Restoration

Fortis Alberta (*)

Information Items (Kelly)

Spring Work Bee 2025

- Saturday April 26th, 2025
- Sunday April 27th, 2025

All teams to offer 2 volunteers for shifts of 9-12 or 12-2

* Perfect world with full volunteers on Saturday we could accomplish all this work in 1 day, BBQ to be hosted by FortisAlberta (special thanks to Blaze Redcliffe for this set-up)

Priority List

- The building of a platform and shed
- Fence poles along bottom rails and netting repairs
- Infield shale top up and raking out
- Warning track shale pulled back from grass, overgrown to be pulled.
- Removal of rubber mats under pole barn, level ground below, apply road crush, spray down and reinstall rubber mats

Information Items (Kelly)

Policies

- Alcohol and Drug Policy
 - No bringing in outside liquor
 - No drinking in dugout or surrounding area while game is on
 - First offense \$100, second offense is team expulsion from league
- Air Quality Policy
 - Use Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) at <http://airquality.alberta.ca/map/>
 - AQHI = 7-9 (Umpires discretion)
 - AQHI = 10+ (Games cancelled)



Information Items (Kelly)

Policies

- Roster Policy
 - Team rosters due no later than June 1
 - Submit via webpage
 - Teams can only use players on their roster for playoffs
 - Maximum roster size of 25
 - Players cannot be on two rosters in same Division, open division players may spare above but never below the division they are rostered in, players in 40,50,60,70,74 must be age compliant to spare.
 - Failure to submit roster by due date will result in forfeited games after June 1 until roster is submitted
- Uniform Policy
 - Minimum of 7 players should have matching uniforms
 - Jerseys are to include numbers
 - Caps are optional, but should match
 - Teams have until June 30 to comply



Information Items (Kelly)

Policies

- Smoking Policy
 - SAMSPA is non-smoking except in designated smoking areas, this includes vaping.
 - Too many cigarette butts continue to be found around/in dugouts
- Cannabis Policy
 - Our guidance on Cannabis restrictions come from the City of St. Albert
 - Space leased from the City is considered public and as such, **consumption of cannabis is not permitted at SAMSPA**
- Dog Policy
 - SAMSPA facility is a no animal facility except for approved service animals.



Please review all policies and rules on the SAMSPA website and ensure your players are familiar with them.

Information Items (Kelly)



League Procedures

- Player Waitlist
 - We have 10 players looking for teams on website
- Protests
 - File protests with SAMSPA Operations Coordinator at admin@samspaslowpitch.com
- Game Sheets
 - Keep until end of season
- Posting Scores
 - Post via website or app by winning team no later than next day
- Cancellations / Defaults
 - Must provide 24 hours notice for cancellation otherwise subject to a \$250 fine
 - Add note about reschedule opportunities

Key Dates

Schedule Release:	April 14, 2025
League Start:	April 28, 2025
Cages Open:	TBD
Team Practices:	TBD

Information Items (Kelly)



Waivers/Emails/Contacts

Mandatory Player Emails and waivers needed for teams.

For Assistance: call Lynda (587) 987-7454

Team Coaches/Managers' contact information lists are complete and available on website under Teams tab – Team Contact Lists but only Coaches/Managers with website privileges will have access to this page.

League Procedures

- Practice Times
 - TBD
 - Subject to playability
 - More info in a few weeks
 - Inquire with SAMSPA Operations Coordinator at admin@samsपालowpitch.com
- Safety Update
 - First Aid kits and Defibrillator will be accessible at the Concession
 - Fire extinguishers to be checked
 - Glen Dolynchuk remains our Player Safety Director

Information Items (Kelly)

Reminders



- Rescheduling Games
 - Teams can identify near-term diamond openings and request a re-schedule, rather than outright cancelling games. (Oilers playoff run is not a reason to re-schedule).
 - Subject to availability
 - Inquire with SAMSPA Operations Coordinator: admin@samspaslowpitch.com
- Website
 - Our upgrade continues and work is still underway
 - Your patience is appreciated
 - Still looking to add a web master, if you know anyone or are interested let's talk.

2025 League Communications (Kelly)

Schedule

Season Starts April 28 (approximately 15 weeks)

28 Games *plus Playoffs*

Field Conditions

Field Condition (web, phone, text)

- **Web: Field Conditions Page**
- **Phone: 780-243-2737 (Option 1)**
- **Text Notifications via link (same as last season)**
- **Posted at 2PM**

Website Address

<https://www.samspaslowpitch.com/home>

Umpires

Umpire Liaison is Mike Coxworth
EDSUA Umpire Clinic (Softball Canada)
April 26/27

Information Items (Kelly/Marc)

Bat Testing Weekend 2025

Bat Testing Dates: (Managers received schedule)

(located SAMSPA Website, Rules tab, Bats and Bat Testing tab)

- Saturday April 12th, 2025
 - Sunday April 13th, 2025
- All bats will require 2025 stickers

Bat Testing Regular Season Dates 2025

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

- Tuesday, May 6th, 2025
- Tuesday, May 20th, 2025
- Tuesday, June 10th, 2025
- Tuesday, July 8th, 2025
- Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025
- Tuesday, August 12th, 2025

Rule Changes (Kelly)

SAMSPA Rule changes for 2025

- Softball Canada Rule Change (no changes in 2025)
- All Divisions

<https://www.samsपालowpitch.com/page/show/7921272rules-samsपालrules>

- *Rule 16 – Game Balls Distribution:* To be discussed in an upcoming slide.
- ** ALL players in all divisions, whether they are full time, part time or a one-time player must sign the insurance waiver, which is on the SAMSPA website, located under the Teams tab – Player-Player Waiver.



Rule Changes (Kelly)

SAMSPA Rule changes for 2025

- Open – 13. Rule Exception – Flip Flop If the home team is behind by 7 or more runs at the start of the last inning and managers of both teams' consent, the home team will bat first in the final inning. If the visiting team is ahead by 10 or more runs at the start of the last inning, the flip flop is mandatory.



Rule Changes (Kelly)

SAMSPA Rule changes for 2025

- 70/74 - 14. Rule Exception – Plus 70 Grandfathering players
- 1. For 2024 and beyond, each team must have at least 10 players 70 years of age or older. New players added to the roster would have to be 68 years of age or older.
- 2. New teams entering the Plus 70 Division would have to meet the age restrictions in place for the year of entry unless an exception is approved by majority of the teams already part of the Division and the SAMSPA Executive.
- 40/50/60/70/74 - 14a. Rule Exception – Plus 74 Grandfathering players
- 1. For 2025, the Plus 74 Division will consist of Two teams (Old Vets and the Old Buzzards +74).
- 2. All players under the age of 72 on these “Legacy” teams (Old Vets and the Old Buzzards74) on their proposed 2025 roster will be grandfathered. The Old Buzzards 74 have none and in 2026, the Old Vets will have 2.
- 3. Grandfathered players cannot join another Plus 74 team until they reach the age of 72.
- 4. New players added to the rosters of these “Legacy” teams must be 72 years of age or older. 5. Should a Plus 74 team fold all grandfathered players remain eligible for play in the Plus 74 Division.



Information Items (Kelly)

1 and 1 Count Survey

33 Teams responded to the survey asking if teams would like to begin, they're at bat with a 1 ball and 1 strike count. 27 teams voted to remain status quo with just 6 teams wishing to move to a 1 and 1 count. No change to occur in 2025. We continue to encourage speed of play, hustle in and out of diamond. (Swing the bat, walking is for parades).

Game Ball Distribution Change

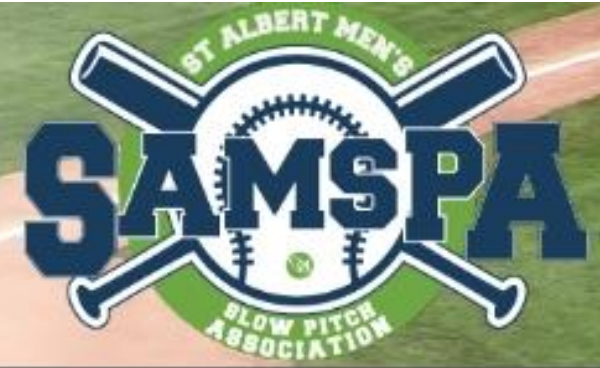
Teams must now mark their balls with their team's name. While at bat, teams will provide umpires their balls and hit their own marked balls. Teams will continue to be responsible for collecting their own homerun and foul balls.

This change will be mandatory in the Open Division and Optional in all other divisions.



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SAMSPA Survey (Darren)

In the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out the **SAMSPA 2025 Annual Survey**. This survey is an important opportunity to share your feedback on various aspects of our operations.

The **Annual Survey** will cover topics such as:

- Concession Services
- Facility and Field Satisfaction
- Scheduling
- League Operations
- Value and Revenue Generation

Moving forward, this survey will be issued at the end of each season to gather crucial data that will help the board make informed decisions and prioritize improvements during the off-season.

We encourage all league members to take the time to participate and share their insights. Your input is invaluable in helping us enhance the experience for everyone.

Thank you for your time and continued support!

Divisional Alignment (Kelly, Jessey, Brayden, Bryan)

	2025 Teams			
	OPEN A	OPEN B	OPEN C	OPEN D
1	Mafia	Tailgators	Phanton	Big Dickey's
2	Mediocre Sluggers	Alchoballics	The Blue Ballers	Shottas
3	Elite Selects	The Chefs	Young Guns	Caribooze
4	Kamikazes	Broke Bat Mountain	Sturgeon River Swallows	Breaking Bats
5	Wolf Pack	Admirals	Ralicrore X	Ran Ranchers
6	Sherwood Dodgers	Big League Boys	Furies	Pudgy Ps Pirates
7	Cobra Kai	Thirsty Beavers	Latinos	Riverside Mariners
8	Pound	Ballers	Sox	Slammin Grannys
9				
	40	50 (6:30 pm start Tues/Thurs)	60 (5 pm start, Tues/Thurs)	70/74 (3:30 pm start Tues/Thurs)
1	Rummies	Diamond Bears	Naturals 60	Calalta Sox
2	Grizzlies	Ravens	Silverbacks 60	Old Buzzards
3	Pedlars	Naturals	Auto Selects	Old Vets
4	Strikers	Raiders	Bad Company	Dynasty Relics
5	Slick 50	Loose Cannons	Classics	St. Albert 70s
6			Buzzards 60	Old Buzzards 74+
7			Older Bulls	Rockets
8			Redline	Silverbacks 70
9			The Crush	



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New Business

From the floor?

Motion to Adjourn