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SAMSPA AGM		
2024-01-27	Scheduled: 10:00am-12:00pm Meeting call to order 10:05am	St. Albert Legion 6 Tache Street
Meeting called by	SAMSPA Board President	
Note taker	Lynda Holden	
Timekeeper	Joel McGovern	
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:05am.	
Attendees	<p>Grizzlies, Ravens, Rummies, Pedlars, Strikers, Slick 50, Diamond Bears, Naturals, Raiders, Classics 50+, Silver Backs, Rockers, Auto Selects, Naturals 60+, The Crush, Bad Company 60, Classics 60, Redline, Buzzards, Older Bulls, Can Alta Sox +70, Dynasty Relics, Old Buzzards +70, Old Vets, Raiders +70, St Albert 70's, Mafia, Pound, Kamikazes, The Chefs, Tailgaters, Broke Bat Mountain, Thirsty Beavers, Big League Boys, Ballers, Diamond Kings, C-Section, Big Dickey's, Admirals, One Hit Wonders, Sturgeon River Swallows, Kings, Railcore X, (43)</p> <p>Brendan Smith – City of St. Albert</p>	
Absent	<p>Mediocre Sluggers, Elite Selects, Wolf Pak, Thirsty Pigeons, Cobra Kai, Chuck, VooDoo, 440 Rockies, Young Guns, Sox, Brew Jays, Alchoballics, Furies, Designated Drinkers, Louisville Chuggers (15)</p>	
Meeting Agenda, Protocols and Procedures	<p>The President, reviewed the meeting agenda, protocols and procedures for the meeting. The President introduced our new City of St. Albert Liaison Brendan Smith.</p>	
Approve Minutes from April 1 st , 2023 GM		
Darren McBride, Secretary confirmed quorum has been reached		
<p>The secretary informed membership that April 1st, 2023 GM minutes had been circulated before the meeting. The secretary asked for any changes to Minutes presented. Nothing was brought forward.</p>		
<p>Motion was made by Trevor Roszell and seconded by Paul Hjartarson to approve the minutes of the April 1st, 2023 GM as attached. All in favour Motion carried.</p>		
New Agenda Items		
Darren McBride, Secretary		
<p>The Secretary asked for any additions to the agenda as presented, nothing was brought forward. Motion was made by Terry Willis and seconded by Kelly Doyle to approve the agenda as presented. All in favour Motion carried.</p>		
Updates and Information		
Joel McGovern, President		
2023 In Review		
<p>President shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting successes and challenges from 2023.</p> <p>Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFEP grant application denied. President shared that this was a result of the abundance of grants received. The President then shared that we had spoken directly with a CFEP grant director, and we have resubmitted the grant. \$35k over budget, the President shared this would be addressed during the financial presentation. 		

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- 2.5 Tourneys cancelled. We lost a lot of revenue from concession due to weather cancelling 1.5 tournaments and 1 tournament not going ahead.
- Ran out of diesel. The new grounds crew had allowed the tank to get to low. A valuable lesson was learned.
- Weather Superdry/smokey. The hot weather was hard on our grass and our city water bill.
- Survey initiative stalled. It had come to our attention that there was a survey tool available through our website, however, with the new website rebuild, it was decided to wait until we could launch through the website.

Successes:

- Warning Track overhaul (Wilco) The President shared that Wilco had come forward and provided staff and equipment along with shale to redo all of SAMSPA's 4 diamond warning tracks. SAMSPA is extremely grateful for the generosity shown by Wilco and excited to have them as a supporter of the League.
- Concession Crew The President shared that there was some expectation going into the season that with a new crew there would be some time need to smooth out operations. This did occur; however, the quality of food and service was exceptional. The concession crew is looking forward to 2024 and has learned from 2023 regarding staffing needs and product expenses.
- Groundskeeping Crew The President explained that the priority for the groundskeeping crew is to ensure fields are in the best possible shape, this was achieved in 2023.
- Improved Infields
- Extended Playoffs Due to the weather we were able to have extended playoffs.
- SAMSPA Tournament The President shared that the SAMSPA tournament has grown and is a very important revenue generator for the League.

A suggestion from the floor was received around grant writing and to have diversification in the grant applications to increase success. The President shared that we have been working directly with CFEP on grant wording and opportunity to have success with the resubmission.

The President then went on to congratulate 2023 Divisional winners and displayed winning team names.

Open Division Winners:

Open A Winner Mafia

Open A Consolation Wolf Pack

Open B Winner Thirsty Beavers

Open B Consolation Pound

Open C Winner Alchoballics

Open C Consolation 440 Rockies

Open D Winner Kings

Open D Consolation Furies

Age Restricted Winners:

Plus 40 Winner Cobra Kai

Plus 50 Winner Raiders 50

Plus 60 Winner Redline

Plus 60 Consolation Bad Company

Plus 60 B-Side Older Bulls

Plus 70 Winner Dynasty Relics

Plus 70 B Winner Raiders 70+

Plus 70 C Winner Old Buzzards

2024 Board Elections

Joel McGovern President

The President shared on the screen for all members to see a review of Bylaw Article 8.2. which reads, new business: from the floor requires 2/3rds support. The President shared that regarding elections: Article 9.4 - 2/3rds is based on number of members present at meeting. The President went on to share that Article 9.4 addresses this by placing limits on the number of

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terms a Board Member may volunteer. He explained that we do have an exemption provision to address issues of under-volunteerism. The Board Principles for elections were reviewed as follows; Healthy boards need regular rotation. Thus, bringing new ideas, energy, and engagement. The President shared that nominations are welcomed from the floor.

He went on to explain the voting process and shared that each team gets one vote only. Should there be a close vote, it will be reviewed after the meeting for any spoiled ballots. Spoiled ballots will be discarded which may affect results. A change in results will be addressed at the next General Meeting.

President reviewed roles of the current Board Members whose terms do not expire until 2025 so they are not up for re-election and thanked them for their ongoing service. The President explained that Kelly Porter would be moving into the new role of Vice President and spend the next year learning the Presidency role.

Joel McGovern President

Darren McBride Secretary/Rules Director

Kelly Porter Umpire Liaison Director will now be moving into the role of Vice President

Bob Franks 60/70's Director

Bobby Weitzel Tournament Director

Trevor Zilm Grants Director

President then shared a screen listing outgoing Board Members, taking the time to list each Board Members service to the League in detail. He thanked each member for their specific contributions, efforts, and time. The President went on to share a bit about Wayne Hilsendeger who has served on the Board for 9 years and was instrumental in the marketing of sign boards. The President stated that Wayne has been a tremendous asset to SAMSPA and the Board. On behalf of all members, he stated that his service is truly appreciated and valued.

Wayne Hilsendeger Marketing Director

Kyle Flasha Open Director

President then presented a slide with the Board's Slate of Nominees for the 2024 season and led members through elections for the open positions.

Brian Dickson	Treasurer (2 nd Term)
Phil Presakarchuk	Director, Concessions (3 rd Term)
Earl Sloan	Director, Facilities (new)
Glen Dolynchuk	Director, Health & Safety (3 rd Term)
Marc Savard (*)	Director, Facility Maintenance (7 th Term)
Dustin Sloan	Director, Open Divisions (new)
Bryan Shields	Director, Plus 40/50 Divisions (3 rd Term)

The President reviewed Board term dates and roles, current Board, and available positions. Nominations from the floor were encouraged and the process, should there be more than one candidate for a director position, that process was explained. President explained the SAMSPA Bylaw per Article 9.4 of SAMSPA Bylaws, "The maximum number of terms served by a Board member will be three and the Board member will not be eligible for election again until they have been inactive for a two-year term unless otherwise authorized by a two thirds majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting." The President shared that this process would be needed this election for the positions of Facility Maintenance to extend their time on the Board.

Per Article 9.4 of SAMSPA Bylaws, "The maximum number of terms served by a Board member will be three and the Board member will not be eligible for election again until they have been inactive for a two-year term unless otherwise authorized by a two thirds majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting."

(*) The President then called for Motion to allow the slate nominee Marc Savard to stand for another term.

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A vote was taken, all votes were unanimously approved.

Nominations were called from the floor for each position 3 times, there were no other names brought forward at this time. The following were declared by acclamation for another 2-year term. Marc Savard – Facility Maintenance will hold this position from 2024 AGM to 2026 AGM.

The President then shared that there are 6 other vacancies and that 6 members have come forward interested in the Board and have agreed to let their names stand for election.

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The President thanked and welcomed returning and new Board Members.

Past President role will remain vacant

Sign Board Advertising – Joel McGovern, President

The President shared information slides on the Community Sign Board Shared Earnings program that is offered to members through the Money in your Mitt incentive, as well as charities, not for profits and individuals interested in raising funds for their organizations. The President shared that this is a super generous incentive program available to members that can assist the team or the individual player. The program applies to: Fence boards, bleacher signs, picnic tables and diamond naming rights. He went on to share reasons for program.

Issue:	- No Director or employee responsible for signboard sales
	- Large supply of unallocated signboard space
	- Current incentive program not adequate for sales growth
Opportunity:	- Encourage sales through higher incentives

With the SAMSPA facility being over 40 years old, he reviewed the importance of signage for the League and the need to have this income for recovering operating costs. Fence Boards are an economic opportunity. The President reviewed the program and examples of the shared earnings opportunity which shares net earnings equally. Information is currently available on the SAMSPA website. If members or community groups are interested in discussing further, they can speak directly to the League Operations Coordinator.

The President informed the membership about the simplicity of program and that their role would only be to make the initial connection, and secure commitment. The rest is completed by the League Operations Coordinator.

The President asked if there were any questions from the floor. No questions came forward at this time.

The President screen shared the current sponsors of SAMSPA as follows and encouraged SAMSPA Members when out in the community to support our supporters.

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All 4 diamonds now have Diamond Naming Sponsors

D#1 Naming Sponsor - St. Albert Source for Sports

580 St. Albert Trail #10, St. Albert
(780) 458-000

D#2 The Canadian Brewhouse

101 St. Albert Trail #50
840 St. Albert Trail #105

D#3 Naming Sponsor – Play it Again Sports

13883 – 156 Street, Edmonton

Is your team looking to get together for some batting practice?

Play It Again Sports is now open – batting cages available for \$25/hr for Feb/Mar

New slow pitch bats arriving daily.

D#4 Select Equipment Rentals

66 Riel Drive
St. Albert, AB
780.419.6100

4 Board Sponsors

Riverside Honda & Skidoo
Canadian Brewhouse
Labatt Breweries

Bleacher Packages

Mission Fun and Games
Phoenix Fence
Edmonton Police Recruitment
Sturgeon Animal Hospital
Re/Max - Ross Storoshenko
Original Joe's
Tri-Tec Project Mgmt.
Core Networks

Fence Boards

Top Hat Advisory
Sturgeon Auto Body
View Office Tech
Allstate
Grandin Agencies
MFP Resources
St. Albert Inn & Suites
First Truck Center
Canadian Fence
Musco Lighting
Alley Kat Brewery
Southview Acura
Sparklean Restoration

The President concluded by stating that we are looking to do something meaningful to recognize the philanthropy Wilco has shown to SAMSPA this past season.

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2023 Financials

Treasurer, Brian Dickson

The President screen shared agenda for the financial report that was presented by the Treasurer, Brian Dickson.

The Treasurer acknowledged and thanked the President for preparing the slides on his behalf.

The Financial Report Agenda will be as follows. Amortization, Auditor's Report for 2023, Appoint auditors for 2024, Review Financials, Crowd Funding Campaign, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Team Fees for 2024

The Treasurer shared that the Board resolved to include capital depreciation in 2022 and subsequent fiscal years. CRA tables (CCA using straight line depreciation) will be sufficient for SAMSPA fixed asset depreciation. The reason for this change was explained. The Executive adopted the resolution at the recommendation of the auditors. The auditors provided the following reasons: Compliance with ANSPO (accounting standards), Accurate picture of assets, Annual portfolio planning.

The Treasurer shared that normally we have 2 auditors, however Don Anderson unfortunately was no longer with the League and had to step down. Andre Hebert solely performed the 2023 financial audit as per our Bylaws. The Treasurer went on to thank Don for his previous work with the audits and to invite members to consider volunteering as the second auditor for 2024.

The President screen shared the auditor's report which read as follows.

2023 Auditors - André Hebert

"Auditor's Report

I have audited the financial statements and financial transactions of the St. Albert Men's Slowpitch Association for the year ended October 31, 2023.

I reviewed details of material financial transactions (deposits, payments, backup documentation, deposit and payment allocations and spreadsheets) and found them to be properly approved, recorded, reconciled and accounted for. All regulatory filings have been done and were properly documented.

I have reviewed the financial statements of the organization and in my opinion, the statements present fairly the financial position and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

André Hebert

January 14, 2024

Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer shared that Andre would be willing to let his name stand as auditor for the 2024 season. The Treasurer then asked 3 times if there was anyone else wanting to put their name forward as Auditor. Seeing there were no other names brought forward, and as per SAMSPA Bylaws, the President called for a motion to appoint the 2024 Auditors.

Motion Board nominates Andre Hebert for 2024 Audit and approves the appointment of Andre Hebert as Auditor for SAMSPA 2024 financials. **Motion made by Daryld England, seconded by Wayne Hilsendeger, vote. Unanimous Motion Carried**

The Treasurer asked if there was any interest from the floor to be a second auditor to work with Andre on the 2024 audit. Trevor Roszell nominated Scott Roszell from the floor. Scott Roszell was not in attendance to accept the nomination. The President will reach out to Scott to see if he consents to being the second auditor with Andre. If Scott agrees the President will inform the membership at the General Meeting in April.

The President reviewed the capital Projects completed in 2023 as follows.

The Treasurer reviewed that in 2023 there were only a couple small Capital Projects. A Frigidaire Freezer, Batting Cage Mats, Tow-behind Sprayer, Drag matt and leveling bar, Misc field grooming equipment. Capital Expenditures totaled \$6,417.00.

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The Treasurer then screen shared the Balance Sheet

Team Rebate Held (\$4.3k) – Batting Cage revenue rolled forward to 2024
Accounts Payable (\$45.6k) – includes team rebate, ordinary items that carry over fiscal year
CEBA Loan (\$40k) – paid back this year (2024)

The \$34,700 reduction in our cash position arises from: Primarily, the operating loss we took, while factoring in the deferral of the batting cage revenue against the maintenance equipment purchased.

Our target is \$150k of reserves, we are short by \$52k, however, this still places us in line with the reserve limit we had been targeting for many years. We are looking at a 3-5 year strategy to build that back up.

The Treasurer then went on to share the Income Statement and reviewed highlights from the statement. Budgeted Earnings before amortization -\$0.1k, after amortization -\$99.1K vs Actual Earnings before amortization -\$35.1 after amortization -\$138.8k. The contributing factors for the \$35K loss were shared and discussed.

Missed revenue targets were reviewed in detail.

Batting Cage Revenue - Drop of \$6.2k (\$6k)
\$ collected were deferred (\$4.2k)
rev down (lack of token sales)

League Revenue –Down \$3.3k / 9.5 (\$3k)
Mostly attributed to Budgeted for 53 teams, got 52

Food Concession operation – Down \$12.9k (net) / 22.4 (\$13k)
Breaking in new crew, too many staff for events, initially
Lost 2.5 tournaments, some very high value where concession does very well.
Increased cost of inputs

Beverage Room operation – Down \$2.9k (net) / 25.3 (\$3k)
Performed quite well given higher input costs and lost tournaments and new staff

Insurance – Comprehensive General – Over by \$5.1k / 30.4 (\$5k)
This was not an increase, but rather a mistake during budgeting.
Budget impact for next season

Utilities – Over by \$7k / 37.4 (\$7k)
Mostly attributed to City of St. Albert - Water Usage and
Waste Management
Budget impact for next season

It was shared that on the positive side, we do have inventory of about \$1.8k on our books that is alcohol product that will carry into next season. We are also carrying batting cage revenue of \$4.2k into the upcoming season.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions from the floor. Nothing came forward.

Motion made by Terry Willis to accept the Audited Financial report and financials for 2023 as presented and seconded by Shawn Mevel voting launched Unanimous Motion Carried. 2023 Financial statements adopted.

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Team Fees

The Treasurer informed the membership that with facility costs rising 2024 team fees will be increased by \$200.00. New rates were shared. 70+ would now be \$2,050.00 and all other divisions would be \$2,750.00. This is \$10 to \$15 per player per year.

It was shared that it's been five years since we had a fee increase and that we were proposing fee increases coming out of COVID but fundraising and government support helped turn our financial outlook around.

The Treasurer reminded membership that finding one business to put up one sign will not only cover the costs of that extra \$200 but will give you \$200 more for the beverage room!

The President then advised the membership that payment requirements were revised by the Board as follows.

Deposit: \$500 due by Jan 28

Payment 1: \$1125 and \$775 (+70s) due April 8th

Payment 2: \$1125 and \$775 (+70s) due May 1st

Teams were reminded and asked to e-transfer funds to treasurer@samspaslowpitch.com and to please include your team's name with the transfer.

The Treasurer reviewed the Board resolution to assess a refundable delinquency fee to teams that were delinquent last year. If they pay the 2024 fees in full by the due date this year, the delinquency fee of \$200 will be waived.

Any members with concerns over this resolution were invited to make their thoughts known before fees are assessed in February.

Economic Outlook

The President reviewed the extra costs forecasted and revenue objectives as follows.

Extra costs: Website Rebuild \$11k, Batting cage repair \$16k,
Batting cage – def revenue +4k, POS system and plumbing
\$12k, utilities \$5k, insurance \$5k, balls \$5K total \$57K

Added Revenue objectives: CrowdFunding \$10k, 6 to 7 more
teams in 2024 \$20k, more tournaments \$20k, inventory \$2k,
Fee increase \$10k total \$62k

The President then screenshared current reserves and stated that It's worth mentioning that our reserves are right now in line with historic reserve targets from the Board. Since COVID, the Board has raised our target to \$150k to cover for an aging facility and increased operating costs. He highlighted that we are in an ok position, but we will have work to do over the next five years to improve our reserve position to desired levels.

Looking Ahead

Joel McGovern, President

Return to Play

The President highlighted the 2024 return to play items and objectives list.

Website

- it was shared that we have moved from League Athletics to Sports Engine. It is an involved process and will be a gradual rollout. It was shared that every player will need to register and that we will be working out the kinks for awhile. Discussion ensued and confirmation was given that there would be a link sent out to Coaches and Mangers to send to their team players to register. This can be done by players or on the players' behalf by the Coach/Manager if preferred.

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Spring Work Bee

- Repairs to fencing / netting
- Clean out rocks that are around the inside walking paths and under the bleachers
- Minor repairs here and there

The President shared that we have ordered new bases for the 2024 season.

Field Conditions

- The President shared that the grounds crew is finally making proper use of the diamond master to soften infields
- The President shared that the emphasis for 2024 will be on improved field conditions, condition of grass, weeds, gaps under fences, infields, etc. He shared that we may possibly trial a batter's box mat on one diamond.

The President then went on to share the following.

Expecting at least 57 teams this year - up from 52 last year

AGM/GM Attendance Policy (New for 2024) – Teams missing both the AGM and the GM will be issued a \$50 fine that will be added to their league fee. This policy is to encourage members to show up. Key information is disseminated through these two general meetings and some teams have repeatedly failed to attend.

Umpire game charges, forfeits, cancellations - Reminder that if a team forfeits a game, they are required to notify the opposing team (Team Coach/Manager emails and phone numbers are listed on website), and the League Operations Coordinator (at admin@samsalsowpitch.com or via text/call 587.987.7454) a minimum of 24 hours in advance. If they do not provide this notification, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed, with \$50.00 of the fine being allocated to the opposing team. EDSUA Umpires will charge the League directly for any forfeited games. He reminded teams that the best efforts to play all scheduled games is encouraged.

Available Players List rule clarification – non-roster players may play on teams until the playoffs commence provided, they meet specific divisional restrictions (age, playing up in open)

Game balls distribution policy - SAMSPA policy is that each team will be provided a maximum of 2 cases of balls per season. Teams will be distributed one case at that start of the season at the bat testing weekend and may request a second case as needed from the League Operations Coordinator. Any additional balls beyond two cases will be charged at the retail cost for balls. It was noted that SAMSPA will be using Hot Dot balls in 2024 as Dudley are no longer being sold in Canada.

Metal Cleats Rule Revision – Effective this season, metal cleats will not be allowed at SAMSPA. The Board has ruled on this. A small percentage of players use them, plus this will pave the way to use batting mats if we choose to.

Player Safety/Injury Report - has been created and should be completed anytime there is an injury that may potentially require submission to insurance. The form is available on the website. It was shared that if you are putting in a claim, the sooner you do it the better.

SAMSPA Policy on player emails. - It is SAMSPA policy that all players in the League provide an email on their player profile. SAMSPA Policy change on capturing private member info (Birthdates) - On team roster in divisions that require birth dates, under player profiles, SAMSPA no longer requires day and month, just year must be entered. The website does require entry of birth month and day so you can use 0101 then correct birth year.

Umpire Recruitment

The President invited SAMSPA Director Umpire Liaison Kelly Porter to present the opportunity for SAMSPA Members to consider umpiring and joining EDSUA. Sharing that the ball community is facing a province-wide shortage of umpires, and we

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must recruit new umpires to help cover games and build the great game of slo-pitch. These new umpires would ideally come from players and/or managers.

Kelly shared there is a per game rate, opportunity, resources available, 2024 clinic dates of April 20-21.

Kelly let the membership know that the Softball Canada rule book is making some changes for the 2024 season. Any new rules will be reviewed at the SAMDPA General Meeting.

The President shared that the SAMSPA Board fully supports EDSUA in recruiting new umpires to our League. There are several reasons why we need new umpires: Umpires not returning for various reasons. Umpires are getting older and less mobile. More teams and games require more umpires.

Fundraising Update

The SAMSPA Slo-Pitch Tournament took place July 14-16, 2023. The following are the results of that tournament. Tourney earnings - \$11,894.00.

The President explained that the League Operations Coordinator and our volunteers pulled off another successful fundraiser tournament on behalf of SAMSPA! 24 teams, good payouts, good feedback was received.

The President went on to state that this is \$11,894 which was direly needed given the other challenges with revenue and costs that we experienced this year!

He then thanked the League Operations Coordinator and all the volunteers who stepped up to ensure another excellent event.

SAMSPA Mixed Tournament 2024

The President shared that SAMSPA will continue to host this event in 2024, to help raise funds for the league. The 2024 date will be July 12 - 13 – 14. It will be a Mixed Tournament with a \$450 Entry Fee, CASH Payouts, 5 GG. Pre-registering is taking place now and teams were encouraged to enter a team at admin@samsplaslowpitch.com.

The President asked members to please help us get the word out and get teams registered. Currently there are 8 teams pre-registered. He also shared that we are currently looking for volunteers for this weekend so please reach out to the email address above and volunteer!

Crowd Funding Campaign

The President thanked Erv Krawchuk for bringing the opportunity to our attention to create a Crowd Funding campaign. He then thanked the League Operations Coordinator for creating and setting up the campaign for SAMSPA.

The President screen shared the campaign and went on to share the targets and levels needed for success. We need to achieve at least \$2000 to trigger match funding from the government and if we can achieve \$5,000.00 would get \$5,000.00 in match funding for a goal of \$10,000.00 reached. He stated that if you value the experience and enjoyment you get from the Meadowview facility and playing slowpitch, please feel free to make a contribution to this campaign. Slowpitch and our League are still one of the cheapest forms of entertainment out there.

The President asked the membership if they have the ability to make a contribution to this campaign. They were invited to direct their donation to a wish area. For example:

A new beverage cooler

Painting the metal roof on the concession (pole barn)

Plumbing and electrical repairs

A new hot water tank

Fencing

Batting Cage

Our website rebuild etc.

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The importance of sharing the link with teammates was emphasized, as well as the importance of sharing the link on the members social media channels.

League Operations Coordinator shared that we are currently at \$1,550.00 in contributions.

Divisional Alignment

The President screen shared the current list of teams and the draft divisions stating that in 2023 we had 52 teams and currently in 2024 we have 57 with one more highly likely in the Open Division.

The President then welcomed 5 new teams to SAMSPA.

The Chefs (open), Railcore X (open), Slick 50 460), The Crush (60), Naturals 60+ (60)

The President stated with a new Open Division Director being appointed today, he will look to schedule an Open Div meeting to talk about any division alignment issues and finalize divisional alignment for 2024.

An inquiry from the floor came forward asking if the playoff format can be determined prior to playoffs. The President stated that we are hoping it can be put out early, however it is determined by many factors out of our control, such as the weather during the regular season, and then length of playoffs as a result of the weather during playoffs.

It was also mentioned that the plus 70 could be called plus 68. The Plus 70 policy around ages was explained and can be brought up at the plus 60/70 meetings is required.

New Business

Joel McGovern, President

The President shared that the Board has resolved to implement an annual Tracker Survey of all the players in our association.

The overarching goal is to collect broad feedback from our players on how they view SAMSPA and the various components of our operations. From diamond maintenance, to concession, to scheduling, to umpiring, to board performance, etc. We want to establish a baseline and have something to trend against going forward.

The plan is to develop a set of standard questions (covering a range of areas) that can be presented to the players annually. We will also allow for a few questions that are topic specific and outside the standard set. The survey will be anonymous but will capture a few demographic items to help better understand the data.

The President concluded that we are hoping to have this out before the General Meeting this year. We are obviously encouraging everyone to complete the survey as this tool will help shape changes / improvements moving forward.

Adjournment

Joel McGovern, President

The President thanked all the membership for attending and their support of the Board.

Motion was made by Wayne Hilsendeger to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob Reil. All in favour **Motion carried.**
Adjourned at 11:59am.

General Meeting to take place Saturday April 13th, 2024 10am St. Albert Legion