



## **WSPA Annual AGM-Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2023 – 7:00pm

Location: Myrtle Phillip School, Whistler, BC

BOD In Attendance: **Jesse Liebetahl, Nina Dancey, Josh Smyth, Cam Hyde, Brian Dixon, Matt Clark, Noah Birenbaum**

By Invitation: **David Deally**

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Brian Dixon.

37 WSPA members in attendance

**Brian**-Introduced the BOD and staff. Announced that the following Board members are resigning, and that 3 spots on the Board will need to be filled.

**Brian Dixon, Nina Dancey, and Josh Smyth**

**Matt**-Introduced the new online scheduling and registration Platform, SportsaEngine.com.

**Brian**

- -Expanded upon SportsEngine, explaining the inputting of scores and team fee payments
- . Mandatory pitching masks for 2023.
- Team captains need to identify themselves to the umpire, prior to each game.
- Rules for runners
- Update on Division names and game nights.

**Member question**-what is the playoff structure? Brian explained that Sunday, Wednesday and Friday remains the same and the Tuesday/Thursday format is being worked on.

Brian

- Explained Locals Lottery for May 13
- Exhibition season starts May 14
- Regular Season starts May 28

**Member question**-as to the exhibition schedule-Brian explained that it is being finalized

**David D**-gave a brief summary of BOD responsibilities and commitments. BOD nominations are now open.

**Brian**-explained Spruce Grove Park rules, and that it is a public park and consideration should be extended to the nearby residents.

**Josh**-emphasised the requirement that alcohol is not allowed in the park.

**Cam**-discussed umpire requirements and commitments as well as pay structure. Umpire Clinic set for May 6.

**David D**-presented summary of 2022 financial results, which was a \$3300 deficit, to be covered by the contingency reserve. Presented 2023 Budget, with estimated 50 teams and forecast a small surplus of \$1000.

Hope to have the financials added to the website. David indicated that if anyone wanted to see the financial package, please contact the convenor, and we would arrange to email them.

No questions from membership.

**Jesse**-presented an update on the batting cage project at Spruce Grove, although it will not include a pitching machine.

**Member question** as to the status of the Spruce Grove concession. **Brian** indicated that Gibbons will be operating, with the parameters TBA. **Brian** announced that the BOD is working closely with Gibbons, to ensure that there is adequate availability and operating hours, plus some menu item input.

**Member question** as to the Tuesday/Thursday team format. **Brian** explained that it will be 7/3 team roster, with big ball (M) and small ball(F).

**Member question** as to scheduling and fields. **Brian** explained that Monday nights were removed to accommodate minor ball, due to Meadow Park upgrades. Spruce Grove #3 will be unavailable until May 31, due to field maintenance.

**Member questions** as to rosters, substitute players, roster deadline for playoffs, and how many teams can a player join-**Brian** addressed all concerns, with stipulation that the BOD will not allow a Friday night team, loaded with higher caliber players. The mandate of the WSPA is to provide a social activity, with the goal of everyone participating and having fun.

**David D**-Asked for BOD nominations from the membership.

Five people indicated interest.

Brian Dixon, Nina Dancey, Josh Smyth, Brendan Flannagan and Blake Durrell

Nominations were closed.

Each applicant was asked to present a two minute synopsis of who they were and why they were interested.

David asked the membership if there were any objections to the five nominated individuals.

None were expressed. A show of hands was held to vote the aforementioned individuals to the BOD.

**Brian (29 votes), Nina (29), Josh (24), Brendan(16) and Blake(8).**

Brian, Nina and Josh elected to a two year term.

**Brian**-asked the membership if there was any new business. None presented.

**Brian**-adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm