

Victoria Saanich Women's Softball Association

AGENDA - 2024 Annual General Meeting

Hyacinth Park Clubhouse - Upstairs

February 1st, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

6:45 -7:00 pm Sign In

Attendance: Tammy Austin, Mike Samuel, Mel Caton, Jenna Will, Bill Turner, Brady Quaitte, Pat Guiney, Johann Cherry, Lucio, Bella Kennedy, Paddy Strandland, Tracy Kirby, Zoe Kinakin

7:00 pm Call to Order & Introductions

- Call to order @ 7:00 PM
- Introductions.

7:05 pm Executive Reports 2023

- President's Report 2023
 - Paddy discusses first year as president.
 - 1st year uninterrupted and getting a full season in.
 - Issues with fielding teams and umps.
 - Big thank you to Tracy for the hard work and role she played last year.
 - Saanich parks has pulled back significantly with funds, manpower etc.
 - We are responsible for the structures and building at the park. Saanich will help cover inappropriate graffiti.
 - We are trying to get help with park upkeep and maintenance, a call for help and fundraising and maintenance for those that call it home.
- Treasurer's Report 2023
 - Rachele (previous treasurer) has stepped down and is absent.
 - 2022 we lost \$3,900 dollars however were in good standing prior to covid.
 - In 2023 we raised fees and hosted a tournament and made net income \$4,661.79
 - Tournament net approx. \$5500
 - Team fees will be raised, Potential two tournaments, and additional fundraising to help with park maintenance.

7:13 pm Discussion of items resulting from 2023 Executive Reports

- Nothing Brought Forward

7:15 pm New Business – Moving Forward to 2024

- 2024 Team Fees – Increases
 - Women's league is increasing fees 10% this year. Includes 2 umpires per game (as possible), Includes TEAM softball BC Registration/insurance (\$250 cost), game balls, practice fields (preseason and weekend)
 - Fees: Women - \$2,150, Jr Women - \$1,850, Men \$1,900, (with a \$500 sponsor fees will be reduced \$200)

- **Individual registration for softball BC may be required in addition to team fee. \$20.00 per player/coach/etc. (may happen for the 2025 season, information to come as released from softball bc)
- 'Corporate Super Fan' Sponsor Program (Park Maintenance & Fees)
 - Asking each team to bring in one \$500.00 Corporate Super Fan by march 15th
 - \$300 will go towards park maintenance, \$200 will be a credit to team fees.
 - There will be a banner hung by the concession at games and sponsor logos will be put on the website.
 - Men's team this is not mandatory, but should they find a sponsor then they will receive the \$200 credit.
- League GoFundMe Fundraiser (Park Maintenance)
 - Park Maintenance- Paint the whole clubhouse, two score shacks, and two dugouts. Potential ability for men's teams to help with labour and materials.
 - The goal has been dropped down to 7500. This is for maintenance for the park. Saanich has pulled back and we are expected to completely maintain the buildings on our own dime.
 - Currently there is around 950 dollars raised via go fund me.
 - Please help spread the word of the go fund me. Link will be attached to the meeting minutes. As well as can be found online and asked for by paddy.
- 2024 Women's Invitational Softball Tournament
 - This tournament is full already. Currently a waitlist. Potential for cash prize. **June 7,8,9**
- 2024 Women's "City" Softball Championships
 - **July 5,6,7th** weekend at hyacinth, possibility for 12 teams which will expand to strawberry vale. It is for inter A, B, C, D levels.
- 2024 Regular Season & Playoff Schedule, Calendar of Games
 - Playoff schedule First two weeks of July MWR Games. (We are asking for July 2nd from men's league). 20 games per women's team Plus playoff games. Women will have 2 double header Saturdays on Mother's Day weekend May 11th and Father's Day weekend June 15th
 - The first game is April 21st. Women's teams will not play on the two holiday long weekend Mondays (May 20th, July 1st)
- Park Rules & Clean-up Days
 - We require each team to follow league rules and regulations, including attendance on Park clean up day. With a minimum of 5 players per team and lunch will be provided (concession hotdogs and pop). At least 1 Thursday night cleanup (with a list of duties available at concession). All information required will be at the coaches meeting.
 - All dugouts will have garbage cans.
- Awards
 - We hope to provide team and individual rewards. We require the home teams to score keep, failure to do this will result in a \$25 penalty per game. We will use gamechanger to score keep and can be done by players, coaches, family/fans and can be done from dugouts, stands, or score shack.
 - Team awards will be for league champ, playoff champ, and spirit.
 - As well as an assortment of individual awards.
- Practice Fields & Weekends

- Please notify Paddy or Tracy if you are wanting to practice on weekends. If you do not book, we cannot guarantee field space.
- Coaches Meeting – February 29, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

7:45 pm Elections (Women's Board)

- President- Paddy nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as president for 2024 term.
- Vice-President – Tracy nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as Vice-president for 2024 term.
- Treasurer – Jenna nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as Treasurer for 2024 term.
- Secretary – Zoe nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as Secretary for 2024 term.
- Directors (3)
 - Director at Large – Mel, nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as Director at large for 2024 term.
 - Director at Large – Tammy, nominated, accepted, second, and confirmed as Director at large for 2024 term.
 - Request for a third director at large. More representatives from other teams requested and can contact Paddy or Tracy if interested.
- Announcement of 2023 VSWSA Executive Committee & Board of Directors

7:50 pm General Discussion & Questions

- Injury report claims are on softball bc (with in 3 days) if a player gets hurt and wants to make an insurance claim must be filled.
- New website in process of being created.

7:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Next: 2024 Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday, February 22rd at 7:00 pm, Hyacinth Club House
Coaches Meeting – February 29th, 2024 at 7:00 Pm, Hyacinth Club House