

Sooke Slopitch AGM 2025

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 7:00pm @ Fred Milne Park Clubhouse

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by the President Jason Dumont at 7:05pm

2. PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS

- The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introduced the Executive members: Robb Franklin, Vice President; Ben Gardy, FMPS Liaison; Katie Grieve, Secretary (absent).

3. REPORTS

- **President:** SSP Treasurer and Members at large. For those not aware, Cherie has retired as treasurer and we really need someone to step forward to fill this role. Although its busy for Ice Breaker and Sooke til ya Puke (all executive members are), the rest of the season would only require a few hours a week. Eric Ardema has also moved on so we currently have no members at large to assist with extra tasks as required. **PLEASE CANVASS YOUR TEAMS TO SEE IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO HELP OUT IN THESE AREAS.**
- **Membership:** 2025 Season currently has 20 teams Registered or Registering soon.

4. REMINDERS

- Helmets are mandatory. See update below on new requirements surrounding helmets.
- SPN registration and waiver acceptance. **THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PLAYERS! PLEASE SIGN THIS EARLY SO WE CAN GET ROSTERS FILLED**
- Icebreaker Tournament is April 26-27, 2025.
- Regular Season Games start April 28, 2025.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Due to rising costs of nearly everything across the board, we will be raising team fees to \$2000 this year. Please keep in mind that \$800 of that goes towards your two tournament fees. A breakdown of all other costs was given at the AGM and all were in agreement that the raise in fees was necessary. **DEPOSIT OF \$200 DUE BY MARCH 15TH. E-TRANSFERS CAN BE SENT TO FEES.SSP@GMAIL.COM PLEASE MAKE SURE WE GET THE PASSWORD**
- Umpire Clinics - we are going to work with Nick Grove to get this done. We are looking for a MINIMUM of 1 member per team to get this qualification so we have a pool of umpires. For those that wish to umpire on a regular basis, we will have them added to Nick's regular list, for all others, they will be used as on-call. **PLEASE CANVASS YOUR TEAMS TO SEE IF ANYONE IS WILLING TO ASSIST WITH UMPIRING.**
- Fund Raising - We talked about possibly doing a larger raffle where each team will be given approximately 50 tickets to sell. The draw would be done at completion of the Ice Breaker. This will allow teams to sell to family, friends, co-workers etc... More details to come, but we may also be looking at conducting additional fund-raising activities during the year. **PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL YOUR PLAYERS AND IF THEY HAVE ANY GOOD IDEAS, PLEASE BRING THEM FORWARD.**
- Bench App - This is being set up this year. Teams will be able to canvas players for availability of each game. The app will also allow teams to message league participants if they are short and require players. The plan is also to include the umpires on their own list so that we can track umpires assigned to your games, and hopefully make it easier to reach the on-call list of umpires.

- Helmets, this is the second year for helmets. The rule will be amended to reflect that players must be wearing proper batting helmets while batting and running bases (proper helmet with full ear protection). No hockey helmets, no hard hats, no bike helmets, etc...
- Beer Garden cups - this is something that will be a longer-term transition, but the ultimate goal is to go green and not go through thousands of plastic cups during tournaments. Plastic cups will still be available this year, but everyone is encouraged to buy a reusable cup at the tournament, AND we will even allow you to use your own cup/thermos/yeti/mug, but drinks must go in a cup.