

V.W.F.L. – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday January 26, 2004

Westbay Rendezvous Restaurant, 880B Esquimalt Rd

MINUTES

Attendance

Present: Alia Kelly, President
Shelley Garner, Vice President
Uta Garost, Statistician
Sophie LeBlanc, Treasurer
Dawn Evans, Secretary
Kim Graham, Tournament Director

Absent: Rose Stanton, Registrar

All teams from 2003 season were represented.

Call to Order

Alia Kelly brought the meeting to order at 7:20pm

Introductions and Welcome

Alia Kelly welcomed everyone to the 2004 AGM meeting and the Executive was introduced to the membership.

Old Business

Congratulations:

Kim Graham congratulated the Wild for their efforts at the 2003 Junior C Provincial championships.

Additions to and Approval of Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda. The agenda was motioned for approval by Michele Rempel and seconded by Brenda Parke. *Carried.*

Approval of Minutes:

There were no additions to the agenda. The agenda was motioned for approval by Michele Rempel and seconded by Brenda Parke. *Carried.*

Treasurer's Report:

Sophie LeBlanc presented the 2003 financial statements. The bank balance is \$6,335.67 as of December 31, 2003. All notable transactions were discussed and can be found in the financial statements.

Statistician's Report:

Uta Garost read the final league standings as follows:

- Final league play standings

1 st Wild	2 nd Tudor House A's	3 rd Panthers
4 th Lightning	5 th Storm	6 th Heat
7 th Reds	8 th Sliders	9 th Extreme

- The Reds and the Storm shared the Ice Breaker Tournament trophy for spirit.

- The winner of the playoffs was the Lightning.
- The winner of the beer round was the Reds.
- The winner of the Sue Beischer tournament was the Tudor House A's, and the Sliders took second place.
- Most Spirited Team was the Storm.
- The Sue Beischer and Joannie Dillabaugh trophies were both given to Kim Graham.

Getting to Know You Tournament:

Shelley Garner reported that the one day “Getting to Know you Tournament” hosted by the league in August was a great success.

Three league teams played against four junior and midget teams from Langford, Central Saanich and Cordova Bay. Costs were kept at a minimum and there was lots of positive feedback from the coaches and players involved. Many potential teams and players could come to our league as a result of this tournament.

The goal this season is to again host a tournament, but before the end of the season.

New Business

Expected Number of Teams:

Kim Graham asked the membership whether the teams from last year were expecting to enter a team for the upcoming season. All teams mentioned that they thought that they would be able to enter for the season, but it was still too early in the year to make a firm commitment. There may also be another junior team entering the league this season, making the expected number of teams ten.

Tentative season dates:

Kim Graham discussed the tentative season dates providing there is ten teams playing this season.

- Ice Breaker tournament – April 24 and 25, 2004
- League play begins – April 26, 2004
- Sue Beischer tournament – July 24 and 25, 2004

Depending on the allotment of fields that our league gets, there is the possibility of playing on the Beacon Hill fields until May. The possibility of using the Bullen fields in Esquimalt, and the fields at Cedar Hill was

also discussed. This might involve extra cost, but the consensus at the meeting was that it would be better to pay a little more for good fields than play at poor fields.

These dates will be confirmed when the city has rationed out the fields.

It was also discussed that the Junior C provincial championships in Surrey are the same weekend as the Sue Beischer is planned, but there is no other options.

League Logo:

Shelley Garner discussed having a contest to come up with a league logo that can be used on the website, and for other things such as t-shirts. A prize will be awarded to the winning designer. More details will follow at the team representative meeting.

Website:

Sophie LeBlanc that the response from the league's website last year was overwhelmingly positive with over 100 hits per week during the season. Lots of players sent in team pictures, and posted notices and comments. Sophie is working on getting better maps to the different fields that the league uses, and encourages any feedback. Please visit the website at www.victoriawomensfastball.com for lots of league stuff.

Website Database:

Dawn Evans discussed using a database system accessed from the website to enter and maintain game and team statistics. A database could keep track of numerous housekeeping duties such as: team lists, insurance information, and game statistics among other things. Team Reps would be able to enter their team lists, game stats, etc. from the website.

Dawn has volunteered to setup and maintain the database, and to work with the Statistician to ensure smooth operation. Discussion involved the extra cost involved with setting up and maintaining the database during the season. The internet service provider being used by the league for web services can provide the database services for a \$25 setup fee and \$25 per month during the season. This is an increase of approximately \$12-15 per month from what we are paying for service for the website only.

Creating the database with the extra cost involved was motioned for approval by Brenda Parke and seconded by Michelle Fredette. *Carried.*

Golf Tourney:

Kim Graham mentioned that the number of golfers last season was down from the previous season and asked the membership if a golf tourney should be planned for the upcoming season. The membership indicated that they would like to see a golf tourney this season. The tentative date for the tourney is June 13, 2004. Kim will look into booking the event at

Metchosin Golf Course, as it must be booked soon. Shotgun format will again be followed.

Serving it Right:

Shelley Garner discussed the issues involved with hosting a beer gardens and the necessity of having a person present at the park with their Serving it Right license. It was mentioned that several people in the league would have their licenses, and potentially be willing to sign for the liquor license.

Also discussed was the possibility the league paying for a member of the Executive taking the course, and being responsible for the liquor license.

This issue will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

Election of the 2004/2005 Executive:

Kim Graham mentioned that there were only 22 people at the meeting, and that we did not have enough members to reach quorum for voting. However, the election of the 2004/2005 Executive was necessary.

Discussion ensued about the serving members of the Executive wishing to retain their positions, or to move into different positions with the exception of Rose Stanton, Registrar. The suggested Executive was as follows:

- Kim Graham – President
- Shelley Garner – Vice President
- Dawn Evans – Secretary
- Uta Garost - Statistician
- Sophie LeBlanc – Treasurer
- Alia Kelly – Registrar

Donna Holmwood was nominated for the position of Tournament Director, and was accepted by the membership.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.



Dawn Evans
Secretary

January 27, 2004