

# V.W.F.L. – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday January 26, 2005

Westbay Rendezvous Restaurant, 880B Esquimalt Rd

## MINUTES

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### Attendance

*Present:* Kim Graham, President  
Shelley Garner, Vice President  
Uta Garost, Statistician  
Dawn Evans, Secretary  
Donna Holmwood, Tournament Director

*Absent:* Alia Kelly, Registrar  
Sophie LeBlanc, Treasurer

All teams from 2004 season were represented.

### Call to Order

Kim Graham brought the meeting to order at 7:20pm

### Introductions and Welcome

Kim Graham welcomed everyone to the 2005 AGM meeting and the Executive was introduced to the membership.

### Old Business

#### ***Congratulations:***

Kim Graham congratulated the Wild for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the 2004 Junior C Provincial championships.

#### ***Additions to and Approval of Agenda:***

The proposal of having two umpires at every game was brought forward by Suzi Charlton and was added to the agenda. The agenda was motioned for approval by Donna Sereda and seconded by Michelle Fredette. *Carried.*

#### ***Approval of Minutes:***

The 2004 AGM minutes was motioned for approval by Donna Sereda and seconded by Michelle Fredette. *Carried.*

#### ***Treasurer's Report:***

On behalf of Sophie LeBlanc, Shelley Garner presented the 2004 financial statements. The bank balance is \$5,034.10 as of December 31, 2004. 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 <sup>st</sup> Brewers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wild
3 <sup>rd</sup> Heat	4 <sup>th</sup> Storm
5 <sup>th</sup> Sporty A's	6 <sup>th</sup> Panthers

7<sup>th</sup> Sliders

8<sup>th</sup> Reds

- The Reds won the Ice Breaker Tournament trophy for spirit.
- The winner of the playoffs was the Lightning.
- The winner of the beer round was the Sliders.
- The winner of the Sue Beischer tournament was the Sliders, and the Storm took second place.
- Most Spirited Team was shared by the Reds and the Storm.
- The Sue Beischer trophy was presented to Sophie LeBlanc
- The Joannie Dillabaugh trophy was presented to Donna Holmwood.

***League Logo:***

Shelley Garner discussed that the idea of having a league logo was discussed last season and put on the back burner. We will be voting on a logo at one of the upcoming Team Rep meetings. Submissions were printed and on view at the Executive's table.

***Eligibility Issues:***

Kim Graham went over the current rules in the Constitution regarding the eligibility of players for the playoffs. Discussion ensued about some of the problems that these rules can bring to teams, players and the Executive. A suggestion was made that the rules should be reviewed, but after much discussion the membership decided that this was not necessary and the rules as stated in the Constitution will stand. The new Executive will work with the Team Reps to try to ensure that there are no major issues this season.

**New Business**

***Expected Number of Teams:***

Kim Graham discussed that all teams from the 2004 season are expected to return, and that there has been no other teams expressing interest in joining the league for the upcoming season.

***Tentative season dates:***

Donna Holmwood discussed the selected dates for the upcoming season.

- Ice Breaker tournament – April 30 and May 1, 2005  
The tournament will be played at the View Royal fields.
- League play begins – May 2, 2005

- Sue Beischer tournament – July 23 and 24, 2005  
The tournament will be played at the View Royal fields.

The Executive will be pursuing the same fields that we played on last season, and will also pursue playing at MacDonald Park in James Bay.

The Senior C Provincial Championships will be played in Victoria this year, and the Senior D Provincial Championships will be played in Kamloops. Both tournaments are the August 6/7, 2005 weekend.

***Website:***

Dawn Evans discussed that with the departure of Sophie LeBlanc, she has taken over responsibility for the league's website, [www.victoriawomensfastball.com](http://www.victoriawomensfastball.com). There has been a lot of positive feedback and many hits on the website. Any suggestions or feedback can be made directly to Dawn.

***Stats Database:***

Dawn Evans discussed that the Statistics Database received positive feedback from the Team Reps, and that the system will again be in place for this season. Team rosters, game scores and umpires were all entered into the database via the website, allowing the website to be automatically updated at all times.

***Advertising:***

Dawn Evans discussed the idea of having the league start an advertising campaign to increase league awareness and capture new players. Discussion involved different methods of advertising and costs. It was decided that newspaper advertising would be the best option, along with flyer distribution. A proposal was motioned for approval by Donna Sereda that teams should be responsible for distributing flyers, and this motioned was seconded by Nicole Rioux. – *Carried*

Suggestions for these flyers included peg boards at UVic, Camosun College, community rec centers, Fitness World, and at minor league parks.

An advertising budget for \$1000 was motioned for approval by Brenda Parke and seconded by Michelle Fredette. -- *Defeated*.

An advertising budget for \$750 was motioned for approval by Brenda Parke and seconded by Donna Sereda. --*Carried*

***Additions to the Agenda:***

The proposal of having two umpires at every game was made by Suzi Charlton and discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of this idea. Some thoughts brought up by the membership included the fact that having two umpires does not necessarily mean that we will get two good umpires, umpire rates have been raised to \$30 per game, and that having two paid umpires will raise the costs of games. It was also noted that a

large part of the membership felt that paying higher league fees would be worth it to have better officiating and better level of play.

Representatives from the Umpires Association, Vince Greco and Gary Schmit fielded questions and explained the umpiring system. Kim Graham explained the frustration of paying umpires \$30 per game, when we are not receiving high quality umpires and how frustrating it can make games. Vince explained how the umpires are meant to be rotating to different parks more this season, meaning that we will see “higher” level umps more often. The Association tried a training program last season where trainees worked with an experience ump at games, but the program wasn’t very successful due to low numbers. There is also the possibility that there might not be enough umpires for our league to always have two umpires at every game.

There is an umpires meeting Monday, March 7, 2005 that someone from the new Executive will attend to find out more information about this idea and report back at the Team Rep meeting.

***Election of the 2004/2005 Executive:***

Kim Graham mentioned there are three members of the 2003/2004 Executive that will not be running for election.

Kim went over each position and description from the constitution.

- Registrar – Darcy Hill was nominated by Treva Newton, she accepted. --*Acclaimed*
- Tournament Director – Donna Holmwood was willing to remain in this position. --*Acclaimed*
- Statistician – Uta Garost was willing to remain in the position. --*Acclaimed*
- Treasurer – Brenda Parke was nominated by Treva Newton, she accepted. --*Acclaimed*
- Secretary – Laurie Heck was nominated by Sandy Gibson, she accepted. --*Acclaimed*
- Vice President – Kris Olson was nominated by Nicole Rioux, she accepted. --*Acclaimed*
- President – Dawn Evans was nominated and she accepted. --*Acclaimed*

***Adjournment:***

The meeting was adjourned by Kim Graham at 8:46pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Evans", is enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

Dawn Evans  
Secretary

January 27, 2005