# Minutes of ANNUAl General Meeting

## Monday, June 24, 2019

06:30 PM Strathcona County Council Chambers

In Attendance: Becky Clifford, Peter Gogich, Blair Talaga, Jerry Brige, Kelly Proskow, Lia Kurylo, Trevor Popik, Robert Tschabold, Daniell Witzke, Janice Lees, Tina Hyshka, Jessica Brown, Ivan Dubeau, Amanda Claus, Brianne Davio, Perry Zyla

**Regrets:**

**Membership :** Attendance list completed to reconcile AGM deposit cheque return.

1. **Meeting called to order by Peter Gogich at 06:34 pm.**
2. **Reading and Adoption of 2018 AGM Minutes.**
* AGM meeting minutes posted on the website.
1. **Executive Member Reports:**
2. **President: Peter Gogich**
* The past year has brought steady numbers where we grew in some areas but less so with our younger age groups. Our main goal has always been to ‘grow the game’ at both the recreational and competitive level and I feel we’ve done a great job growing the number of teams going to provincial championships. Our B & C programs are strong, backed by awesome volunteer coaches and athletes and were very pleased with their progress. Our A program continues to be successful where there is so much parity now amongst all of the other associations. But we continue to show well at tournaments, leagues and hopefully the upcoming provincials. I have to say that we all looked great in our new uniforms and we will continue to commit to maintaining a strong and unified identity.
* Here’s some STORM highlights this year. U19A winning CWFA Intermediate division in Calgary, U14C getting Silver in Stettler, U14 C Storm and Stingers getting gold at the Serenity Landry tournament, U12 A, U14 B, U14C were gold medal winners in the EYSA city finals while U10A and U12B earned Silver medals in the EYSA City finals. U16A finished with a Silver medal at the GPLS Championship in Lloydminster. We’d like to congratulate them and wish the best to all of our teams competing at provincials and remind everyone that SPMSA is hosting U14,16, and 19A Provincials July 19-21.
* Our future efforts will be to increase our membership with U8 and younger players. We need to attract those pre-schoolers to this game as another option for parents to look at. Keeping it fun, interesting and cheap. We’re looking for help in this division if anyone is interested.
* I would like to thank all the executive members for their hard work this year. Thank you to the members who have committed to staying on. A very special thank you to the outgoing executive members who have served this organization to help this sport stay alive in our community. You have all been an amazing team to work with and I appreciate all of your support.
* We have moved the sport forward in this community, we have tried to bring new ideas forward at many levels but there is still work to be done. I am still committed to working with the county for new facilities and that is starting to pay off and we’ll always look to bring softball events to Sherwood Park to keep the profile high. Like the upcoming Hokkaido/Alberta exhibition softball games Aug 24 at Goldstick Park.
* Thank you again to all the great athletes, coaches, parents and executive members for your support over the last 3 years.
1. **Vice-President: Vacant**
* VP spot remained vacant. Perry Zyla assisted SPMSA with diamond scheduling.
1. **Registrar: Daniell Witzke**
* This was my second year in the position registrar position. Registration divisions filled up fast and waitlists needed to be created to ensure that we were meeting our team policy numbers. We were able to accommodate most of the waitlisted athletes and additional teams created. We continued to have issues with our team pages site for registration which caused a lot of confusion and missed registrations.
* Our total registration numbers for this year was 229 compared to 222 from last year.
* We had overall 21 teams - 3 teams of U8, 5 team of U10, 4 teams of U12, 4 U14 team, 3 U16 teams and 2 U19 team.

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| **Division** | **2019** | **2018** | **2017** | **2016** | **2015** | **2014** | **2013** |
| U8 | 21 | 25 | 29 | 32 | 51 | 32 | 41 |
| U10 | 52 | 49 | 49 | 47 | 36 | 53 | 47 |
| U12 | 46 | 36 | 45 | 44 | 37 | 26 | 31 |
| U14 | 47 | 46 | 50 | 38 | 10 | 24 | 12 |
| U16 | 35 | 38 | 23 | 39 | 24 | 12 | 13 |
| U19 | 28 | 28 | 55 |  | 11 | 13 | 12 |
| BWC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Reg | 229 | 222 | 252 | 207 | 241 | 207 | 213 |

* This year we as a board have decided not to renew our contract with team pages and in the summer months we will be working to move registration and the website over to a new platform of RAMP.
1. **Secretary: Tina Hyshka**
* Nothing to report.
1. **Treasurer: Jerry Brige**

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| Revenue |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Registration | 46,565.03 |  |  |  |
|  | Fundraising | 10,000.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Provincials |  210.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Interest  |  9.88 |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 56,784.91 |  |  |
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| Expenses |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Provincials |  1,500.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Clinics  |  3,478.80 |  |  |  |
|  | Uniforms |  7,926.92 |  |  |  |
|  | Advertising |  883.05 |  |  |  |
|  | Coaching | 5,677.08 |  |  |  |
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|  | Equipment | 21,836.53 |  |  |  |
|  | Umpires |  1,352.59 |  |  |  |
|  | Field rentals | 12,484.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Other rentals (gym) | 0.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Merchant Services | 310.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Affiliation | 13,180.00 |  |  |  |
|  | Misc | 2,689.39 |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL |  | 71,318.36 |  |  |
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|  | Income |  | -14,533.45 |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Bank | Pay Pal | Total |
|  | Opening balance - November 1, 2018 | 55,776.62 |  | 55,776.62 |
|  | Balance May 31, 2019 |  | 41,243.17 |  | 41,243.17 |
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1. **Equipment Manager: Becky Clifford**
* Nothing to report.
1. **Uniform Manager: Jessica Brown**
* Uniform drop off is Wednesday, June 26. Players enjoyed the new uniforms.
1. **Player Development: Blair Talaga**
* We had a pitching clinic in March/April, received feedback from parents to run a October/November session.
* Development Camps in March and April, in which we had great feedback. I would like to Thank all the volunteer coaches and the U16 and U19 Storm teams for coming and instructing.
* Junior Coach Program with the older storm players joining a team.
* Continued to do the Challenger Program with Sh.Park Baseball.
1. **Public Relations/Fundraising: Holly Proskow/Cindy Talaga**
* Nothing to report.
1. **U8/U10 Division: Brianne Davio**
* **General:**
* This is my first year as the U8 Division Rep.
* We only had 3 teams this season.
* Each player was given a t-shirt jersey and hat to keep.
* Uniform pants at this age may not be necessary. A lot of the kids wore their own pants as the pants don’t fit them well.
* We had 5 nights cancelled due to the weather. Perhaps we could start the season earlier indoors in April.
* Game play from 6:30 – 8pm. We may want to consider changing the game times. 8pm is late for kids of this age. Games were often ended early.
* To account for only 3 teams, the team without a scheduled game played against the parents. This was a big hit for the kids. They loved it.
* **Highlights**
* It’s great to see the improvement in skills and the excitement the kids developed while improving these skills over the season.
* For the last night, I organized a “Fun Night” for the players. We had 5 girls from the older teams come to help out. We would’ve had more, but the weather caused a last minute change of date.
* We had 3 skills stations that the 3 teams rotated through with the help of the Storm Players. They interacted with the kids and raced against them and with them.
* After the skills stations, we all came together for Potato Sack races and a water balloon catch which included coaches, parents, and the Storm players.
* Finished the evening with medals, loot bags, and cold treats.
* I’ve requested feedback from the parents, and I’ve only received positive comments.
* It seems as though the season was a big success and the kids really enjoyed it.
* We had great coaches who put a lot of effort and energy into teaching the kids the basics…which can be very challenging at this age!
1. **U12 Division: Amanda Claus**

* U12 B

 Had 11 wins, 1 loss in the regular games.

Played 3 tournaments:

Edmonton - May 24 - won the B division

Okotoks - June 7 - went 0-5 in the A Division but felt it was a very good learning experience

Serenity Landry - won in the consolation final

Won't be going on to provincials as there are too many players going away after school is out.

* U12C

Had 1 win, 7 losses(a few close ones!), and 4 ties in the regular games.

Played at the Serenity Landry tournament, 2 wins, 2 losses, losing the U1B team in the consolation game.

Will not be attending provincials.

1. **U14 Division: Ivan Dubeau**
* This season we had 3 teams made up of 12 players each (1 B team and 3 C teams)
* **U14B Team**

**Coach – Becky Clifford**

The U14 B Storm had a very positive and successful season. They played in the GPLS league which were played in St. Albert, Wainwright, and Unity Sk, and they finished 6th overall. They also played in the EYSA B Select division and won playoff gold this past weekend. On June 9th they had zone play downs against Beaumont and walked away successful by winning two games. The team will be attending Provincials in Strathmore July 5-7. Sounds like this team is a pretty tight group and we wish them the best of luck at Provincials. Thank You Becky for doing a great job of developing these players.

* **U14C Team**

**Coach – Erica Schwabe**

This U14 team had a great season as per Erica. They played EYSA, finishing 2nd overall and winning playoff gold this past weekend. They participated in play-downs, but unfortunately were eliminated in their second game and did not qualify. They were silver medalists in a Stettler Tournament and Bronze medalists in the Serenity Landry Tourney. Erica and I had a healthy dialogue throughout the season regarding player development and I’d like to thank her for her hard work.

**U14C Team**

**Coach – Ivan Dubeau**

Our U14 team had a season filled with ups and downs (lots of growth for our coaching staff and our players, some adversity and many small victories). We played in the Calgary Nose Creek tourney in May, going 2-2. The following week, we lost one of our pitchers to injury (a broken leg during a league game). We decided as a team to develop pitchers from within vs finding pitchers from other teams. The players really stepped up and rose to the challenge. We now have a few different pitchers showing potential to get to that next level. We also played in the Serenity Landry tourney and won gold. We lost in the semi-finals for the EYSA league playoffs. Overall, this team was very connected and receptive to learning and took some big strides in their overall development. It was a very positive season.

**Other Notes:**

Injuries: Erica’s daughter Elouise also suffered a broken leg this season during practice

Year in Review

* + We learned that you can never have too many pitchers and as an association we’ll have further discussions as to how we can better develop our pitchers
	+ We also have many U14 players looking at getting to that next level (whatever that may be), they are looking to play some more competitive ball and so we need to grow our program to help them get there

For next season:

* + I will be working closely with Blair on the player/coach/evaluator Development side of things. We are very much aligned and want to make sure we are doing everything we can in the best interest of our players
	+ I plan on being very involved with the U14 B select team

Overall, this was a great season of growth for the U14 players and coaches

1. **U16 Division: Lia Kurylo**
* Thank you to coaches.
* Challenging division due to struggling numbers.
* Weather was not in their favor, and some games were cancelled.
* Please give feedback or suggestions to improve for improvement on the upcoming season.
1. **Rep Directors: Kelly Proskow & Pat Cole**
* Nothing to report.
1. **Raffle Coordinator: Janice Lees**
* This was my first time coordinating a raffle. I followed the excellent notes left by the previous coordinator Elaine Babin.
* The $10 000 or under raffle license was obtained from Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commision in April. Tickets were printed by the same company as previous years (ION Printing solutions) for $351.32. Most tickets were distributed to teams (via team raffle representative) during uniform pick-up. Rep team tickets were given to team managers separately. After June 12 tickets were dropped off at my house.
* Of the 2000 tickets printed 1760 were sold. Report to AGLC will be filed before July 1, 2018.
1. **Umpire Coordinator: Robert Tschabold**
* First off I would like to thank the Wood Bridge Farms Community Association for their very generous donation last year of which we were able to spend approximately $1000.00 of this year on updating our Youth in Umpiring Programs equipment and clothing.
* This year’s Youth in Umpiring was a great success due to the involvement of our Zone 5 mentors. They were able to work one on one with our youths on a game by game base to help develop their skills and build their confidence. The response from Coaches, Players and Parents was very positive and appreciated.
* There were 61 League games played of which 9 were rained out and rescheduled, 11 Zone 5 play down games and 3 U12 Alternate games played this season, all game were covered by umpires.
* Anyone knowing of any youths looking to become an umpire please get in touch with me and I will pursue it.
1. **Raffle Draw.**
* $1000 prize – Chireen Chick
* $500 prize – Trisha Mihal
* $250 prize – Crystal Topliko
* $250 gift card – Marc Lirette
1. **Elections**
2. **President:** Peter stands – accepted by Acclamation.
3. **Vice-President:** Vacant
4. **Secretary:** Tina Hyshka stands – accepted by Acclamation.
5. **Treasurer:** Jerry Brige stands – accepted by Acclamation.
6. **Registrar:** Daniell Witzke stands – accepted by Acclamation.
7. **Public Relations:** Holly Proskow stands - accepted by Acclamation.
8. **Player Development:** Blair Talaga stands - accepted by Acclamation.
9. **Uniform Manager:** Jessica Brown steps down. Trisha Mihal stands – accepted by Acclamation.
10. **Equipment Manager:** Becky Clifford stands - accepted by Acclamation.
11. **Umpire Coordinator:** Robert Tshabold stands - accepted by Acclamation.
12. **U8 Division Rep:** Brianne Davio stands – accepted by Acclamation.
13. **U12 Division Rep:** Amanda Claus stands – accepted by Acclamation.
14. **U14 Division Rep:** Ivan Dubeau stands – accepted by Acclamation.
15. **U10, U14-U19 Division Rep:** Lia Kurylo steps down. Position remains vacant.
16. **Rep Directors:** Pat Cole steps down. Kelly Proskow stands- accepted by Acclamation.
17. **Raffle Person:** Janice Lees stands - accepted by Acclamation.
18. **Website Person:** Cindy Talaga stands – accepted by Acclamation.
19. **Open Forum/Questions.**
20. **Meeting adjourned by Peter Gogich at 07:46 pm.**

**Next Meeting Date TBD – Planning Session for 2020 season.**