

KMFS Executive Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2015

Attendance

Present: Sheldon Bank, Lonnie Kam, Ron Koch, Ramon Lawrence, David Lindsay, Wendy Lambkin, Rich Kirykiuk, Kevin Fedorak
Regrets: Carri Lawrence, Brenda Gotte, Darren Bennett, Derek Cyra, Keith Gotte, Kurt Kover, Doug Obst

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1) **Financial report and update** (information item)

- Summary of KMFS balance sheet and projected expenses for next 6 months presented.
- Some expenses may be lower than expected due to reduced High Noon Park maintenance.
- There are three electrical meters at the park. Even though two have very little usage (one at diamond #5 for pitching machines and the other in the maintenance shed), at this time we are not able to discontinue these meters to avoid the monthly charge even when no usage.

2) **Gaming grant application** (information item)

- Carri filed the BC Gaming grant online during the first week of February requesting \$24,000, which was the same amount requested the last few years.
- All applications are online this year which may or may not have an effect on when money is received.

3) **2014 Tax Receipts** (information item)

- Carri has sent out 2014 tax receipts by email for players who registered last year.

4) **May Long weekend dog show**

- A request was made to rent out High Noon Park for a dog show for one day on May long weekend including allowing overnight camping on site.
- There was a discussion on a suitable fee given both the field rental and overnight camping and the associated costs including garbage and washroom cleaning.
- Motion: ***The park rental rate for one field per day is \$200 and \$500 for the whole weekend. There is an additional charge of \$100 for overnight camping.*** (Sheldon, Lonnie) Approved.

5) **Team registration/letters of intent** (information item)

- Registration deadlines for teams with Softball BC are April 1st (payment deadline April 15th) for "A" teams and May 15th (payment June 1st) for all other teams.
- Letter of Intent for Provincials is May 1st.

6) Medical kits

- David has worked with Canada Safety to donate first aid kits for the park and team bags in exchange for a sign for 2 years.
- Lonnie and Ron will work to get the sign made and put up at High Noon Park.
- Motion: ***Each year first aid kits are restocked by sending the kits back to Canada Safety to refill. The equipment manager must only collect them.*** (Rich, David) Approved.

7) Covers

- High Noon Park needs 9 spectator bench covers and 1 complete cover and structure for a cost of about \$1500. The goal is to get the covers sponsored by printing a company's logo on them which will be visible from planes. The printing cost is about \$500 per cover.
- KMFS is looking for a corporate sponsor for this initiative and the executive will seek out opportunities. Lonnie will contact Kon Kast.
- Motion: ***The covers will be ordered so that they are available for spring clean-up and if a sponsor is found, the logos will be added at that time.*** (Sheldon, Ron) Approved.
- Ron will order the covers.

8) Umpire clinic

- Motion: ***To approve the use of High Noon Park for an umpire clinic on Sunday, March 8th.*** (Sheldon, Lonnie) Approved.
- Sheldon will provide access to the park on that date.

9) Doug's list

- Motion: ***To approve the purchase of 10 garbage cans, bags, and weed treatment products for High Noon Park with an estimated cost of less than \$350.*** (Sheldon, Ramon) Approved.

10) Westside request form

- A request from a West Kelowna player to play with a KMFS team was considered. The discussion considered if we should support such requests in general and if a player can be assigned or guaranteed a particular team.
- Motion: ***To approve the West Kelowna player request to play with KMFS and indicate willingness to honour the requested team. Final team selections and placements are only set at the draft where all special player requests including team preference and playing at a higher level are considered at one time in an equitable manner.*** (Ramon, Lonnie) Approved.

11) U12 regionals

- During the latest D9 meeting, KMFS was encouraged to host the U12 regionals. One challenge is that the proposed date of June 12-14 is the same weekend as the planned U10 Jamboree. Sheldon indicated that he was willing to put in the effort for both tournaments especially if we can get buy-in from the U12 coaches.
- Motion: ***That KMFS offers to host the U12 regionals on June 12-14 as well as the U10 Jamboree for one large, fun event. Volunteers needed for field maintenance will be from a KMFS team that will have rights for fundraising at the tournament in exchange for their help.*** (Sheldon, Ron) Approved.
- Sheldon will contact D9 indicating our willingness to host the U12 regionals.

12) Out of town games

- KMFS had previously voted to restrict access to High Noon Park to teams with regards to "meet in the middle" games involving non-KMFS teams. This was done for several reasons including non-payment of the modest fees for expenses incurred and the lack of fields available for practice for KMFS teams when the fields were used for these games.
- Kevin spoke to how scheduling will be done to always keep fields 5 and 6 available for practice.
- Darren Bennett's email was read during the discussion including the following "*for us to take a vote at this time to allow other Associations the use of our facilities without first knowing how much usage our own KMFS teams will require, specifically the u16 and u18 Rep teams, would be irresponsible of the Executive*".
- The executive discussed these points in detail with special focus on how available practice times will be affected for all teams, but especially the Rep teams if they are not allowed to play in the Ladies League. It was mentioned that some teams abused the booking system by reserving times that were not used effectively or at all which affected all teams at all levels. It was also discussed the best way to collect these fees to ensure payment and not cause a burden on KMFS. The discussions led to two motions.
- Motion #1: ***That KMFS will allow any D9 team to play on High Noon Park fields as long as scheduling guarantees at least 2 available practice fields at all times and the "home" team in the "meet in the middle" game pays \$50 per game to cover expenses. An upfront charge for each association will be determined and billed based on the 1st half of the season schedule and must be paid before a team from that association is allowed to play in such a game.*** (Sheldon, Lonnie) Approved.

- Motion #2: ***That coaches be instructed that they cannot book practice times more than 2 weeks in advance and no more than 2 practices per week.*** (Sheldon, Lonnie) Approved.

13) **U14B team update**

- KMFS does not have enough of a commitment from coaches or players for a U14B team for the season, but it would still be valuable to enter an all-star "C" team in our U14B tournament and the provincials. A coach is needed and a one-day selection process was discussed. Lonnie indicated he may be willing to coach.
- Decision was to keep the U14B team in the tournament as currently registered and proceed with plan of entering the team in Provincials (July 17-19 in Ridge Meadows) as well. Details on dates of one day try out must still be decided.

14) **Spring clinic update and request for equipment**

- There is a need for equipment for the Spring clinic that can also be used later by KMFS, especially at CNC.
- Motion: ***That KMFS approve the purchase of 4 Bownets, some balls, and cones for a maximum cost of \$1000 to be used for the clinic, then for CNC and other KMFS uses.*** (Ramon, Lonnie) Approved.

15) **Registration event at Wal-Mart**

- Other associations use registration events at public places. A brief discussion indicated that KMFS has tried similar ideas in the past including at large ringette tournaments with limited success.
- Decision was to postpone this topic to a later time for more discussion.

16) **Update on High Noon and City of Kelowna**

- City of Kelowna has started working with Fortis for electrical upgrades but no quote is yet available. The upgrade does not meet the criteria for a Fortis grant to reduce the cost as our energy usage is not high enough.

17) **Level 1 coaching clinic**

- A level 1 coaching clinic will be held Mar. 21st and 22nd in Vernon. Contact Joe Cutt or KMFS executive for more information.

18) **Photos**

- The photos will be done on Field #6 on Saturday, April 18th. Team schedule will be determined.

19) Equipment Update

- Initial equipment order has been placed. Equipment for the spring clinic has been set aside and other items will be ordered.
- Decision on ordering another set of bases for field #5 was deferred until Sheldon talks to Doug.
- Motion #1: ***That the brown storage bin be used for U8 and U10 shared equipment.*** (Rich, Sheldon) Approved.
- Motion #2: ***That KMFS approves a budget of \$500 for purchasing bats for U12.*** (Rich, Ramon) Approved.

20) Other business

- Reminder of key dates:
 - i. Coaches meeting: Tuesday, March 10th 7 p.m. at Moxie's
 - ii. Team player draft on April 7th at High Noon Park
 - iii. High Noon Park clean-up on April 12th at 9 a.m.
- Approval to allow a logo shirt company and Graystoke photography to have booths at the U14B and U16B tournaments (pending Darren's approval).
- Motion: ***That KMFS approve Linette Sandor as coach for U8.*** (Sheldon, Lonnie) Approved.
- Motion: ***That KMFS switch the dates of U8 and U10 such that U8 is Tuesday/Thursday and U10 is Monday/Wednesday.*** (Sheldon) After an email vote and discussion, this motion was not approved. The U8 and U10 dates will stay as originally scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.