

## Sault Men's Slowpitch Softball Board Meeting Minutes 3/11/14

Members Present: Mark Sirk, Ted Hagelee, Jeremy Savola, Brad Bosbous, Ryan Fountain, Steve Atkinson

The Board approved the addition of Jason Casey to the Slowpitch Board, Jason is currently a player in the league and we look forward to his contribution to the board.

Date was set for the League Organizational Meeting, tentatively set for April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 Pm at the CC Hall.

Morning League Fees were discussed, Mark gave the Board a rundown of the costs associated with running the morning league. The fees will remain the same, we will actively seek at least one additional team to join the Morning League and Ryan Fountain will look at the possibility of adding some more games to their current schedule.

Mark has placed the order for 250 holograms for our league bat testing program. Two additional sets of bases will be ordered, the Coed League will pay for one set and the Men's League will pay for the other set. Different approved ASA softballs will be used in the league this year, they will be rotated for use in the league by the groundskeepers who put them out daily. They will be rotated throughout all divisions and at various times throughout the season to take into account weather conditions. One more load of Turface will be added to each field and a pallet of Quick Dry was approved by the board to be ordered also. It was the consensus of the board that the fields are in excellent shape overall.

Fees for the 2014 season will remain the same for sponsor and player fees.

Tentative League dates for the season are 5/27/14 through 8/8/14 with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week for make ups where feasible.

There will be 5 separate dates available for players to have their bats checked before the season, it is incumbent upon the players to get their bats checked during these dates. There will be a \$10.00 fee for any bats checked after the season begins with the proceeds going towards the end of season league banquet. This fee will be waived for any bats that are newly purchased with a receipt or are still in the wrapper. The intent of the fee is to put the responsibility of getting used bats checked on the players, last year board members made numerous trips to the ballfields once the season started to check used bats, sometimes the players did not even show up.

Umpires in the two man system will be paid \$19.00 per game for the 2014 season, on the rare occasion when a one man system is used the fee will remain at \$25.00 per game.

New umpires will be paid \$16.00 per game for their 1<sup>st</sup> season, that will be waived if we get an umpire with prior experience as determined by the League UIC.