



**Glen Cairn Ladies Softball League  
Annual General Meeting  
Wed Sept. 19, 2018  
Kanata Baptist Church, Kanata  
6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Erika Schom, **President;** MJ Arpin, **Vice President;** Lynn Preston, **Secretary;** JoLynn Ayotte, **Treasurer**

Katie Riddell, Christine Anderson, Janice Emerson, Carol Riley, Heidi Pinsent, Denise Bogart, Katie Flansbury, Mandy Moskal, Sharon Carbonette, Kim Myles, Gail Nezan, Kim Kirby, Jes Levoy, Mags Murphy, Robin Gyimesi, Karen Bailey, Cathy Kelly, Liz Warren, Jackie Banning, Rosanne MacMillan, Jaime Carruthers, Sherry Timmins, Kim Bond, Ruth Kadolph, Debbie Ward, Kim Wicker, Joy Thomson, Steph Wilson, Linda Wilson, Alexis Reid, Karen Wood, Sue Saunders, Irene Lajeunesse, Cathy MacDonald, Pina Kelly, Colleen Hache, Veronica Morrison, Julie Tremblay, Sherrie Larson, Tracey Scrimshaw, Aline Lafrance, Kelly Laberee-Sampson, Tara Finlay, Naomi Seabrooke

**1. Welcome, Meeting Objectives and Ground Rules**

Erika Schom, President, welcomed all and outlined the objectives for the meeting and rules for discussion

**2. Leaving Executive**

Erika bid farewell to the parting members of the executive: MJ Arpin, Vice President; JoLynn Ayotte, Treasurer and thanked them for their service. She also thanked Sharron George for stepping in as Interim Statistician

**3. 2018-2019 Executive**

Erika introduced the new executive:

- Erika Schom, President
- Joy Thomson, Vice President
- Lynn Preston, Secretary
- Liz Warren, Treasurer
- Janice Emmerson, Statistician
- Captains: Alexis Reid, Christine Anderson, Robin Gyimesi, Jenn Quinn, Cathy Kelly, Amie Talbot, Julie Tremblay, Bani Ahara, Karen Wood, Colleen Hache
- Karen Bailey, Registrar (a non-voting position)

**4. Review of Minutes from AGM 2017**

Lynn Preston, Secretary, read out the highlights of last year's AGM minutes

**5. Acceptance of 2017 AGM minutes**

Moved: Denise Bogart Seconded: Liz Warren That the minutes of the 2017 AGM be accepted as presented. Disposition: Carried

**6. Financial Report and member acceptance**

JoLynn Ayotte, Treasurer, presented the financial report to date (attached). While fees went up \$10 this year, sponsorship also went up. We spend little on equipment this year, but the price of diamonds increased. If catchers need larger equipment next year, see the treasurer to



purchase some. We had 4 successful fundraising events which netted the league, including 50/50 draw, \$5200k. As such we anticipated having over \$4,000 at the close of the year.

## 7. Committee Reports

**Playoffs** Julie T reported a successful and tight playoff season. The committee appreciated the help of the scorekeepers. They mentioned the importance of tracking spares during playoffs and reminding everyone of the playoff rules. She suggested scoresheets be scanned and emailed as paper copies can get lost.

**Equipment and Rules** Only balls were purchased this year. New pitching rubbers are needed. Some of the rules were clarified and a new second pitcher rule was ratified. New first and 3<sup>rd</sup> bases are needed for next year.

**Tournament** Karen Wood reported the tournaments went well. She thanked several people for helping with the scorekeeping and game tracking and Sherry T, Linda Wilson for helping with the diamonds

**Fundraising** Lynn P reported the fundraising went well. She said she would like to see more people out to euchre tournaments. She thanked Amie Talbot for donating her time and expertise in our very successful Colour Night. She thanked Kim Kirby for putting together a very successful Trivia night and MJ Arpin for a very successful Christmas sale. Well done ladies.

**Year End Banquet** Christine reported that the theme this year is All Things Canadian. There will be 1 free drink for everyone. Frank and John will DJ. Grillmaster is the food and a Poutine bar will be available at 11 p.m. Christine reported that all decorating will be done by the committee and that there will be no team table decorating. Some teams had a problem with that and will discuss further with the committee. Christine reported that team prizes are still needed and that there will be great raffle prizes this year.

**History of the League** Lynn reported that Sherrie Larson has been working on developing a history of the league. She has reached out to many people and will continue to do so to develop a good sense of our history. If anyone would like to help her with this fun task she is looking for assistance.

## 8. President Update

Erika went through her report (attached). Some highlights: it was a hot and dry summer so good for rainouts (compared to last year). Our website needs revamping again.

## 9. New Business and New Topics

There was lots of discussion on the tournaments and how difficult it is, especially in Sept during playoffs to play games the Thursday before and the Monday after (especially hard on pitchers). It was decided by a vote that there would be no change to tournaments at this time. It was suggested that in the off season the opportunity to use tournament games as league games be explored. And that the scheduler ensures those playing Thursday are not playing Monday and vice versa. It was suggested that the constitution needs a bit of cleaning up and will look at this and other matters.

It was suggested that ties be allowed in tournaments to avoid long games and throwing off schedules. This will be looked into.

Last out as substitute runner – Is in our rules which is not consistent with Softball Canada Rules. It was voted to stay with last out as a substitute runner.



It was discussed that the rule process must be regarded throughout the season and rule interpretation not left up to captains at game time. Rule committee to look at and assist with this.

It was suggested that Friday night tournament games start at the same time as other games provided there are lights at the diamond.

It was suggested that during tournaments 3 points be awarded for a win, 2 for a tie and 1 for a loss to help define a clear winner for the tournament and advancement. Allowing ties would allow schedules to be maintained.

There was much discussion about calling up players. Some captains felt better players were being called up when the team didn't really need them. Some suggested that call ups not be permitted to bat but could field only. It was decided that this issue should be addressed in the off season by a subcommittee. Members for this committee are encouraged to volunteer. Some players felt issues were not being properly address by captains. It was generally decided that if a player has an issue they bring it up first with their captain. If the issue is not dealt with satisfactorily it be brought up to the executive officers.

It was brought up that some teams are not helping to set up the diamond for playoff games (where no home team is identified).

Fair play was brought up as an issue where some captains were not playing their players fairly and captains who called other captains on it were chastised. It was decided it is on the captains to enforce the fair play policy.

#### **10. Adjourned**

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 but not before Carol Riley won a free registration for the 2019 season.



### Volunteers for 2019

Name	Interested in volunteer for
Steph Wilson	Rules committee
Kelly Laberee-Sampson	Communications and Recruiting
Tara Finlay	Team Snap
Denise Bogart	Anything and everything
Linda Wilson	Anything and everything
Tracy Scrimshaw	League history
Joy Thomson	Substitution rule and pre season clinics
Mandy Moskul and Jaime Carruthers	Pre season Clinics, etc
Marg Murphy	Pitching Committee
JoLynn Ayotte	Fundraising
Kim Bond	History, Fundraising,