



**Glen Cairn Ladies Softball League
Annual General Meeting
Wed Sept. 21, 2022
Busters , Kanata
7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Present: Sharon Carbonette, **President**; Denise Bogart, **Secretary**; Liz Warren, **Treasurer**, Arlene Drake, **Statistician**

Members Present: Sharon Carbonetti, Christine Anderson, Terri Cheeseman, Robin Gyimesi, Arlene Drake, Carol Riley, Liza Regimbal, Jaime Carruthers, Kim Bond, Mandy Moskal, Margaret Murphy, Tiny (MP Tremblay), Catherine Ladouceur, Denise Bogart, Karen Bailey, Sue Saunders, Colleen Hache, Aline Lafrance, Jolynn Ayotte, Jen Quinn, Steph Quinn, Bani Ahara, Karen Wood, Steph Wilson, Linda Wilson. Alexis Reid, Kimberley Kirby, Rosanne Macmillan, Liz Warren

1. Welcome, Meeting Objectives and Ground Rules

Sharon Carbonette, President, welcomed all and outlined the objectives for the meeting reviewed the agenda.

2. **Financial** Report was reviewed (Liz arrived later) by Sharon, as provided by Liz.

2. 2023 Executive

- a. Sharon introduced the new executive:
- b. Kim Bond, President
- c. Aline Lafrance, Vice President
- d. Denise Bogart, Secretary
- e. Liz Warren, Treasurer
- f. Arlene Drake, Statistician
- g. Captains: Alexis Reid, Christine Anderson, Robin Gyimesi, Jen Quinn, Kim Kirby,, Karen Wood, Catherine Ladouceur (Cat), Stephanie Wilson
- h. Karen Bailey, Registrar (a non-voting position), Colleen Hache (assistant) Cathy Kelly (Website)

3. Review of Minutes from AGM 2019

Denise Bogart, Secretary, read out the highlights of last year's AGM minutes. Acceptance of 2019 AGM minutes Moved: Sharon Carbonette Seconded: Kim Kirby That the minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted as presented. Disposition: Carried



4. Committee Reports

- a. **Rules** Steph reported that her and Bani had not reviewed rules due to it being the first year back since COVID. Rules do need to be reviewed and will be. **She will bring a few rules to each Executive meeting for review. She will also request input before those meetings from the captains (who will discuss with their teams). Many rules may not be relevant any longer. Possibly have rule committee formed.**
- b. **Equipment** First Aid kits need to be upgraded and given to each captains. Pre-COVID captains were to bring equipment bags in.
- c. **Fundraising.** Not much was done other than 50/50 and BBQ. Some suggestions made for over the winter to have **trivia, euchre tournament, Epicure online sale.** Volunteers can be requested.
- d. **Tournaments** Discussion around the pizza costs and why each tournament had different costs. Kal's was used for both. Liz Warren will investigate. Discussion around food in general. Should it be continued, or leave to teams (pot luck, etc.) Also, some trophies need to be repaired and/or new ones ordered.
- e. **Playoffs** Cat reported that the committee basically didn't get consulted when games were rescheduled. **Duties for this committee need to be revisited.** Needs 1 point of contact (committee lead).
- f. **Year End and Banquet** Christine reported that the banquet is pretty much organized. Caterer is the one the Sports Club uses; music by Frank and John; Karen Bailey doing the video. Approximately \$4000 is the costs, \$1200 raised so far. There will be raffles. It will cost the league approximately \$2000. Each team to bring 2 theme based desserts. Tables can be decorated after 11am. Discussion around the food for next year: Many don't like having a large meal. Maybe just have snacks. Another suggestion to have shareable food (eg. shawarma, sandwiches) so everyone is served at the same time. Maybe have alternate years (light meal/large meal). **Add to executive meeting agenda.** Take me Drunk I am home award - Christine requested stories for this so a winner can be chosen. Need more volunteers for committee next year. **Expectations need to be written and/or job descriptions. (Goes for most committees).**

5. President Update

Sharon gave an update. The season was a scheduling nightmare due to rain and umpire issues and diamond availability. We are a non-profit organization, so we have to follow the rules outlined by the city of Ottawa in order to be insured. She felt the main focus of the 2023 executive should be recruitment, communication and fundraising and using more social media (Cathy Kelly is now solely responsible for the website). FaceBook needs more attention. More Admins can be added. 17 new players joined the league; 2 new pitchers, 2 full time, 4 part time. 1 new catcher. Scheduling also needs to be looked at.

Survey Results were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to revisit the survey questions so they are more specific and clear. **Define what we want to know and how to fix the issues.**



6. New Business and New Topics

Sharons comments - umpire shortage all year. Maybe look at getting our own umpires.

- back to back games (6:15 and 8PM) discussed in order to retain umpires. May result in the loss of AYJ diamond
- Arena diamond - dirt was added; gate fixed, and lights.
- a new sponsor was added
- budget was stable
- BBQ run in house in order to fundraise. Septembers BBQ was not a good turn out. Maybe only have one in May.

[Christine Anderson](#) thanked Sharon for her service as President, through a tough time (pandemic) and for picking up VP duties. MP Tremblay (Tiny) was thanked as well for her work as Vice President and Kim Kirby for taking over temporarily.

7. Open Discussion - Jen Quinn - spoke regarding Equipment. T-shirts had a supply chain issue and were difficult to get. She thanked the captains for their flexibility on colours, as a new product (100% cotton) was used. Price went up as well. Some people asked about reusing T-shirts (pay a deposit)

First Aid Kits - **Jen** created her own and is willing to create one per team if the budget allows (**Add to Executive agenda**) for supplies. Ask nurses for a list of supplies required.

[Jaime Carruthers](#) and Mandy made suggestions regarding next season; with only 8 teams, maybe play each team twice, ending earlier; then have a fun tournament where teams are pulled out of a hat by position. This would allow players to meet more people in the league. Then the September tournament would happen after playoffs.

Discussion regarding diamonds. May need to expand the search for diamonds, but cost could be an issue.

Arlene Drake - Mentioned that Karen Wood's team had 60% of their games either rained out, forfeited, no umpire, etc. She suggested some kind of financial retribution.

Stephanie Quinn - spoke about game times being affected getting spares (its easier to pick up a spare from a game just finishing... Therefore, bring back the 6:15/8PM game nights. Maybe move to Carp. Many players find having to leave 3 nights open for softball an issue. Could get more new players if this changes.

[Alexis Reid](#)- Discussed player issues and having to scramble for spares and especially the playoff rule where spares cannot bat. Need to revisit (Rules committee will)

These minutes need to be reviewed at the first Executive meeting of the 2023 season as no voting could take place, as quorum was not reached.

Constitution must also be revised, especially as rules change. Rule where long-standing member cannot be a captain needs to be reviewed. Right now, they must be a player.

8. Adjourned

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:15