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SAMSPA AGM		
2026-01-24	Scheduled: 10:00am-12:00pm Meeting call to order 10:02am	St. Albert Legion 6 Tache Street
Meeting called by	SAMSPA Board President	
Note taker	Lynda Holden	
Timekeeper	Joel McGovern	
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order by the President at 10:02am.	
Attendees	<p>Grizzlies, Ravens, Rummies, Pedlars, Strikers, Slick 50, Diamond Bears, Naturals, Raiders, Silver Backs, Silver Backs 70+, Rockers, Auto Selects, Naturals 60+, The Crush, Bad Company 60, Classics 60, Redline, Buzzards, Older Bulls, Can Alta Sox +70, Dynasty Relics, Old Buzzards +70, Old Buzzards 74+, Old Vets, St Albert 70's, Swinging Dingers, Loose Cannons, Kamikazes, The Chefs, Broke Bat Mountain, Thirsty Beavers, Big League Boys, Ballers, Sherwood Dodgers, Admirals, Latinos, Pudgy Ps Pirates, , Caribooze, Elite Selects, Alchoballics, Sox, Slammin Grannys, Cobra Kai, Dream Bunt Rotation, Phantom, Stingers, The Blue Ballers (48)</p> <p>Zoe Spaans – City of St. Albert, EDSUA Representative - Ed Drewicki</p>	
Absent	Mafia, Mediocre Sluggers, Wolf Pak, Pound, Tailgaters, Big Dickeys, Sturgeon River Swallows, Young Guns, Ram Ranchers, Breaking Bats, Riverside Mariners, Hurt N' Units (12)	
Meeting Agenda, Protocols and Procedures	The President, reviewed the meeting agenda, protocols and procedures for the meeting. The President introduced our new City of St. Albert Liaison Zoe Spaans and thanked the City for their ongoing support of the League.	
Approve Minutes from April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 GM		
Darren McBride, Secretary confirmed quorum reached		
The secretary informed membership that April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 GM minutes had been circulated before the meeting. The secretary asked for any changes to Minutes presented. Nothing was brought forward.		
Motion was made by Paul Hjartarson and seconded by Donald Young to approve the minutes of April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 GM as attached. All in favour <b>Motion carried.</b>		
New Agenda Items		
Darren McBride, Secretary		
The Secretary asked for any additions to the agenda as presented; nothing was brought forward. Motion was made by Chad Rein and seconded by Wayne Hilsendeger to approve the agenda as presented. All in favour <b>Motion carried.</b>		
Updates and Information		
Kelly Porter, President		
2025 In Review		
President shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting successes and challenges from 2025.		

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## Challenges:

- Bat Testing (Cold weather)
- Sports Engine Website (admin)
- Sprinkler System Issues (pressure/heads)
- Tournaments (fewer)
- Break-in (cans)
- Fall Work Bee (just 40 volunteers)
- The Batting Cage (human-errors)
- Facility Maintenance
- Forfeits – The President reiterated the importance of ensuring games get played, especially 8pm games.
- Playoff Roster Eligibility
- Weed Control (fertilizer)
- Osprey Nest (Blaze – Fortis) – President explained nest has been moved and relocated outside the facility. The President thanked the City of St. Albert, Fortis and Blaze Redcliffe for their assistance in this move.

## Successes:

- Spring Work Bee (100 volunteers)
- Concession Operation
- Open Division Playoff Bat Testing
- Umpires (reduced ejections)
- Concession Upgrades (plumbing, fridges, new tables & cabinetry, flooring, painting etc.)
- Bleacher Foundation Support
- Pole Barn (floor repacked)

The President shared a slide congratulating 2025 Divisional winners and displayed winning team names.

## Open Division Winners:

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Open A Winner Sherwood Dodgers  
Open A Consolation Kamikazes  
Open B Winner Alchoballics  
Open B Consolation Big League Boys  
Open C Winner Furies  
Open C Consolation Young Guns  
Open D Winner Breaking Bats  
Open D Consolation Stingers

### Age Restricted Winners:

Plus 40 Winner Slick 50  
Plus 40 Consolation Rummies  
Plus 50 Winner Raiders  
Plus 50 Consolation Naturals 50  
Plus 60 A Redline  
Plus 60 B Naturals 60  
Plus 60 C Silverbacks  
Plus 60 Bottom Side Classics  
Plus 70 A Rockers  
Plus 70 B St. AB 70's

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## 2026 Board Elections

Kelly Porter, President

The President shared on the screen for all members to see a review of Bylaw Article 8.2. which reads, new business: from the floor requires 2/3rds support. The President shared that regarding elections: Article 9.4 - 2/3rds is based on number of members present at meeting. The President went on to share that Article 9.4 addresses this by placing limits on the number of terms a Board Member may volunteer. He explained that we do have an exemption provision to address issues of under-volunteerism. The Board Principles for elections were reviewed as follows; Healthy boards need regular rotation. Thus, bringing new ideas, energy, and engagement. The President shared that nominations are welcomed from the floor.

He went on to explain the voting process and shared that each team gets one vote only. Should there be a close vote, it will be reviewed after the meeting for any spoiled ballots. Spoiled ballots will be discarded which may affect results. A change in results will be addressed at the next General Meeting.

President reviewed roles of the current Board Members whose terms do not expire until 2027 so they are not up for re-election and thanked them for their continued leadership, dedication, and commitment to strengthening SAMSPA.

The President went on to thank Glen Dolynchuk for his time on the Board as the Health & Safety Director and contributions he has made to SAMSPA.

### Returning Board Members – One Year Remaining

Kelly Porter President

Joel McGovern Past President

Dustin Sloan Vice President

Darren McBride Secretary

Bob Franks 60/70 Plus Director

Jessy Beley Open Division Director

Brayden Hollett Director at Large

### Outgoing Board Members

Glen Dolynchuk – Health & Safety Director

The President then presented a slide with the Board's Slate of Nominees for the 2026 season and led members through elections for the open positions.

Brian Dickson Treasurer

Phil Presakarchuk(\*) Director, Concession

Earl Sloan Director, Facility

Marc Savard Director(\*) Maintenance

Bryan Shields Director(\*) Plus 40/50 Divisions

Zach Bucholz Director at Large

Open positions were shared

Director, Website

Director, Health & Safety

Director, Grants

The President reviewed Board term dates and roles, current Board, and available positions. Nominations from the floor were encouraged and the process, should there be more than one candidate for a director's position, was explained.

President explained the SAMSPA Bylaw per Article 9.4 of SAMSPA Bylaws, "The maximum number of terms served by a Board member will be three and the Board member will not be eligible for election again until they have been inactive for a two-year term unless otherwise authorized by a two thirds majority vote of the members at the Annual General Meeting." The

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President shared that this process would be needed this election for the following positions: Director's Concession, Maintenance and Plus 40/50 Divisions to extend their time on the Board.

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Nominations were called from the floor for the position 3 times, there were no other names brought forward at this time. The following was declared by acclamation for another 2-year term. Phil Presakarchuk – Concession Liaison Director will hold this position from 2026 AGM to 2028 AGM.

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The President then shared that there are 3 other vacancies and that 3 members have come forward interested in the Board and have agreed to let their names stand for election.

Brian Dickson Treasurer (3<sup>rd</sup> Term)  
Earl Sloan Facility Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
Zach Bucholz Director, at Large (1<sup>st</sup> Term)

The President then called for nominations from the floor for each position 3 times. There were no other names brought forward at this time. The following were declared by acclamation for a 2-year term as

Brian Dickson Treasurer (3<sup>rd</sup> Term)  
Phil Presakarchuk Concession Liaison Director (6<sup>th</sup> term)  
Earl Sloan Facility Director (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)  
Marc Savard Field Maintenance Director (15<sup>th</sup> term)  
Bryan Shields 40/50 Plus Director (6<sup>th</sup> term)  
Zach Bucholz Director, at Large (1<sup>st</sup> Term)

The President thanked and welcomed returning and new Board Members.

The President shared that if there were any members interested in joining the Board or gaining any more information on any of the remaining open positions, please come and speak with us after the meeting.

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## **Sign Board Advertising – Kelly Porter, President**

The President shared that one of our League Members, Griffin Perrott has come on as our Advertising Sales Leader. He thanked Griffin and encouraged the membership to pass on any company leads they may have.

The President shared information slides on the Community Sign Board Shared Earnings program that is offered to members through the Money in your Mitt incentive, as well as charities, not for profits and individuals interested in raising funds for their organizations.

The President shared that this is a super generous incentive program available to members that can assist their team in subsidizing League fees. The program applies to: Fence boards, bleacher signs, picnic tables, Homeplate strike boards and diamond naming rights. He went on to share reasons for program.

Issue: - No Director or employee responsible for signboard sales  
- Large supply of unallocated signboard space  
- Current incentive program not adequate for sales growth

Opportunity: - Encourage sales through higher incentives

With the SAMSPA facility being over 40 years old, he reviewed the importance of signage for the League and the need to have this income for recovering operating costs. Fence Boards are an economic opportunity. The President reviewed the program and examples of the shared earnings opportunity which shares net earnings equally.

The President shared the new opportunity to place a company on the home plate strike boards that the League will be implementing in 2026.

Information is currently available on the SAMSPA website. If members or community groups are interested in discussing further, they can speak directly to the League Operations Coordinator.

The President informed the membership about the simplicity of program and that their role would only be to make the initial connection, and secure commitment. The rest is completed by the League Operations Coordinator.

The President acknowledged 2 new companies that have come onboard through this program. Garry's Heating and Swiss Chalet

The President asked if there were any questions from the floor. No questions came forward at this time.

The President screen shared the current sponsors of SAMSPA as follows and encouraged SAMSPA Members when out in the community to "Support our Supporters".

All 4 diamonds now have Diamond Naming Sponsors

D#1 Naming Sponsor - St. Albert Source for Sports  
580 St. Albert Trail #10, St. Albert  
(780) 458-0000

D#2 The Canadian Brewhouse  
101 St. Albert Trail #50  
840 St. Albert Trail #105

D#3 New Naming Sponsor – Garry's Heating Services  
320 Circle Drive, St. Albert  
780.459.4919

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## D#4 All Choice Rentals

66 Riel Drive  
St. Albert, AB  
780.419.6100

## 4 Board Sponsors

Sherwood Dodge  
Canadian Brewhouse  
Labatt Breweries

## Bleacher Packages

Mission Fun and Games  
Alley Kat Brewery  
Sturgeon Animal Hospital  
Re/Max River Valley- Ross Storoshenko  
Tri-Tec Project Mgmt.  
Core Networks

## Fence Boards

Top Hat Advisory  
Sturgeon Auto Body  
Brokerlink  
MFP Resources  
Canadian Fence  
Musco Lighting  
Gorilla Properties  
Alley Kat Brewery  
Southview Acura  
DKI Sparklean Restoration  
St. Louis Bar & Grill  
Fortis Alberta  
Elite HDD  
Swiss Chalet

The President acknowledged and thanked Wilco for their ongoing support and contributions to SAMSPA.

## 2025 Financials

### Treasurer, Brian Dickson

The President handed the floor over to the Treasurer, Brian Dickson to present and speak to the financial report.

The President screen shared agenda for the financial report that was presented by the Treasurer.

The Financial Report Agenda will be as follows. Auditor's Report for 2025, Appointment of auditors for 2026, Review Financials, Capital Projects, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Economic Outlook

The Treasurer shared that SAMSPA is in a good fiscal position at this time.

The President screen shared the auditor's report which read as follows.

2025 Auditors – Tom Harrison and John Engel

Auditor's Report

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*During this audit the following information was reviewed: Proposed 2025 Budget and 2025 Actuals, Capital Expenses, Food Concession League/Tournament Revenue, Beverage Room League/Tournament Revenue, Beverage Room Banking Fees, Beverage Room and Concession operating costs, Salary & Wages, Various transactions over \$1000.00, A review of all Bank Accounts.*

*Over and above the reviews the following discussion (but not all) took place regards Facility Security, Team Rebates, and equipment depreciation.*

*Overall, the audit was successful, and we're pleased to report that SAMSPA is financially sound and has numerous checks and balances in place to remain so.*

*Tom Harrison and John Engel  
Jan 4, 2026*

## **Appointment of Auditors**

The Treasurer shared that Tom Harrison would be willing to let his name stand as auditor for the 2026 season and that Rod McBeth was also willing to let his name stand.

The Treasurer then asked 3 times if there was anyone else wanting to put their name forward as an Auditor. Tom Harrison and Rod McBeth put their names forward to stand for the 2026 audit role. As per SAMSPA Bylaws, the Secretary called for a motion to appoint the 2026 Auditors.

Motion Board nominates Tom Harrison and Rod McBeth for 2026 Audit and approves the appointment of Tom Harrison and Rod McBeth as Auditor's for SAMSPA 2026 financials. **Motion made by Drew Kells, seconded by Mike Coxworth, vote. Unanimous Motion Carried**

The Treasurer reviewed the Capital Projects/expenses completed in 2025 as follows.

The Treasurer reviewed that in 2025 the following Capital Projects were completed. HVAC & plumbing, Kitchen upgrades – flooring, hotline equipment, reno, painting, dugout refurbishment D#3, Screens – shade, wind awnings, lighting & electrical upgrades, commercial refrigerator, computers, shelving, Beer line POS plus additional security system upgrades and gates.

Capital Expenditures totaled \$75,000.00. with 80% of that coming from CFEP and City Grant Funding.

The Treasurer then screen shared the Balance Sheet

SAMSPA Current Assets	\$148,540
less Accounts Payable	(\$ 66,460)
SAMSPA 2025 Reserve	\$82,080 – 2024 Reserve \$47,306.00

The Treasurer then went on to share the Income Statement and reviewed highlights from the statement.

Key Revenue Factors were shared, fees were on target, diamond rentals were over budget +\$3k, Food room had a huge increase at +\$55k and beverage room had an increase of \$11k.

Key Expenses over/under budget were shared, Repairs under budget \$9k, Food COGS over budget \$20.3k and Beverage room costs were over budget \$12k.

A screen was shared on 2025 Beverage room Rebate.

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The Treasurer shared that the Board approved 2025 Bev rebate at 45%, however it paid out at 50%.

The Treasurer informed the membership that the 2024 rebate was \$31,322.00 and the 2025 rebate was \$31,012.00.

The Treasurer went on to break it down further. The 2024 rebate averaged \$540 per team. The 2025 rebate averaged \$517 per team. The 2026 rebate is expected to be \$31k.

The Treasurer shared the economic outlook for 2026 as follows.

Forecasting a modest positive variance and increase in our reserves for 2026. Current reserve at \$82,000.00.

It's worth mentioning that our reserves are right now in line with historic reserve targets from the Board. Since COVID, the Board has raised our target to \$150k to cover an aging facility and increased operating costs.

\$25k – Operational Reserve (to start up league)	\$25k
\$50k – Operational Contingency Reserve	\$50k
\$25k – Equipment Fund*	\$ 7k
\$50k – Capital Improvement Fund*	\$0k

The Treasurer went on to share that we are in a good position and will continue to work to improve our reserve position to desired levels. Successful programs in 2024 and 2025 have put us in a very good position.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions from the floor. A question was brought forward about staff cost increases for concession and beverage room. The Treasurer and Past President shared the following.

- a. Historical Bev labour costs ratio to sales were single digit, which was unrealistically low. During budgeting, we allocated labour from Food to Bev, which turned out to be correct. This cost we were expecting.
- b. We had an increase in food sales which increased Food labor costs, as to be expected.
- c. We had a small increase in labour cost to support the "Beer line" POS. We expected some cost increase to reduce beverage purchase times.
- d. As pointed out by the Past President, there was >\$1k increase in labour cost due to the change in payroll.

**Motion made by Dennis Baxter to accept the Audited Financial report and financials for 2025 as presented and seconded by Donald Young, voting launched Unanimous Motion Carried. 2025 Financial statements adopted.**

The President shared the finished Planned Giving Brochure with the membership and thanked Tony Kovacic for bringing the concept forward and assisting the League Operations Coordinator in producing the brochure.

The Treasurer then handed the floor back to the President, Kelly Porter for the Return to Play portion of the meeting.

## Looking Ahead

Kelly Porter, Vice President

### Return to Play

The President informed the membership of the following return to play items.

#### Softball Canada Helmet Rule

The President shared with the membership the Softball Canada helmet rule. He explained that SAMSPA follows Softball Canada Rules and if we wanted an exemption from the rule there needed to be a vote. The President shared that the Board is supportive of this rule.

Discussion ensued.

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A question from the floor around who would pay for helmets was brought forward. The President stated costs would be the responsibility of each team.

The President called for a vote from each team and stated 1 vote per team only.

The Membership voted overwhelmingly to exempt the Softball Canada Helmet rule for SAMSPA.

## Softball Canada Mandatory Pitcher Mask Rule

The President shared with the membership the Softball Canada requires pitchers to wear a protective mask to ensure the safety of players. He explained that SAMSPA follows Softball Canada Rules and if we wanted an exemption from the rule there needed to be a vote. The President shared that the Board is supportive of this rule.

Discussion ensued.

The President asked the membership if they were interested in the Board exploring the face mask rule and bringing a recommendation back to the General Meeting. The membership was in favour of this, and the League Operations Coordinator was asked to add it to the next Board Meeting agenda.

The President called for a vote from each team and stated 1 vote per team only.

The Membership voted overwhelmingly to exempt the Softball Canada Mandatory Pitcher Mask rule for SAMSPA.

## 2026 Scheduler

The President shared a screen with the new scheduler's name, email and phone number on it. Diane Starling 780.238.6699 diane.m@shaw.ca

## Website

The President shared that the transition from League Athletics to Sports Engine was not a smooth one.

While the Sports Engine mobile app was really useful for tracking RSVPs to games, the tool was not good for allowing managers to administer their own rosters. This created a great burden on the League Operations Coordinator throughout the year, but heavily at the start of the season.

The Board has been exploring other options and compared Sports Engine vs Crossbar. The President went on to explain it is a very involved process and at this time the Board is going to remain with Sports Engine.

The President shared that returning players did not need to register again this year. He reminded all players that if they had not completed a player waiver, they must still do that. New players must register and complete a waiver. The President shared that to submit a waiver visit the SAMSPA website under on-line forms.

## Facility and Fields

The President shared that the Spring Work Bee – planned for April 25, 2026 (weather dependent)

The President shared that at the Spring Work Bee the emphasis will be on bleachers, batting cage net, gaps in fences from ground, fence attachment to posts, foul and warning track lines, etc. (the list is large).

The President shared that the goal for 2026 is to have field conditions at their best.

The President reminded teams of the SAMSPA AGM/GM Attendance Policy that was implemented in 2024 requiring teams to have a team representative present at meetings. He reminded teams that if a team is missing both the AGM and the GM there will be issued a \$50 fine that will be added to their league fee. This policy is to encourage members to show up. Key information is disseminated through these two general meetings, and some teams have repeatedly failed to attend.

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Discussion ensued.

A suggestion from the floor that the Board review the \$50.00 Meeting attendance fine and increase it to have more impact was made.

The President reviewed the policy for umpire game charges, forfeits, cancellations. A reminder that if a team forfeits a game, they are required to notify the opposing team (Team Coach/Manager emails and phone numbers are provided to team Coaches and Managers from the League Operations Coordinator), and the League Scheduler, Diane Starling via email or text/phone a minimum of 24 hours in advance. If they do not provide this notification within the time limit, a \$250.00 fine will be assessed, with \$150.00 of the fine being allocated to the opposing team.

The President shared that the Board is looking to implement a T.V. system in the Pole Barn to allow teams to play their games while having the opportunity to stay at diamonds to watch other sporting events, such as hockey play offs.

The President reviewed policy on Game balls distribution - SAMSPA policy is that each team will be provided a maximum of 2 cases of balls per season. Teams will be distributed one case at that start of the season and may request a second case as needed. Any additional balls beyond two cases will be charged at the retail cost for balls and must be purchased at the beverage room. No outside balls will be allowed to be utilized at SAMSPA.

The President shared that SAMSPA used to hold back balls and scorebooks if team fees were not up to date by the bat testing weekend. The Board has decided to implement this policy again.

It was shared that there is a Player Safety/Injury Report available on the website. This should be completed anytime there is an injury that may potentially require submission to insurance.

The SAMSPA Policy on player emails was reviewed. - It is SAMSPA policy that all players in the League provide an email on their player profile. If players do not want to receive emails from the league, they must manage their notification from within their own profile. We cannot do this on our end.

SAMSPA Policy on capturing private member info (Birthdates) was reviewed. - On team roster in divisions that require birth dates, under player profiles, SAMSPA no longer requires day and month, just year must be entered. The website does require entry of birth month and day so you can use 0101 then correct birth year.

Membership was informed that the Bat testing weekend for 2026 will be April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Information is posted on the home page of the website and team schedule will be sent out to Coaches and Managers by League Operations Coordinator soon. Membership was informed that bat testing will be done in 2026 at DK1 8 Riel Drive, not at the diamonds.

The President shared that the SAMSPA Board is looking at providing league members with incentives should they choose to host a tournament at the Meadowview Facility. Any inquiries regarding facility rentals should be made to the League Operations Coordinator.

The SAMSPA Membership tournament incentive on facility rental was explained. A reduced rate of \$1,000.00 facility fee for a Sat/Sun rental and \$1,200.00 facility rental fee for Fri/Sat/Sun along with a .25 cent beverage rebate on alcoholic drinks, after the conclusion of the rental. This fee would include a cleaning service for bathrooms coming in 2x a day. Any additional requirements of the Tournament Operator, such as lights, maintenance etc. would be at an additional fee.

The President informed the membership that SAMSPA would be implementing the batting mat we were testing last year on all diamonds going forward.

The President shared that we would also be adding the home strike boards on each diamond and are looking for businesses or entrepreneur looking to have their company on the home plate strike boards.

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## Fundraising Update

The President informed the membership that the annual on-line auction will be launching shortly. The President shared that if any members had a donation from their company to please let the League Operations Coordinator know and she would pick it up. All members are encouraged to support this initiative and bid on items. This is an opportunity to meet team bond requirements.

The Oil King game will take place March 22<sup>nd</sup> and is a fundraiser for the League.

## SAMSPA Mixed Tournament 2026

The League Operations Coordinator shared that SAMSPA is continuing to host the SAMSPA Alley Kat Mixed Tournament event in 2026. This tournament will help raise funds for the league improvements. The League Operations Coordinator reminded members that this tournament is a big part of our fundraising objectives. The event dates for 2026 were shared, July 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, \$450 Entry Fee, cash payouts, 5 GG. If teams would like to register, contact the League Operations Coordinator at [admin@samsपालowpitch.com](mailto:admin@samsपालowpitch.com). It was shared that entry into the tournament could be a credit for League team bond requirement.

Members were encouraged to please help us get the word out and get teams registered. We are also looking for volunteers for this weekend so please reach out to the email address above and volunteer!

Thanks to Alley Kat for their continued support and sponsorship of this event.

## Divisional Alignment

The President screen shared the current list of teams and the draft divisions stating that in 2025 we had 59 teams and currently in 2026 we have 60.

The President then welcomed 2 new teams to SAMSPA.

Dream Bunt Rotation (Open C) formerly Designated Drinkers and Hurt N' Units (Open D)

The President stated that movement between divisions were based on the policy agreed to by teams at the General Meeting in 2024. The policy is that the top 2 teams in each division after the regular season will move up and bottom 2 will move down.

## New Business

Kelly Porter, President

The President shared the results from the League Survey put out in the Fall.

### League Survey Results

- Priority 1 – Field and Facility Maintenance
- Priority 2 – Player Safety & Experience
- Priority 3 – League Operations and communication
- Priority 4 – Amenities
- Priority 5 – Scheduling & Structure
- Priority 6 - Umpires

The President shared the results from the 1 & 1 Count Survey that had been circulated to all players in the League.

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## 1 & 1 Count Survey Results

- Total of 254 respondents (90 Open, 17-40, 27-50, 63-60 and 29-70+) (22% of players)
- 86 voted Yes (34%)
- 168 voted No (66%)
- Focus will shift to umpires reviewing their watch after inning 5 and determining if 6 will be the last or if they can get 7 in, players to hustle in and out, pitchers to throw strikes.
- UMPIRE DECISION WILL BE FINAL

The President confirmed that SAMSPA will not adopt the 1 & 1 count and will remain status quo. He asked that Coaches and Managers have their players hustle in and out, leave the dugouts immediately following their games, recruit pitchers that can throw strikes and keep up the pace of play.

## Adjournment

Kelly Porter, President

The President thanked all the membership for attending and their support of the Board. He thanked the membership for allowing the Board to serve them and that he looks forward to another year at the Diamonds.

Motion was made by Bob Walsh to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bob Franks. All in favour **Motion carried.**  
Adjourned at 11:45am.

General Meeting to take place Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 10am St. Albert Legion