

YKSA AGM April 5, 2025

LOCATION: TOP KNIGHT, 4910 49 ST, YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 1P3

TIME: 11AM – 1PM

1. Call to Order: 11:01 AM, 05 April 2025

and Introduction to the Current Board of Directors

- a. President – Brittany Whitman
- b. Vice President – Ariel Whaley
- c. Treasurer – Justin MacInnis
- d. Secretary – Vacant
- e. Umpire in Chief – Brian Stapleton
- f. Director – Nathan Round
- g. Director – Vacant
- h. Director – Vacant
- i. Director – Vacant

2. Addition/Changes to the Agenda

3. Additions/Errors/Omissions/Changes to the 2024 AGM Minutes

4. Financial Report:

- a. Treasurer's Report for 2024 fiscal year and 2025 Budget.
- b. League Fees for 2025
 - i. \$1,650 for new teams, which includes \$150 default deposit; \$100 reduction if paid before the deadline
 - ii. \$1,500 for returning teams plus any outstanding default deposit feeds; \$100 reduction, if paid before deadline
- c. Fines:
 - i. \$50/game default (unable to field a game and no notification to opponents by 3:00 pm game day).
 - ii. \$25/penalty per hour for not completing 5 hours of mandatory volunteer work
 - iii. \$50/team penalty for not having 2 team members attend the Rules Refresher Clinic.
 - iv. If a team is assessed a default or penalty that puts them into a negative balance, they are required to repost the full deposit or may be removed from the league at the Boards discretion.

5. New Business: Important Dates/Information

- a. Team Fee Payment Deadline is 09 May 2025 for early bird pricing, or 31 May 2025 for the final deadline. If extreme circumstances occur for getting your team fee in on time, please email the board at ykslopitch@hotmail.com . E-transfers can be sent to ykslopitch@hotmail.com Please use password: ykslopitch2025
- b. SPN Rules Refresher Clinic will be held on **Saturday, 17 May 2025 from 12:30pm -3:30pm**. This year we will have a 2 hour indoor portion at the JTFN Mess going over

rules and a 1 hour on field clinic at Fritz Thiel regarding proper positioning on the field, umpire mechanics, etc. It will be mandatory for 2 people from each team to attend the clinic. If 2 players/coaches are not in attendance a penalty against the team default fee will be charged. All teams that attend the rules clinic are credited 2 hours of volunteer time.

- c. League registration opens on **06 April 2025** and will close **09 May 2025**.
- d. League Start Date is anticipated to be: **25 May 2025** with the goal of the season schedule being released by **16 May 2025**
- e. Pre-season practices will be coordinated. The Board will utilize the community Facebook page and emails to team captains to schedule.
- f. Request for Tenders for field maintenance will be open on **08 April 2025** and close on **22 April 2025**. Contract award to take place the week of **27 April 2025**
- g. Games will be played on statutory holidays due to having a shorter season. However, games will not be scheduled during the FOTR weekend.
- h. Games will be played at both Fritz Thiel 1 & 2, and Parker 2.
- i. Proposal submission funding requests for teams travelling to **SPN Nationals** is due before 11:59 on **01 June 2025**. Between the dates of **02 June 2025 - 15 July 2025**, will be a first come first serve basis. With your proposal please include a letter of intent and team roster. Email proposal to ykslopitch@hotmail.com.
- j. 2025 Tournaments:
 - i. Suds Cup June 27, 28, 29
 - ii. Territorials: August 8,9,10 (Tentatively)
 - If you and your team would like to host a tournament this year, please submit all proposals via email to the board at ykslopitch@hotmail.com. Please include who will be organizing the tournament, dates you are requesting, and any other items you may need from the board for the tournament.
- k. Regular League Play to finish **17 August 2025**
- l. League Playoffs to start on **25 August 2025**
 - i. *If your team does not wish to or is unable to field a team for the playoffs, please contact the Board by **12 August 2025** at ykslopitch@hotmail.com*
 - ii. Rosters will be locked down at **11:59 20 August 2025** with no further changes – NO Exceptions
 - iii. Captains are responsible for ensuring **all members** of their team are registered on both the YKSA and SPN websites. The SPN website is used for insurance and official registration of team members.
 - iv. Playoffs will continue with teams being eligible to **pick up 1 player** from either the **same division or one division below once the player is eligible to be picked up** (i.e. their home team is eliminated)
- m. **Umpire Certifications:** you must take and pass the test prior to **31 July 2025**. If proof is provided to the league, we will reimburse \$75 for a piece of umpire gear.
- n. Teams must complete 5 hours of YKSA volunteer work throughout the season (May-September). There will be multiple opportunities for members to complete the volunteer hours throughout the season (maintenance work, umpiring league events,

cleanup work, year-end-party, etc.). In the event that hours are not completed as stipulated, the team responsible will incur a fine of \$25 for each hour that remains unfulfilled. **Due to the lack of volunteer opportunities during the 2024 season, volunteer hours completed from the 2024 season will carry over to the 2025 season.**

- o. Signage can be purchased for advertising at the Fritz Theil ball fields for prices ranging from \$750 to \$1,300, depending on the option selected (field location and 1 or 2 year).
- p. The Year-End Wrap Up Party will **require a party committee**. Please submit requests by email to the board with your interest. **If no one steps up, there will be no party.** The budget for the Party and oversight will be provided by the Board.

6. Territorials Discussion

- a. Umpires: The league typically invests in umpires from the south for this tournament, even though it results in a financial loss for the board. Recently, there has been a growing interest in umpiring within Yellowknife, which gives us more options for managing umpiring at the Territorials tournament while avoiding potential conflicts of interest. With that in mind, we would like to gauge the league's interest in:
 - i. 1 Southern ump and local umps: OR
 - ii. 2 Southern umpires

- Question: why are we (the board) not having more ways to make income at this tournament? We are already working at full capacity. If you have ideas and would like to volunteer, please reach out.

- idea: have people volunteer to umpire and run the bar to save money

- Idea: have a season long 50/50 and then pull tickets at territorials or year end party

Voted in: 2 southern umpires

7. League Format Discussion

- a. Divisions: Options: (based on a 40 team cap)
 - i. ABCD (same as years past, winning teams maybe moving up based on if they won their division last year); OR
 - ii. Tier 1/Tier 2 (then break into 4 divisions (ABCD) halfway through season)

Discussion:

- If a round robin, there is a chance they teams get put against strong teams and then end up losing all their games in the first half

- Teams sometime just want to win their leave

- Option 1 suggestion: if you win the div 1 year, option to move up or stay, but if you win twice in a row then you have to move

- Competitive top of c div, clear gap, but then get bumped up and then have to come right back down.

- Proposal based on win percentage? 85%? Have conversations with teams regarding mid season change up.

- No equation is going to solve this problem of happiness of a team being bumped up

- Having touch points with teams to figure out who will be going up and down

- Having balanced team numbers across the board would help.

VOTE:

Option 1: 33

Option 2: 4

Option 1 voted in, ABCD Divisions

b. Pitch Count

i. 1-1 Count: Last year, we had the opportunity to try this during Territorials and see how it can speed up the game. This will continue to be the format for Territorials. Is the league interested in moving in this direction for regular-season play?

1. Option 1: The entire league moves forward with a 1-1 count
2. Option 2: A/B move to 1-1 count while C/D remain 0-0 count
3. Option 3: The entire league remains at a 0-0 count

Discussion:

- Lower div teams thinking about the batter not being able to hit, new players need to see 7 pitches so metimes to hit the ball
- There is a potential of day light till 11/1130
- Players need to show up for game time start, as opposed to starting late

VOTE:

Option 1: 0

Option 2: 8

Option 2: 27

Option 3 voted in, entire league will remain as 0-0 count, but if in AB divisions, both teams agree at te am captains meeting to use 1-1 for that game, then it will be used for the duration of that game

c. Game Nights (depending on how the previous discussion/vote went):

- i. Status Quo (2 games a night); OR
- ii. 3 games a night with the stipulation that a 1-1 count is used on all batters

Status Quo

8. Nominations for 2025 Board of Directors

- a. Nominee for Vice President: Nathan Round
(2 year term)
- b. Nominee for Secretary: Ariel Whaley
(1 year term)
- c. Nominee for Treasurer: Justin MacInnis
(2 year term)
- d. Nominee for Umpire-in-Chief: Jason Johnston
(2 year term)
- e. Nominee for Director: Amanda Muirhead-Smith
(2 year term)
- f. Nominee for Director: Lee Morrissey
(1 year term)
- h. Nominee for Director: Carrie Lehman
(1 year term)

9. Additional Business:

Meeting Adjourned: 12:22pm, 05 April 2025