



## 2023 AGM MINUTES

Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm -- Welland City Hall (60 East Main St), Community Meeting Room

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### 1. SIGN IN

#### Teams represented:

- 88s	- Bearsharks
- Ball Breakers	- Brewers
- Beer Chuggers	- Cougars
- Benchwarmers	- Field Goats
- Big Ballers	- Los Chetes
- Old Fashioned Walk Offs	- Niagara Indians
- One Hit Wonders	- Secret Service
- Pitches Be Crazy	
- Sons of Pitches	
- Ump Yours	
- Wrecking Balls	

#### Teams not represented:

- Borderline Slackers
- Flaming Moe's
- The Replacements

18 of 21 teams represented = 85.7%. We have quorum!

#### Board members attendance:

Will Murray (President) – PRESENT  
Glenn Anthony (1<sup>st</sup> VP) – ABSENT  
Amanda Cote (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) – PRESENT  
Clive Waldron (Treasurer) – PRESENT  
Myles Calvert (Secretary) – PRESENT

2. **OPENING REMARKS**

Will Murray welcomes all to the meeting and 2023 agenda is adopted via motion #1.

**Moved by:** Quinn Vos

**Seconded by:** Mark Lawrence

Carried

3. **APPROVAL OF 2022 AGM MINUTES**

Myles Calvert summarizes 2022 AGM minutes and are adopted via motion #2.

**Moved by:** Kris Cyr Chapados

**Seconded by:** Jason Rooker

Carried

4. **PRESIDENT, TREASURER, TOURNAMENT AND SECRETARY REPORTS**

All presented. All accepted via motion #3.

**Moved by:** Mark Lawrence

**Seconded by:** Jeff Henderson

Carried

5. **CONSTITUTIONAL, BY-LAWS AND PLAYING PROCEDURE MOTIONS**

Motions #4 - #67 are presented on the floor.

Refer to [WSL-AGM-2023-motions-complete.pdf](#) for full details.

A few notable highlights:

- WSL Constitution separated into 3 sections (Constitution of Welland Slo-Pitch League, Welland Slo-Pitch League By-Laws, Welland Slo-Pitch League Playing Procedures & Rules) and modernized for the first time in decades.

- Changed name from Welland & District Slo-Pitch League Inc. (WDSPLI) to Welland Slo-Pitch League (sometimes abbreviated to Welland Slo-Pitch or W.S.P.L. or WSL)

- Lowered age of participation from 17 to 16.

- Added by-law that states no board member is to receive financial compensation for their duties related to WSL management and operations.

- Added by-law that states playoffs will be played during the week as opposed to a weekend tournament format.
- Extended roster additions deadline from June 15<sup>th</sup> to the mid-season meeting in July.
- Increased roster size from 22 to 25 and lowered parental consent requirement from 19 and under to under 18.
- Removed auto out rule when teams only have 9 players available.
- Games will be 9 innings with 90 minute time limit. There will be a 6 run cap per inning except for the last inning which will be open.
- Home run rule adjusted from 2 max to 2 max +1.

6. **GENERAL Q&A**

No new questions. All asked and answered during motions.

7. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS**

President:

- Paul Fasan nominates Will Murray.
- No other nominations.
- Will Murray accepts.

1<sup>st</sup> VP:

- Nicole Henderson nominates Kris Cyr Chapados
- No other nominations
- Kris Cry Chapados accepts

2<sup>nd</sup> VP:

- Kris Cyr Chapados nominates Amanda Cote
- No other nominations
- Amanda Cote accepts

Treasurer:

- John Murphy nominates Clive Waldron
- Myles Calvert nominates Nicole Henderson
- Clive Waldron and Nicole Henderson accept
- Clive and Nicole leave the room. Vote by show of hands finishes 9-8 for Clive Waldron

Secretary:

- Mark Lawrence nominates Myles Calvert
- No other nominations
- Myles Calvert accepts

Commissioners:

- Paul Fasan nominates Nicole Henderson
- Amanda Cote nominates Noelle Antkowiak, Melanie Colavecchia, Mark Lawrence
- All accept

**2024 WSL BOARD:**

- **President:** Will Murray
- **Vice President:** Kris Cyr Chapados
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Amanda Cote
- **Treasurer:** Clive Waldron
- **Secretary:** Myles Calvert
- **Commissioners:** Nicole Henderson, Noelle Antkowiak, Melanie Colavecchia, Mark Lawrence

8. **PERFORMANCE BONDS AND REFUNDS DELIVERED**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**