SAUK RAPIDS SOFTBALL INC. MEETING <u>SUNDAY MARCH 4th 2018</u> <u>SAUK RAPIDS VFW 901 No. BENTON DR. S.R.</u> <u>7:00 P.M. SHARP</u>

The annual meeting of Sauk Rapids Softball Inc. will be held on **SUNDAY MARCH 4th 2018** at the Sauk Rapids VFW. All Officers, League Directors, Board of Directors & Managers should attend.

Managers are ask to register & pay the sponsor & player fee from 6:20 to 6:55 P.M.

After touching on some of the improvements to the complex and other issues, the League Directors will meet with the managers of each league to discuss starting dates and rules.

The Officers & League Directors from the 2017 season

OFFICERS	LEAGUE DIRECTORS
President: Dennis Kenning	Mon. Men's Doubleheaders: Mitch Eickhoff 260 5651
Vice-President: Brad Kenning	Mon. Over 50: Dennis Kenning 320 290 6190
Secretary: Amy Kenning	Mon. Co-Ed: Mitch Eickhoff
Treasurer: Brad Kenning	Tuesday Men's: Mike Miller 320.420 5295
	Wednesday Men's Mike Miller
	Thursday Co-Ed: Mitch Eickhoff

Please call, e-mail or text the League Director with the following information before the meeting if possible to let them know your team will be playing this year. Include Manager name, address, phone number, e-mail, name of team & what night & league you want to be in this year. This information will help get the meeting over as quick as possible.

MONDAY & THURSDAY CO-REC. & MEN'S DOUBLEHEADER LEAGUES MITCH EICKHOFF: Phone or text 320 260 5651 or e-mail <u>mitchelleickhoff@yahoo.com</u> MONDAY MASTERS OVER 50 LEAGUE: DENNIS KENNING: Phone or text 320 290 6190 or e-mail <u>dennisbea1970@gmail.com</u> TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MEN'S LEAGUES: MIKE MILLER: Phone or text 320 420 5295 or e-mail <u>mike@callcrownpress.com</u>

Regular League: \$400.00 plus \$150 per team = \$550.00 Double header League: \$700.00 plus \$150.00 = \$850.00 A LATE FEE OF \$25.00 WILL BE ADD IF NOT PAID ON OR BEFORE THE MARCH 4TH MEETING.

The sponsor fee and players fee is due on, before or at the MARCH 4th meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting a check must be paid before the meeting begins to insure that spot. If you do not have the sponsor fee and player fee at the meeting a personal check must be paid. Checks payable to: Sauk Rapids Softball Inc. (SRSA) Send to Sauk Rapids Softball 1205 Oak Pond Dr. Sartell, MN. 56377 4810 The sponsor fee includes: softballs, umpires, plaques or trophies & sanction fees for the 2018 season.

The Over 50 Monday night league will use field # 4 because of the temporary extra home plate. We will be using the 52/300 Men's softballs and 44/375 for Woman's softball. We are trying to keep the Sponsor fee & the Player fee as low as possible. <u>The manager of each team</u> <u>must be responsible for retrieving home run & foul balls.</u> IF BALLS ARE NOT REYTRIVED, WE WILL GO BACK TO WHEN THE HOME TEAM SUPPLIES ONE NEW & ONE USED BALL. If the game is held up because the balls are not retrieved this will count in the time limit and the game will not resume until the balls are returned to the umpire. BIG EXPENSE LAST YEAR BECAUSE SOME TEAMS DID NOT THINK THEY NEEDED TO RETRIVE SOFTBALL.

Tossing cigarette butts on the ground will not be tolerated. The City of Sauk Rapids is pushing for all parks to be smoke free. Managers should inform their team players that Bob Cross Park will become a smoke free park if the problem persists. I pick up around 100 cigarette butts each week to keep the park clean & from the butts not going onto the field.

A big expense is the Dram-Shop Insurance we need to purchase each year in order to sell beer at the concession stand. The total for Dram-Shop Insurance in 2017 was \$3,233.65 plus \$225 to the City of Sauk Rapids for the 3.2 license. The total was \$3,458.65. Security Monitor for the building: City pays \$209.76 & the Softball Assn. pays \$209,76. Starting in 2017 the Dept. of Revenue is charging tax on the sponsor & players fees which is another big expense. The total for 2017 was \$1,917.00.

TIME LIMIT RULE (65 MINUTES) <u>The time clock will begin when the defensive team enters the field.</u> e Grace period for the first game also counts in the time limit. If (2) two minutes remain in the time limit a new inning must be played. Teams must hustle from offence to defense. **If score is tied after 7 innings or more than 2 minutes remain in the game, international rules apply.** If score is tied after the time limit each team will be awarded ½ point. If an injury occur, the clock should be stopped or the time used before resuming play should be recorded and not used for time limit.

After the season ended we had drain tile installed between field #1 & #4 and resurfaced the pavement at the entrance from the parking lot to the concession stand. This eliminates the low spot by the gate where water sat after it rained plus it will help eliminate some soft spots on the fields. Next year we would like to install drain tile on the outfield on field #1. Not enough funds this year. We also removed the small rocks between field #4 & #3 and replaced it with black dirt & seeded it. This will eliminate some of the rocks that end up on the fields.

League and playoff rules & starting dates will be decided at the meeting.

THANK YOU FOR PLAYING IN THE SAUK RAPID LEAGUE Dennis Kenning 320 290 6190 President Sauk Rapids Softball Inc.