

Intercounty Softball Association Meeting / AGM – February 2017

Welcome from Steve Warmington, President

Attendance: Steve Warmington(Chair); Carl Herder(UIC); Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan(Treasurer); Hillsburgh – Curtis Marshall; Walkerton – Mike Merchant; Durham – Dana Watson; Wingham – Steve Bourne; Grand Valley – Darryl Bell; Priceville – Duane Bryan; Alma – Josh Blenkiron, Kirsten Hard; Mildmay – Steve Schwippl (ViceChair); Mount Forest – Scott Corrigan, Kim Kane(secretary); Minto – Rhonda Schill, Elaine Elliott; Port Elgin – Lynn Pope; Chepstow – Joan Ernst; Arthur – Teena McKee, Ruth Risidore; Listowel – Katrina Klemp

Missing Centres: Drayton/Moorefield, Puslinch, Rockwood, Woolwich

Possible New Centres: Shelbourne, Kincardine

Previous Centres: Belmore, Cambridge, Glen Williams, Linwood/Twin Centre, Orangeville

Election of Officers: Steve Warmington will serve 2 more years as Chair of ISA;
Shirley Obergan will serve 2 more years as Treasurer of ISA

Minutes from Previous Mtg: were presented, with no concerns. Approved: 1st Walkerton, 2nd Port Elgin

Treasurer Report: was presented, with no issues. Approved: 1st Alma, 2nd Arthur (at the end of the report)

Umpire In Cheif Report: THE CLINIC is being held Saturday April 29 at the Centre Wellington
District High School, 905 Scotland St., Fergus, ON N1M 1Y7

Registration is from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. and the clinics begin at 9 a.m. The Junior clinic goes till 1:30, the Intermediate till 2:30 and both the Level 1 and Level 2 go till 4 p.m. The cost of the clinics are to be paid either in cash or by cheque made out to "Intercounty Softball Assoc." at the registration.

Junior Clinic: Cost \$75 - Participants must be between 12-16 years of age at the time of the clinic to be eligible.

Intermediate: Cost \$75 - Designed for young officials who are between the ages of 15-18 at the time of the clinic or anyone younger who has previously taken the Junior clinic.

Level 1: Cost \$95 if already a member registered with Softball Ontario, in 2015 and/or 2016 they must provide proof by showing their Softball Ontario Umpire Card or Intermediate Clinic Certificate

\$130 if non-member

Level 2: Cost \$100 if already a member registered with Softball Ontario

\$135 if non-member

All level 2 umpires must have previously attended the Level 1 clinic one year prior to be eligible. Participants must be a minimum of 16 years of age to attend. Also need to indicate if attending the Fast Pitch or Slow Pitch Clinic.

Umpire Clinic

Q: With the surplus that we have in the bank, would it be possible to offset the cost to our umpires in our organization who attend this clinic?

A: With some of the umpires coming from outside of ISA, it would almost be impossible to keep track of who is umpiring in ISA locations to benefit from it. All clinics support their umpires in their own way as it is.

ByLaw Changes :

Bylaw 9, 5.

Current: If the adult pitcher is hit by the batted ball or interferes with the play by a defensive player the batter is out and the play is dead.

Discussion: Players shouldn't be penalized for hitting the ball and the coach not getting out of the way in time. An award of some kind should happen. WOBA has a pitching machine, if it is hit, the runner gets the base and the play is dead.

Change: If the adult pitcher is hit by the batted ball or interferes with the play by a defensive player, the batter will be awarded one base with the play dead. All forced runners will advance accordingly. None forced runners will not.

Bylaw 10.

Add: If the adult pitcher is hit by the batted ball or interferes with the play by a defensive player, the batter will be awarded one base with the play dead. All forced runners will advance accordingly. None forced runners will not.

Bylaw 10. G.

Current: Pitcher is the only defensive coach allowed on the field.

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Current: Innings 1 and 2 will be played as per ISA fast pitch rules. Innings 3 to 7 with modified rules.

Discussion: Would like to have innings 1 and 2 be played as innings 3 to 7 currently. The girls are not strong enough to pitch; it makes it a slow game to watch. It would be good to start development in the squirt division. Would it make sense to move to pitching mound up. Currently sitting at 30 ft from plate, this makes it very close if moved. Would it be smart to consider having the pitchers wear masks? Would it be a possibility to make the plate bigger for a bigger strike zone? For innings 1 & 2, if a pitcher is struggling have a coach come in?

Vote: The current rules stay the same. All in Favor, Opposed – Arthur.

Coach Issues from Previous Year: Alma has talked to their coaches and have addressed the situation. This particular coach will be monitored properly this year by Alma. If any concerns happen, please inform the convenor who will then talk with Steve & Centre about any issues. For future use: please use the GAME CARD to write any issues from the game, also make convenor aware immediately of any and all situations.

Coaches Clinic: ISA will be hosting a coaches clinic again this year. With last year 25 – 30 participants, it was well received. This year, Shirley will look into May 6th availability. She will try and find a 2nd level to up it from last year. More details to follow via emails.

Trophy Report: Mixed Mites – Arthur still has
Atom Boys – Arthur returned
Squirt Boys – Ponsonby returned
PeeWee Boys – Arthur returned
Bantam Boys – Alma returned
Atom Girls – Grand Valley returned
Squirt Girls – Arthur returned
PeeWee Girls – Listowel returned
Bantam Girls – Listowel returned
Midget Girls – Minto still has
Junior Ladies – Mildmay still has

- Steve will be updating any trophies accordingly
- Medallions and wrist bands will be reused again this year.

Tournament Possible Hosts for 2017 Year: All on the possibility of having teams in that division.

1. Mixed Mites – Arthur – Teena McKee
2. Atom Boys – Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan
3. Squirt Boys –
4. PeeWee Boys – Grand Valley – Darryl Bell
5. Bantam Boys –
6. Atom Girls – Possbile Durham hosts tournament with Steve W convenor??
7. Squirt Girls – Drayton/Moorefield – Barb Driscoll (Durham has interest in this division)
8. PeeWee Girls -
9. Bantam Girls -
10. Midget Girls / Junior Ladies – Mildmay – Steve Schwippl

- ISA is going to keep the unwritten rule of the flexible 3 player overages to teams. Please be wise in making your teams.

Website Update: www.isasoftball2013.com if you know of anyone (in high school or other) who would like to volunteer their time in up keeping our website, please forward your name to ISA executive to follow through.

Dates of Centres:

Feb 16 - Ponsonby	Mar 9 - Minto
Feb 20 – Alma	Mar 11 – Grand Valley
Feb 25 – Alma	Mar 22 – Mildmay, Mount Forest
Feb 27 – Alma, Durham	Mar 25 – Durham, Ponsonby
Mar 2 - Walkerton	Mar 26 - Walkerton
Mar 4 – Alma, Arthur, Drayton/Moorefield, Durham, Mount Forest	Mar 30 – Mildmay, Wingham
Mar 7 – Mount Forest	April 1 – Port Elgin, Wingham
Mar 8 – Minto	Apr 8 – Arthur
	Apr 16 - Durham

Missing: Chepstow, Hillsburgh, Puslinch, Rockwood, Priceville

New Business:

1. It has been heard that Hillsburgh will be moving from ISA. Hillsburgh responded back by stating their numbers are hurting, and they are looking at different options to keep the numbers. It would help if each division had a set night so that families could work around that.
2. Concern about having a minor/major selection in a centre. Arthur has in their personal constitution that kids will be grouped according to their birth year, so they move up together and learn to play together for years to come.
3. Next Meeting: April 23, 2017 and September 17, 2017

April 23 Meeting, please bring:

1. Overagers, First and last name, Year of Birth, and moving to what team.
2. Coaches info (on paper to give to convenor)
 - a. Name
 - b. Phone Number (cell and home)
 - c. Email address
3. Team Info (on paper to give to convenor – can correspond with info above)
 - a. Division
 - b. Home Night
 - c. Diamond Name
 - d. Time
4. Cheque - \$45 per team to register (this cost covers all medallions/trophies given at year end tournament)

Cheq Date	Cheque	Invoice Date	Paid to	Service provider	Amount	Cheque \$	Category
				Bank Balance as of December 31, 2016		\$ 13,982.83	
10-Feb	345	various	S. Obergan	Softball Ontario Umpire deposit	\$ 282.80		umpire
				Website	\$ 413.50		office
				Umpire 3 clinics minimum attendee	\$ 1,686.53		umpire
				Softball Ontario annual league fee	\$ 84.72	\$ 2,467.28	office
17-Mar-16	346	19-Feb-16	S. Obergan	Upper Grand ISA Umpire Clinic	\$ 39.55		umpire
		7-Mar-16		Soft Ont Coaches clinic	\$ 406.80		coaches
		18-Feb-16		Human Kinietics Publish	\$ 486.97		coaches
		16-Feb-16		Softball Ont Coaches books	\$ 946.62		coaches
		7-Mar-16		Soft On min participant error on invoice	\$ 36.72		umpire
						\$ 1,916.66	
17-Mar-16	347		Linwood Minor Sport	Twin Centre Team/Meeting Bond refund	\$ 80.00		
				Linwood Minor Team/Meet bond refund	\$ 50.00	\$ 130.00	bond refund
16-Apr-16	348	12-Apr	S. Obergan	Champions Choice - Centre Plaque's		\$ 870.10	trophies bond
24-Apr-16	349		Belmore Minor Ball	Bond Refund		\$ 50.00	refund
	350		S. Obergan	Coaching Clinic Balance Owed		\$ 113.00	coaches
	226		Wilkins Jewellers	2016 year end trophies		\$ 2,017.05	trophies
	227		Alma Minor Ball	Atom Girls Tourny		\$ 3,145.00	tournament
	228		Arthur Minor Ball	Mites Tourny	\$ 2,500.52	\$ 4,019.03	tournament
				Atom Boys Tourny	\$ 1,518.51		tournament
	229		Walkerton Minor Ball	PeeWee Girls Tourny		\$ 1,200.00	tournament
	230		Ponsonby Minor Ball	Squirt Boys Tourny		\$ 1,477.00	tournament
	231		HR Sports	balls for peewee tourny		\$ 56.49	tournament
	232		S. Obergan	umpire	\$ 674.61	\$ 724.33	umpire
				trophy	\$ 49.72		trophies
	233		Mt Forest Minor Ball	Bantam Girls Tourny		\$ 855.70	tournament
16-Sep-16	234		Mildmay Minor Ball	Jr Girls Tourny		\$ 462.47	tournament

2016 expenses

\$ 19,504.17

Deposits

25-Apr-16	Team/Bond Registration	\$ 3,275.00	registration
2-May-16	Umpire	\$ 4,159.00	umpire
15-Aug-16	PeeWee Girls Tourney	\$ 1,170.00	tournament
15-Aug-16	Mites Tournament	\$ 2,292.18	tournament
15-Aug-16	Atom Boys Tournament	\$ 1,301.70	tournament
15-Aug-16	Squirt Boys Tournament	\$ 1,477.00	tournament
22-Aug-16	Bantam Girls Tournament	\$ 856.00	tournament
22-Aug-16	Atom Girls Tournament	\$ 3,250.00	tournament
8-Sep-16	Atom Boys Tournament	\$ 216.95	tournament
	Mites Tournament	\$ 208.38	tournament
26-Sep-16	Jr Girls Tournament	\$ 462.47	tournament
	2016 Income	\$ 18,668.68	