

Intercounty Softball Association September 2017

Welcome from Steve Warmington, president. Thanks to all who have done hard work this past year, thanks to Kim and Shirley for all the behind the scene things that are done.

Attendance: Alma – Josh Blenkiron, Kirsten Hard; Arthur – Teena McKee, Ruth Risidore; Brussels – James Hickling; Chepstow – Joan Ernst; Drayton/Moorefield – Barb Driscoll; Grand Valley – Darryl Bell; Hillsburgh – Robin Brooks; Listowel – Katrina Klemp; Mt Forest – Kim Kane; Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan, Steve Warmington; Port Elgin – Lynn Pope; Priceville – Duanne Bryan; Rockwood – Kris Dominato; Walkerton – Mike Merchant; UIC – Carl Herder

Missing: Durham, Howick, Kincardine, Minto, Puslinch, Shelbourne, Wingham, Tara

Minutes were presented: Passed 1st - Grand Valley, 2nd – Walkerton

Treasurer Report: Passed 1st – Arthur, 2nd Alma

May-17	245	S. Obergan	\$2,647.19	Softball Ont - dep	coaches
				Rule Books	
				CW township -	coaches
				Softball Ont - min.	ump
				Softball Ont -min.	coaches
				Zehrs's water/juice	coaches
Jun-17	246	Softball Ontario	\$2,124.65	Umpire Clinic	
Aug-17	247	Arthur Minor Ball	\$2,581.25	Mites	
			\$1,540.30	Squirt Boys	
	248	Grand Valley Minor Ball	\$1,266.65	PW Boys	
	249	VOID			
	250	Ponsonby Minor Ball	\$1,800.00	Atom Boys	
	251	Ron Wilkin Jewellers	\$2,695.05		trophies
	252	Alma Minor Ball - Atom	\$3,052.70	Atom Girls	
		Current Bank Balance	\$21,270.27		

UIC Report: The clinic was held on April 29th at Centre Wellington High School (Fergus) with 67 in attendance, the number has gone up from previous years. In the Junior/Intermediate class there was 40, in the level 1 class there was 12 and in level 2 there was 15, there was good feedback from the instructor on how this ran. Carl didn't hear of any issues, so it was a good summer on his behalf.

Question: do Umps need to be recarded every year? Yes, Softball Ontario does the course every year. This is for insurance purposes. Softball Canada, if you take the refresher exam on line, then you skip one year of the course, but need to take the course again the net year. If an ump only umpires in one centre, does it need to be redone still. Yes.

Tournament/Playoff Updates:

Mixed Mites – Teena McKee – Arthur – Trophy with Steve Warmington

14 teams in division – 2 divisions. Arthur Major took 1st place in A, with Drayton/Moorefield in 2nd. Ponsonby Green took 1st place in B, with Alma 1 in 2nd. Rockwood did not participate in the year end tournament for the 4th year in a row. Teena talked to the parents on July 30th, and they didn't even know about the year tournament.

Also, only 2 teams finished their whole schedule. Convenors need to make sure that the coaches convey all the information from the coaches to the team, also, the centre should also realize that divisions have cancelled games and be on top of that, in other words, everyone should make sure the games are rescheduled. During the season, kids didn't have the proper chin straps and catchers were wearing bike helmets. Centres should also make sure that teams have all the proper equipment to play the game, at all levels, with umpires enforces all the rules, even improper equipment issues, this should fall on the coach, then onto the centre.

Atom Girls – Steve Warmington – Ponsonby – Trophy with Steve Warmington

17 teams in division – split teams into 3 geographical area, with approximately 14 – 16 games for each team. At the yearend tournament, all teams were brought together with a round robin tournament, the winner of the pools advanced. Walkerton 1 took 1st place and Walkerton 2 took 2nd place. While doing this way, the standing during the season didn't matter or the year end results... something to look at for future.

During the season, the adult pitchers had a hard time pitching 5 strikes, so the umps were not calling strikes often during the year, when the yearend tournament came, it was still an issue, maybe it's time to look at the 5 pitches rule in February.

Squirt Girls – Ben Marshall – Drayton/Moorefield – Trophy still at Ben's place.

17 teams in division – 2 divisions. Arthur Major took 1st in A, with Mount Forest Black in 2nd. Arthur Minor took 1st in B and Walkerton 2 took 2nd. The tournament was delayed due to weather, but got back on track by mid Saturday. With lots of tournaments happening on this weekend, it was very hard to get umpires, something to look at would be to start scheduling specific weekends to the divisions.

PeeWee Girls – Katrina Klemp/Angie Hamilton – Listowel – Steve Warmington has trophy

10 teams in division. Listowel 2 took 1st place and Listowel 1 took 2nd place. With umpire issues for tournament, they played a round robin tournament, with it finishing into September. Mount Forest and Port Elgin pulled out before it all started, as this was going to get to late and hockey season started for these girls.

Bantam Girls – Steve Schwipl – Mildmay – Steve Warmington has trophy

With 9 teams in the division – Arthur took 1st place and Mildmay Red took 2nd. Round Robyn was played this time. Please make sure that the constitution/bylaws are followed, a round is suppose to take 10 days to play. With an issue by not enough games played per player. The proper steps were taken, by including the president of ISA in the conflict. When bringing in the executive, please inform them of all information so a proper conclusion can be made.

Atom Boys – Shirley Obergan – Ponsonby – Trophy in Ponsonby

12 teams in division, 2 divisions for playoffs. Ponsonby Green 1st in A, with Ponsonby Gold in 2nd. Grand Valley 1 1st in B, with Arthur Major in 2nd. Season went well, tournament went great.

Squirt Boys – Teena McKee – Arthur – Steve Warmington has trophy

7 teams in division. Arthur Major won 1st with Arthur Minot in 2nd. Games were moved from Friday night due to weather, with an early start on Saturday morning, the tournament ran on schedule for the rest of the time.

PeeWee Boys – Darryl Bell – Grand Valley – Steve Warmington has trophy

With 6 teams in division. Grand Valley took 1st and Arthur took 2nd. With not being able to play over the weekend, the tournament was held from Sunday to Wednesday. Things went well. No issues.

Website: www.isasoftball2013.com. The website could be better utilized with scores, links to diamonds/centres/team info, etc. Do we hire an business, do we go back to Ang Wassink (who set it up), do we put someone on the executive to take care of or do we use theonedb (something hockey uses and Listowel ball uses.) Kim will look into prices and availability from everything and have something together for the February meeting.

New Business & Business Arising from Meeting:

1. Priceville has brought up an issue with player eligibility, when there is an issue with a player not having enough games in, and the convenor doesn't know the answer, what do we do? The right thing was done, by including Steve Warmington, president of ISA. Unfortunately, there was some miscommunication. The convenor needs to be on top of how many games each player plays, so when playoffs come with questions arise from other teams, there will be a certain answer on how many games played. With this incident at hand, unfortunately not all the information was given to Steve W. But the correct steps were taken, and a poor decision was made... Human error. We need to make sure that convenors are aware of all rules/regulations and that all needs to be followed.

(Steve Warmington: I have talked with Steve S. regarding the 4 games out of the 14 games. Steve S. explained to me that at the coaches meeting, he made the error of saying and thinking that 4 would qualify as the 33%. This was a mistake, which Steve S. acknowledges. At that time the number 4 was set in the mind of the team coach, for the player in question. He obviously had his player play the 4 games as needed. If the number 5 had been identified correctly, the player would have undoubtedly played the fifth game. Steve S. did not identify the error until the season was over, too late to correct it.

We encourage highly skilled players to play with their local teams. We have the 33% rule to allow these players to play. The 33% rule should only be an issue when a player or team does not make the effort to meet this requirement. In this case, the effort was made by the team and player involved.}

2. Could we set up so each division has a certain weekend set aside, so there could be no problems with umpire scheduling, pull ups can be utilized, and centres will have an idea to tell parents/kids and others the schedules of the division. Ruth Risidore (Arthur) will send Kim a proposal for February meeting by October 31st.
3. No gate admission is allowed, no lottery is allowed at all games but 50/50 tickets are acceptable during the season.
4. Tournament Information needs to be passed on to all – including to kids and families. Unfortunately with Rockwood, they are having a hard time in their centre, is there anything that we can do as an organization to help Rockwood with their communication.
5. What should ISA do when schedules aren't completed by coaches/teams. Set a fine? The teams forfeit with a loss of points? Kick out coach? Not include them in yr end tournament? It is the responsibilities of the coaches to try hard to finish their schedule that the convenor has given them.
6. Arthur has received a bill from another centre, because of a team no show... they have had the same thing happen to them in the past and just swallowed the cost. Now they will be sending out bills to other centres when a no show happens to them.
7. An option to change the 33% in our constitution to actual game numbers per schedule. Please send in rule change accordingly.

RULE CHANGE OPTIONS INTO KIM BY OCTOBER 31ST – kim-kane@hotmail.com

Next Meeting Dates: Feb 25, 2018, April 22, 2018, September 23, 2018