

February 2018 Intercounty Softball Association Meeting – ISA

Welcome from Steve Warmington

Attendance: Alma – Josh Blenkiron, Trish Kieswetter; Arthur – Jeff Mckee, Ruth Risidore; Brussels – Amanda Johnston; Chepstow – Amy Eddyvean; GrandValley – Darryl Bell, Dave Penfold; Hillsburgh Robyn Brooks; Listowel – Katrina Klemp; Mount Forest – Kim Kane; Ponsonby – Pat Kurtz, Scott Holman; Walkerton – Mike Merchant; Wingham – Steve Bourne; Port Elgin – Lynn Pope; Priceville – Duane Bryan; UIC – Carl Herder

Missing: Drayton/Moorefield; Durham; Howick; Mildmay; Minto; Puslinch; Rockwood; Tara

Election of Officers: Secretary and Vice President. For Secretary, Kim Kane will serve another 2 year term. For Vice President, Steve Schwippl will serve another 2 year term.

Minutes from previous meeting: There were presented with no errors or omissions. 1st – Listowel
2nd – Arthur

Treasurer Report: Presented with a \$15,455.65 balance. 1st – Grand Valley 2nd – Ponsonby (report at end of minutes)

Umpire in Chief Report: Clinic will be on April 28th at the High School in Fergus. Registration is from 8am to 9am with start at 9am. Three levels of clinics. Any questions or pre-registration, please get in touch with Carl Herder (herdercarl@hotmail.com or 519-843-5819) Junior / Intermediate - \$75; Level 1 - \$125 for members \$150 for non-members; Level 2 - \$135 for member, \$150 for non-member.

Coaches Clinic – May 5th at Fergus Sport Complex. Please watch email for more details

Trophy Report: All Trophies have been accounted for except for Squirt Girls (Drayton/Moorefield Ben Miller)

Convenor/Tournaments for possible 2018 season –

Mixed Mites – Arthur
Atom Boys – Ponsonby
Squirt Boys – OPEN
PeeWee Boys – Grand Valley
Bantam Boys – OPEN
Atom Girls – OPEN
Squirt Girls –
PeeWee Girls – Listowel possibly
Bantam Girls – Mildmay or
Midget/Junior Ladies – Mildmay

Website Update: Angie Wassink will work for \$45 per hour for development. A simple site is below \$600. She is willing to come in April if needed. Would like to use the same idea as the hockey websites, with a rolling schedule and such.

Registration Dates:

Alma	February 28, March 3
Arthur	March 3, March 24
Chepstow	April 3
Drayton/Moorefield	March 3, March 10
Hillsburgh	On-Line Registration with e-transfers
Listowel	Done – 300 kids registered
Mount Forest	February 26, March 3
Ponsonby	On-Line Registration with e-transfers
Port Elgin	March 5 th , On-Line Registration
Priceville	On-Line Registration
Walkerton	March 24, April 8
Wingham	March 29, March 30

Missing: Brussels, Durham, Grand Valley, Howick, Mildmay, Minto, Puslinch, Rockwood, Tara

By-Law Changes:

Bylaw 1 - Players

Discussion: This would be nice for Bantam and up, but will affect all division. Would it be possible to put an actual number to it. Something to look at for future years.

Favour: All Opposed: None

New Bylaw 1.B.3.: In order to be eligible to play I.S.A. playoffs, a player shall actually play in at least 50% of scheduled I.S.A. games for the participating municipality. Cancelled, defaulted and exhibition games shall not be considered as games played. Clause: games missed by Medical/Injury need to be authenticated by doctor.

Discussion: It's getting late for peewee division to get home during the week around midnight, it would be nice to split division into north/south when more than 12 teams. Would it be possible to meet on a Saturday and make it a day? Maybe bring up with convenor the travel distance if possible.

Opposed: 14 Favour: 1

Bylaw 2 - Regular Season Play

Discussion: Change wording so easier to read. Mixed Mites will still be 1 hour and 15 min of game time. All other divisions will be as follows:

Favour: All Opposed: None

New Bylaw 2.B.: A complete game is 7 inning. No new inning after 1 ½ hours. Complete all innings.

Discussion: No show to a game. To make teams more acceptable to show up to game by setting a fine of \$50 for a no show. Who would monitor this, the coaches, the convenor the treasurer of ISA? It would pay for a portion of umpire fees. What happens if goes the other way when you show up to a diamond and it's not ready for game play.

Opposed: All Favour: None

Discussion: Should we change to 3 possible dates? It drags out the schedule. It makes it hard to find that kind of diamond time. It should stay at 2 but teams need to take a responsibility to remake any cancelled games

Favour: All Opposed: None

New Bylaw 2.H.3.: If a game is to be rescheduled for any reason, the home team will provide two possible dates for the game. Teams have a responsibility to complete rescheduled games.

Discussion: Forfeiting games need a \$30 fine. This would be nice, but a lot of extra paper works. Who would keep track, each individual centre? Or get the ISA executive involved? Should we make it the coaches responsibility? The kids want to play, explain to the coaches, it's important to get the games in.

Opposed: All Favour: None

Discussion: Split bylaw J

Favour: All Opposed: None

New Bylaw 2.J.: All classification up to and including Midget shall have a maximum of 5 runs per inning or three outs per inning. Open innings beginning after the 5th inning or an hour of play. Open innings have a cap of 12 runs.

New Bylaw 2.Q.: When Juniors play Midget, the pitching distance is at the Midge distance.

Discussion: 3rd dropped strike for Squirt, PWSA has this applied in their league. Softball Canada does not. It brings another skill to the catcher. It would be good for our competitive teams, but not for our house league teams. It also puts more runners on base. It could speed up the game.

Opposed - 10 In Favour - 4

Bylaw 4 - Championships

Discussion: As 2 new rules were proposed, centres would like to keep the game going at a good pace.

Favour 11 Opposed 3

New Bylaw 4.D.: For Atom, Squirt and PeeWee division, the final championship games for all divisions will be as in league play, 7 innings with no new innings after 1 ½ hours of play. For Bantam, Midget and Juniors the final championship games will be 7 innings with no time limit.

Discussion: For year-end tournaments, host centre can request from other centres to provide umpires. It would be difficult to do this, as other centres could be having tournaments and wouldn't always be able to provide. It is a courtesy from other centres to help with umpires when needed.

Opposed: All Favour: None

Discussion: To alternate levels for year end tournaments, have MMites, Squirt and Bantam on one weekend with Atom, PeeWee and Midget/Juniors on a different weekend. It would help with umpires, it would help with pull ups to make teams. This would be difficult as centres have to work to get the diamond time. The convenors need to talk and work together with options to make it work. Maybe include the ISA president in to see if he can mediate it if necessary

Opposed: All Favour: None

Bylaw 6 - Umpire:

New Bylaw 6.4.: or phone in addition to the game card.

Favour: All Opposed: None

Bylaw 9 - Three Pitch

Discussion: When a coach gets hit by a ball that was hit, what should happen with the batter?

Should they be called out? Should they get one base? Should they get one more pitch and the play is dead? We want the game to be fair play. What happens when the hit is a good hit and goes all the way out to the field. And when the coach gets hit and the batter gets one base, last inning, could be the winning run.

Favour: 11 Opposed: 3

New Bylaw 9.5.: If an adult pitcher is hit with a batted ball, it is a dead ball. The batter receives an additional pitch.

Bylaw 10 - Atom Girls Rules

Discussion: Atom girls play the three pitch rules. The pitchers need to develop, but they should be practicing at home not on the field with the team always. Not in the 2 innings of them pitching. Hitting would get better if the kids could hit consistently. The kids/families are getting confused with the rule change half way thru a game.

Opposed: 8 Favour: 7

Discussion: Two divisions, one division plays three pitch rules (bylaw 9 rules), the other division to plays existing rules (bylaw 10 rules). Give the option to the teams in what they want to do. Teams will need to know by the April meeting which way their team would like to play so the convenor can make the schedule. This might have to be split into 2 different divisions. Might need two convenors for this division.

Favour: 9 Opposed: 8

New Bylaw 10.1.: Team have a choice of playing Three Pitch rules (bylaw 9) or playing Atom Girl rules (bylaw 10). For the April Meeting, the centres need to come with team choice. Cannot be changed after season has started.

Discussion: To have change from 5 pitches to 3 pitches. This was done, so the umpires would still call a strike zone, but with the umps so young, it makes it difficult for them to know all the different rules in one game. So switch from 5 pitches to 3 pitches to get it closer to the three pitch rules. So it doesn't put the umps into a difficult situation.

Favour: 11 Opposed: 4

New Bylaw 10.2.B.: Each team will have an adult coach pitch a maximum of 3 pitches to their own batters.

Omit 2.D. The umpire will call strikes on the batter, 3 strikes or 5 pitches and the batter is out, 3rd strike foul is out, only if it is the 5th pitch.

Discussion: Atom Girls use the larger throw down plate. The Larger plate would give the pitchers a bigger zone and the umps can call a more precise game. The smaller batters would have difficulty to reach other side of the plate. ISA has the funds to buy one per team in the Atom Girls division.

Favour: 9 Opposed: 6

New Bylaw 10.2.K.: ISA will provide bigger plates to all Atom Girl teams, to be brought back at the end of the season to the convenor, to be brought back to the executive September meeting. Home team will be responsible to provide throw-down plate for games.

New Business:

1. Can we be in touch with WOAA about their teams?
2. Thank you Carl Herder for all the work that you have done for ISA. He has been involved for 18+ years. He thanks all and has met a variety of people and loves the game. He just wants to see the sport get better!!
3. If you are convening, please don't coach the same team/level.
4. Next Meetings: April 15 at 130 at Elora Legion, Sept 23rd at 130 at Elora Legion
5. April 15 meeting, please bring:
 - a. Overage, First and Last Name, Year of Birth, and moving to what team?
 - b. Coaches/Team Info to give to convenor
 - c. Coaches info
 - i. Full Name
 - ii. Phone Number (cell and home)
 - iii. Email Address
 - d. Team Info
 - i. Division
 - ii. Home Night
 - iii. Time
 - iv. Diamond Name
 - e. Cheque - \$ per team to register (this covers all medallions/trophies given at year end tournament.)

Adjournment: 1st Arthur – Ruth Risidore 2nd Alma – Trish Kieswetter

ISA 2017 Expenses

	Cheque	Payee	Amount	Service Provider
March 17	238	S. Obergan	\$411.62	Softball Ont - Dep
				Softball Ont – Mem Fee
				Host Gator - website
	239	Alma – Minor Ball	\$33.25	2016 PW Refund
	240	Arthur – Minor Ball	\$33.25	2016 PW Refund
	241	VOID		
	242	Durham	\$35.00	Refund Team Bond/Meeting
	243	VOID		
	244	VOID		
May 17	245	S. Obergam	\$2,647.19	Softball Ont – dep
				Rule Books
				CW Township – Coaches
				Soft Ont – Min
				Soft Ont – Min
				Zehrs Water/Juice
June 17	246	Softball Ontario	\$2,124.64	Umpire Clinic
Aug 17	247	Arthur Minor Ball	\$2,124.65	Mites
			\$1,540.30	Squirt Boys
	248	Grand Valley Minor Ball	\$1,266.65	PeeWee Boys
	249	VOID		
	250	Ponsonby Minor Ball	\$1,800.00	Atom Boys
	251	Ron Wilkin Jewellers	\$2,695.05	Trophies
	252	Alma Minor Ball	\$3,052.70	Atom Girls
	276	Drayton Minor Ball	\$3,127.36	Squirt Girls
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$21,348.27	

Tourney	\$13,368.48	\$13,307.47	\$13,945.67	\$13,818.31	
Umpire	\$4,212.15	\$2,720.21	\$5,925.00	\$4,159.00	More Attendees
Office	\$525.98	\$678.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Trophy	\$2,695.05	\$2,936.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	More Teams
Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,845.00	\$3,275.00	90 vs 74
Coaches Clinic	\$546.83	\$1,953.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	Less books/videos
	\$21,348.49	\$21,596.19	\$23,715.67	\$21,252.31	

Team/Meeting Bond **\$3,745.00 – held in trust**
20 Active Centre's – 3 Centre with bonds in trust (Orangeville, Glen Williams, Cambridge)

Current Bank Balance **\$15,455.65 (including trust money)**

Net \$ Available **\$11,710.65**