

# ISA MINUTES

## Meeting

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*September 18, 2022/1:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Steve Warmington*

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### Welcome

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Welcome, from Steve Warmington to the ISA yearend meeting. There were a few wrinkles this year attributed to our two-year COVID induced hiatus. However, in the end, we had a very successful season.

A big thank you goes out to Shirley Obergan for being our ISA webmaster and treasurer. Also, thank you to Ruth Risidore, Darryl Bell, and Teresa Warmington for your support in making ISA a success.

Thank you to all the convenors (and centres) who facilitate the league play and yearend tournaments. Hopefully, in 2023 new convenors will step forward and offer their services.

Also, thank you to all the ISA members and coaches.

Without all these volunteers, the league could not function.

Our Annual Meeting—in February 2023—is when we discuss and vote on proposed changes to the ISA Bylaws and Constitution. Please have representatives from your centre attend this very important meeting. Note each centre has two votes on each of the proposed changes; therefore, attendance is very important.

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### Attendants:

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**PRESENT:** Alma-Paul Driedger; Arthur-Jeff McKee, Teena McKee, Hugh Van Hout; **Chepstow**-Tracy Potts; **Drayton-Moorefield**-Ashley Freeman; **Grand Valley**-Darryl Bell; **Kincardine**-Brandon Owens; **Markdale**-Kathy Fraser, Kelly Miller; **Mildmay**-Scott Smith; **Minto**-Elaine Elliott, Rhonda Schill; **Mount Forest** – Ruth Risidore; **Ponsonby**-Scott Holman, Shirley Obergan, Steve Warmington, Teresa Warmington; **Puslinch**-Sara Bailey, Cameron Tuck; **Saugeen Shores**-Marla Barfoot; **Walkerton**-Jacqueline Ellis.

**ABSENT:** **Brussels**-no team this year; **Dundalk**-sent apologies; **Durham**; **Listowel**-sent apologies; **Lucknow**-no team this year; **Saugeen First Nation**; **Tara**; **Wingham**-no team this year.

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### Minutes:

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- April 24, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved
- Accepted by Arthur
- Seconded by Puslinch
- All agreed.

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### Treasurer Report:

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- Financial Report as of September 9, 2022, was reviewed and approved
- Accepted by Kincardine
- Seconded by Minto
- All agreed.

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## Umpire in Chief Report:

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- The April 23<sup>rd</sup> umpire clinic at Elora Legion was well attended by both Junior and Level 1 participants
- The April 30<sup>th</sup> umpire clinic at Elora Legion was well attended by Level 1 participants. Many were from Cambridge. The biggest questions centered around pitching distance changes
- Thanks to Tara for also holding an umpire clinic.

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## Year End Report By Convenors:

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### **U7 – Teena McKee – Arthur:**

Drayton-Moorefield Orange - GOLD; Drayton Moorefield Black - SILVER; Minto - BRONZE

All went smooth.

### **U9 – Teena McKee – Arthur:**

**A Division:** Drayton-Moorefield Black - GOLD; Mount Forest Black - SILVER; Minto - BRONZE

**B Division:** Alma - GOLD; Listowel Biagrave - SILVER; Ponsonby Grey - BRONZE

There was confusion as to the ISA rules for U9. It is very important that coaches attend the Convenor Meeting.

### **U11 Boys – Steve Warmington – Ponsonby:**

**A Pool:** Ponsonby Gold - GOLD; Ponsonby Green - SILVER; Drayton Moorefield Black - BRONZE

**B Pool:** Dundalk - GOLD; Puslinch White - SILVER

All went well. Thanks to Shirley Obergan, Scott Holman and others for contributing to the success.

### **U11 Girls – Marla Barfoot – Saugeen Shores:**

**Tier 1:** Chepstow - GOLD; Arthur - SILVER; Saugeen Shores Grey - BRONZE

**Tier 2:** Saugeen Shores Black - GOLD; Tara 2 - SILVER; Durham - BRONZE

Season went well. There was a challenge getting coaches to send in Game Reports in a timely manner.

### **U13 Boys – Darryl Bell – Grand Valley:**

Ponsonby - GOLD; Alma C - SILVER; Drayton-Moorefield – BRONZE

Darryl reminds members ISA is a travelling house league.

### **U13 Girls – Shirley Obergan – Ponsonby:**

**A Division:** Walkerton 1 - GOLD; Kincardine Pym – SILVER; Mount Forest Jim - BRONZE

**B Division:** Mount Forest Ann - GOLD; Ponsonby – SILVER; Tara 2 – BRONZE

Thanks to Listowel, Saugeen Shores and Mount Forest for hosting games on Friday night.

Games on Saturday were hosted in Elora and Ponsonby.

### **U15 Boys – Dan Gallina – Drayton Moorefield:**

Ponsonby - GOLD; Minto - SILVER; Drayton-Moorefield - BRONZE

Ashley Freeman reported for Dan. Season went smoothly.

### **U15 Girls – Hugh Van Hout – Arthur:**

**A Division:** Tara Twins – GOLD; Walkerton 1 - SILVER; Grand Valley - BRONZE

**B Division:** Walkerton 2 – GOLD; Mount Forest – SILVER; Kincardine – BRONZE

Hugh suggests home teams always send in Game Reports. Steve Warmington said this is a discussion for the February 2023 meeting.

#### **U18 Boys – Shirley Obergan – Ponsonby:**

Arthur – GOLD; Drayton-Moorefield – SILVER

5 teams participated in regular season play. 4 teams competed in round robin for yearend tournament.

#### **U18 Girls – Mike Klein – Walkerton:**

Steve Warmington reported for Mike. All 3 teams were from Walkerton. Therefore, season consisted of exhibition games with no yearend tournament. Hopefully, other centres will have teams in 2023.

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### **Trophies and Participation Awards**

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Thank you to those that have returned trophies and extra participation awards. For those still outstanding, please arrange to return to Steve Warmington.

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### **New Business**

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#### **Format to Submit Proposed Amendments to ISA Bylaws and Constitution:**

- Any proposed amendments to the ISA Bylaws or Constitution must be written out clearly as would be recorded in the Bylaws or Constitution documents. Such proposed amendments must be suggested by one centre and seconded by another centre to be considered
- Proposed amendments must be submitted by the **deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**, and forwarded by email to Stephen Warmington or Teresa Warmington
- By **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, such received proposed amendments will be forwarded to all ISA centres by the president, Steve Warmington. It is the responsibility of each centre to review the proposed amendments and be prepared for the discussions and to vote on them at the Annual Meeting in February 2023.

#### **Umpire Clinics:**

- It is the consensus of members to have clinics separated by a two-week gap (late April and early May)
- Ruth Risidore suggests having a one-day clinic where ISA rules are covered. There should be a northern and southern clinic; Ruth is willing to run one of them.

#### **Tentative Dates for Umpire Clinics:**

- Saturday, April 22, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Elora Legion
- Saturday, May 6, 2022 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Elora Legion.

#### **ISA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Shirts For Sale:**

Please contact Shirley Obergan if you are interested in buying one of these shirts. Cost is \$38.

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### **Next Meeting**

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Annual Meeting *tentatively* set for Sunday, February 26, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in the Elora Legion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. Passed unanimously.

Members and volunteers—current and past—gathered after the meeting to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ISA. Our organization has promoted amateur softball with over 100 teams in 21 towns in Wellington, Bruce, and Grey counties. Approximately 50,000 children have been given the opportunity to play competitive fast ball in our travelling house league during these 50 years. Congratulations to us!

Thank you, Shirley Obergan for organizing this event. Ruth Risidore's quote expresses our gratitude to Shirley and what ISA has meant for Ruth personally:

"I just want to say a huge thank you to Shirley Obergan for organizing the 50<sup>th</sup> today. I thoroughly enjoyed learning all the history of the league, and meeting the people who created the league I once played in, a league I've umpired in for 20 plus years, a league I've coached in for 20 plus years, and now sit on the executive. Thanks again Shirley; you do so much for the league!".

Socializing and reminiscing was enjoyed by all. Let's do it again in 50 years!