

Intercounty Softball Association – September 2016

Welcome from Steve Warmington, President

1. Thanks to everyone for showing up to this meeting.
2. Trophy concern – trophies are going missing and are getting hard to keep track of, so all trophies/plaques are going to be kept with the convenor from now on, instead of going to the winning centres, and kept at Steve or Shirleys place.
3. February meeting will be having the election for office for President (Steve) and Treasurer (Shirley) of ISA, both Steve and Shirley are willing to stand again, but if someone else would like to have the opportunity to have this spot, they will gladly hand over the reins.

Attendance: Alma – Josh Blenkiron, Kirsten Hand; Arthur – Teena McKee; Grand Valley – Darryl Bell; Hillsburgh – Robin Brooks; Listowel – Tammy Morrell; Mildmay – Steve Schwippl (Vice Chair); Mount Forest – Kim Kane (secretary); Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan (Treasurer), Steve Warmington (Chair); Port Elgin – Lynn Pope; Priceville – Duanne Bryan; UIC – Carl Herder

Missing – Chepstow, Drayton/Moorefield, Durham, Minto, Pushlinch, Rockwood, Walkerton, Wingham, Woolwich.

No Teams 2016 - Belmore, Cambridge, Glen Williams, Linwood/Twin Centre, Orangeville

Possibly New Centtres – Shelbourne, Kincardine

Minutes – were presented with correction to Josh Blenkiron and Teena McKee names. Approved: 1st – Arthur; 2nd – Alma

Treasurer Report – was presented, with 2 cheques still needing to be presented for PeeWee Boys and Squirt Girls tournaments. Approved: 1st – Grand Valley; 2nd – UIC. Please see end of report for financial statement.

UIC Report –

1. The clinic in the Spring was held and the attendance was poor, every year the attendance is getting smaller with only 17 in the Junior class, 6 in the Intermediate class, 21 in the Level 1 class, and with not enough people who have signed up for the Level 2 class – it was cancelled.
2. Carl is encouraging all centres to come to Umpire clinic, and make it known within their centres.
3. Next year's clinic will possibly be held on April 29, and must be 12 years old at time of clinic to ump for the year.

4. At the clinic, the Provincial UIC lead a clinic with the Jr's and Intermediate classes. He had some different aspects of teaching and used props to show more.
5. Questions:
 - a. How many times can a coach visit the mound in a game?
 - i. Squirt and below – unlimited
 - ii. PeeWee and above – 3 times per game
 - b. Hop for pitcher
 - i. Foot cannot be raised from ground during any level
 - ii. Replanting is illegal
 - c. Is 'the hop' discussed at the clinic with the umpires?
 - i. Yes, a little with explanation on what to watch for with the pitchers.

Coaches Clinic – Was held the same day as the Umpire Clinic, but at the Alma Community Centre. With 25 coaches from 10 different centres – it was held as a free event to these coaches. Thanks to Alma for hosting. It was \$1000 for the event and with money in our account, it was covered from ISA; it was money well spent, as all coaches walked away feeling like they learned something. For 2017, will try and do again, on the same day – at the gym of the Fergus High School possibly – will be up for discussion in February.

Tournament Updates: (Please bring back all left over medallions to the February meeting)

1. Mixed Mites – Arthur – Teena McKee
 - a. For tournament some issues arose, with teams dropping out. Both Rockwood teams couldn't field teams for tournament. Unfortunately the 2nd team cancelled on the Wednesday prior to the Tournament, so they were still charged for tournament. Please remember that diamonds are booked through the township and cancelling makes it difficult with the booking with the township.
 - b. With 13 teams in the division, they ran an A & B division tournament.
 - i. A division – 1st Arthur Major – has trophy – Teena will bring back in February; 2nd Grand Valley
 - ii. B division – 1st Minto; 2nd Alma
2. Atom Boys – Arthur – Teena McKee
 - a. Very rainy weekend with things postponed to the next day. With keeping in accordance with no more than 3 games in a day, things were shifted accordingly after much discussion with coaches.
 - b. With 7 teams in division
 - i. 1st Arthur Major – has trophy – Teena will bring back in February; 2nd Ponsonby Gold

3. Squirt Boys – Ponsonby – Shirley Obergan
 - a. With 9 teams in the division, ran an A & B division tournament
 - i. A division – 1st Arthur Major – Shirley kept trophy for storage over the winter. 2nd Grand Valley
 - ii. B division – 1st Arthur Minor – Shirley kept plaque for storage over the winter. 2nd Drayton/Moorefield
4. PeeWee Boys / Bantam Boys –Ponsonby/Alma - Steve Warmington
 - a. Lots of rain for this weekend, but it still ran as best as it could
 - b. With 3 teams in the PeeWee division (as Rockwood dropped out before the season started) and 1 team in the Bantam boys, they played each other all year. With concern on how big the Bantam Boys are, and how small some of the PeeWee Boys pitchers are. They decided that they would use a Wonder Ball (Mush Ball) with a bigger boy batting and a smaller pitcher, for the safety of all on the field. Parents/players/coaches were happy with the results of this.
 - i. PeeWee Boys – 1st Arthur – Teena will bring trophy back at the February meeting
 - ii. Bantam Boys – Alma – Josh will bring back at the February Meeting
5. Atom Girls – Grand Valley/Alma – Darryl Bell
 - a. With 14 teams in the division, it was split for the year, with 7 teams North and 7 teams South, worked out well for the year. For the tournament only 1 division ran, with all teams playing each other, and the coaches agreed to this at the coaches meeting... and it ran really well.
 - b. It was a 3 day tournament with 3 diamonds being used and it went really well!!!
 - i. 1st Durham – no trophy was presented as it wasn't found before the tournament, it is believed to be at John's place in Grand Valley, Darryl will look and keep in contact with Steve concerning this. (Another plaque was used in Alma for pictures and presentation, thank you Alma) 2nd Pink Port Elgin; 3rd Arthur Major
 - c. Discussion about Tournament:
 - i. Concern about starting a game at 8:30 at night as these kids are only 9 – 10 yrs old, they don't normally play this late during the year, why are they playing so late on Friday night for tournament. They don't normally play with lights, so this is something new. With no complaints during tournament, the kids look forward to playing with the lights. Also, trying to fit all the games in 3 days, and working with what they had. Game could start at 6 and then at 8, to not make it so late. The kids did enjoy the tournament all in all.

6. Squirt Girls – Drayton/Moorefield – Barb Driscoll
 - a. Tournament ran smoothly, other than the rain on Saturday, so pushed most of Saturday to Sunday.
 - b. Ran 2 divisions
 - i. A Division – 1st Arthur – Teena will bring back trophy in February; 2nd Listowel K
 - ii. B Division – 1st Chepstow; 2nd Drayton/Moorefield
 - c. Concern from D/M – “Going forward, suggest the following: All centres should have registration dates around the same time, I (Barb) as an exec invested too much time going back and forth with Alma, Palmerston, Listowel and Mount Forest trying to pull together teams that never materialized.” Discussion: the centres are doing everything in their power to offer the kids that don’t have a team in home centre, but with parents not wanting to do the drive in the summer like they do in the winter with hockey, it is hard for teams to be created with local centres.
 - d. Concern from D/M: “We need to take a step back and re-visit over age players... set some parameter for #'s and reasoning... if registration was fine tuned as stated above, more local teams may come together”. Discussion: at the April meeting, players are discussed at length as to what is the safety of the kids. This will be brought back up at the February meeting.
7. PeeWee Girls – Walkerton – Mike Merchant
 - a. Tournament and season ran fairly well.
 - b. 1st Listowel D – Donna will bring back trophy at the February meeting.
 - c. Concern: Saw some disrespect towards other teams and the UIC – with this being witnessed between the coaches and the kids, it was directly dealt with coach/centre of that team.
8. Bantam Girls – Durham/Mount Forest – Sherri Waldon
 - a. Good weekend, no rain
 - b. 1st Listowel – Tammy/Donna will bring trophy back at the February meeting; 2nd Mildmay
9. Midget Girls/Jr Ladies – Mildmay – Steve Schwippl
 - a. Midgets ran a 2 outta 3 series with the 2 teams in the division. With Minto winning the division winning 2 games straight. – Sheree Butchart took home the trophy.
 - b. Grand Valley pulled their team out prior to season starting.
 - c. Jr Ladies played a tournament on the rainy weekend. 1st Mildmay – Steve will bring trophy back in February. 2nd Listowel
 - d. Concern: Teams pulling players off the field during the game. Discussion: in our rules we have unlimited substitution. If you start a game with 8 players, we have in our rules, that #9 is an out. If at the plate both teams agree that #9 isn’t an out, then play as such, if one team doesn’t agree, fall back on the rules of ISA.

New Business:

1. Things to put into our constitution/bylaws
 - a. Centres make sure coaches know the ISA rules
 - b. Centres supply any/all rule changes to coaches prior to season start.
 - c. To make sure umpires/coaches/teams are all aware of any special rule changes ie: infield fly rule for squirt and below & #9 out on batting list.
2. Issues during 2016 season:
 - i. Umpire rude to a player – Centre took care of situation with umpire and he was suspended for a week without pay.
 - ii. Coach with inappropriate behaviour on field – took place in home centre, centre had a discussion with coach. Unfortunately it took place late in the season. Convenor was not made aware of any of these occurrences. Chair of ISA was involved in discussions.
 - a. Do we have disciplinary action in place in case this is an issue on-going? Yes, in bylaw 5 is a list of actions to be taken when necessary.
 - i. If centre would like to do more, it's up to centre how they handle situations.
 - b. Please communicate with convenor about issues that happen, preferably by the game card and then by email/text. It's important to make convenor aware of any/all situations on the field, so they can be dealt with accordingly. If it's too much for the convenor, then involve the chair/president of ISA so a committee can be made to handle situations properly.
3. Overagers – if new players to organization, it would be a better consideration to have them brought down. Please try to limit to 3 overagers per team, as this is a loose rule in our organization, as ISA does not want to turn any child away from baseball.
4. New Centre Update –
 - a. Priceville, enjoyed ISA this year and will be joining us again next if they have a team.
 - b. Shelbourne – would like to bring 2 to 4 teams next year into ISA.
5. Grant Info: Grand Valley is looking into updating their field and wondering about any extra grants or funding available. Trillium/Ontario 150 Yr Fund have grants available. Also Hydro 1 Power Play has an option to invest 25% of project if interested to apply. If you have hardball in your centre – the Jays have a grant available as well.
6. Next Meetings: February 26, 2017; April 23, 2017; September 17, 2017 – all meetings will be at 1:30 pm at the Elora Legion. Please try to send someone from your centre to each meeting, or your centre will be fined for a no show.

7. Does hosting our website cost \$400 per year? Yes. Can we do more with it? Yes, looking for someone to take care of it ASAP. Hillsburgh is a good website to look at (Robin will ask her contact if she is interested in helping with the ISA website – to make more appealing.)

Adjourn: 1st – Hillsburgh – Robyn; 2nd – Grand Valley – Darryl

NOTE: Please submit all rule changes to Steve Warmington and Kim Kane by October 31st for February review and discussion.

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	<u>\$ 84.72</u>	\$ 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 Kinetics Publish	\$ 486.97		coaches
		16-Feb-16		Softball Ont Coaches books	\$ 946.62		coaches
		7-Mar-16		Soft Ont min participant error on invoice	<u>\$ 36.72</u>	\$ 1,916.66	umpire
17-Mar-16	347		Linwood Minor Sport	Twin Centre Team/Meeting Bond refund	\$ 80.00		
				Linwood Minor Team/Meet bond refund	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	\$ 130.00	bond refund
16-Apr-16	348	12-Apr	S. Obergan	Champions Choice - Centre Plaque's		\$ 870.10	trophies
24-Apr-16	349		Belmore Minor Ball	Bond Refund		\$ 50.00	bond 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		tournament
				Atom Boys Tourny	<u>\$ 1,518.51</u>	\$ 4,019.03	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		umpire
				trophy	<u>\$ 49.72</u>	\$ 724.33	trophies
	233		Mt Forest Minor Ball	Bantam Girls Tourny		\$ 855.70	tournament
16-Sep-16	234		Mildmay Minor Ball	Jr Girls Tourny		<u>\$ 462.47</u>	tournament
							\$ 19,504.17
			2016 expenses				

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	<u>\$ 462.47</u>	tournament
	2016 Income	\$ 18,668.68	