

ISA MINUTES

Meeting

September 17, 2023/1:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Steve Warmington

Welcome

Welcome, from Steve Warmington to the ISA yearend meeting. Thanks to all of you for contributing your time so our children can play ball.

It was an interesting year with several concerns arising from different coaches/convenors on the need for changes to the ISA Bylaws and Constitution. Here are some of the concerns:

- Clarification of “replanting” pitching rule
- Limiting the number of batters that can be hit by a pitcher before the pitcher is replaced in a game
- Procedure to follow when a coach or team refuses to follow ISA rules
- Substances allowed to be used by pitchers, for example rosin bags or spider’s wax
- Strong hitters walked intentionally.

These concerns need to be discussed by the various centres and addressed via ByLaw or Constitution proposed changes. **These recommended changes must be submitted in writing, with two different centres approving the proposal, to the president by November 1st, 2023.**

The submitted proposals will be discussed at the February 2024 meeting and voted on by ISA members (2 votes per centre).

Attendants

PRESENT: Alma-Betty-Sue Driedger; Arthur-Jason Hasson, Teena McKee; **Chepstow**-Matt Reinhart; **Chesley**-Shane Smith; **Drayton-Moorefield**-Ashley Freeman; **Dundalk**-Stephanie Aguilar, Chad Henry; **Hanover**-Amy Paterson; **Kincardine**-Brandon Owens; **Listowel**-Justin Wick; **Markdale**-Kelly Miller; **Minto**-Chantelle Koeslag; **Mt. Forest**-Ruth Risidore; **Ponsonby**-Scott Holman, Shirley Obergan, Steve Warmington, Teresa Warmington; **Puslinch**-Carly Seeley, Cameron Tuck; **Saugeen Shores**-Marla Barfoot; Walkerton-Rachael Bye.

ABSENT: Brussels; Durham; Grand Valley-sent apologies; Lucknow; Mildmay; Tara; Wingham.

Minutes

- April 25, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved
- Accepted by Drayton-Moorefield
- Seconded by Puslinch.

Treasurer Report

- Financial Report as of September 5, 2023, was reviewed and approved
- Accepted by Kincardine
- Seconded by Arthur
- Shirley Obergan, treasurer, states it appears team fees need to increase in 2024 due to the cost increase for trophy engraving, medals and room reservations. Currently, the fee is \$45.

Umpire in Chief Report

Darryl Bell submitted this report:

“No issues regarding games until late in the season when a division, for some reason, thought that we changed some rules. It was dealt with and clarified. Also, a small issue with a tournament call—a protest was put forward and then withdrawn.

From what I heard, most centres had enough umpires to get through the season, always end up short for tournaments, but we get through them!”.

ISA UMPIRE CLINICS

Shirley Obergan said the Umpire Clinics in April (Intermediate) and May (Level 1) were well attended—40 participants in each. **For 2024, note the names, descriptions and ages have changed for the various clinics.**

Steve Warmington reminds us that coaches must always show respect for the umpires; some of them are very young and learning. We want them to continue being umpires with the ISA.

Year End Report By Convenors & Convenors For 2024

Convenors submitted their reports. A pdf document called “2023 DIVISION RESULTS” is attached to the email forwarded with these minutes.

Steve Warmington expresses his thanks to all the convenor volunteers; without you, ISA cannot function. Next year, please seriously consider convening a division so the volunteering can be more fairly spread; in 2023, two centres convened 6 out of 10 divisions.

Arthur (Teena McKee) has offered to convene U7 and U9 Mixed in 2024 (thank you) in 2024.

Puslinch (Cameron Tuck) has offered to convene U13 Boys in 2024 (thank you) in 2024.

Trophies and Participation Awards

Steve Warmington reported all trophies and surplus awards have been returned, except Mt. Forest which convened the U15 Girls tournament.

Arthur has bought a trophy for the U7 Mixed Division (thank you) and is keeping the trophies for both U7 and U9 Mixed Divisions (Teena McKee is convening again next year).

New Business

The "Individual Centre ISA Teams_April Meeting" form is used by each centre to list divisions that have registered for the year. **Shirley Obergan reminds the centres that ONLY one form is completed by each centre for ALL DIVISIONS.** At the April meeting, each centre is to bring a paper copy of this document to give to each division convenor, secretary, and treasurer.

Shirley Obergan is no longer updating the Intercounty Softball Association website after February 2024. If you would like this website to continue, a volunteer is needed to be the new Webmaster. Thank you, Shirley, for all your years of service.

Teena McKee becomes Secretary in February 2024. Thank you, Teena.

Steve Warmington is stepping down as ISA President in February 2024. Thank you, Steve, for your 10 plus years of volunteering in this position.

Ruth Risidore is willing to run for ISA President at the February 2024 meeting. If she is voted in, there will be a need for a new ISA Vice-President.

Note that some duties performed currently by the ISA President could be delegated to others to make the task less time consuming. This can be discussed at the February meeting.

Next Meeting

The Annual Meeting occurs on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Elora Legion.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm. Passed unanimously.