

ISA MINUTES

Meeting

February 25, 2024/1:30 p.m. | Meeting called to order by Steve Warmington

Welcome

Welcome, from Steve Warmington to this ISA meeting. This is an important meeting where possible amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws will be discussed and voted on.

It is good to see today's meeting is so well attended. Note the importance of attendance at all meetings; they not only relay important information to individuals and centres but also attendance shows respect for the volunteers who have organized the meetings.

Attendants

PRESENT: **Alma**-Paul Driedger; **Arthur**-Jenny Boetz, Teena McKee; **Chepstow**-Tracy Potts; **Drayton-Moorefield**-Ashley Freeman; **Dundalk**-Stephanie Aguilar; **Durham**-Mallory Hutcheson, Lee Neuman; **Elora**-Jimmy Aberdein, Keith Thompson; **Grand Valley**-Darryl Bell, Dean Smith, Sean Wright; **Hanover**-Amy Paterson; **ISA**-Steve Warmington; **Kincardine**-Brandon Owens; **Markdale**-Kathy Fraser, Kelly Miller; **Meaford**-Brandy Martin; **Minto**-Mike Wilson; **Mt. Forest**-Lindsay Foulon, Ruth Risidore; **Ponsonby**-Joe Harris, Scott Holman, Teresa Warmington; **Puslinch**-Paul Gilmour, Shayne Monaghan, Cameron Tuck; **Rockwood/Eramosa**-Lydia Parker; **Tara**-Heather Zettle.

ABSENT: **Brussels**; **Chesley**; **Listowel**-no teams this year; **Lucknow**; **Mildmay**-taken off contact list; **Saugeen Shores**-sent apologies; **Walkerton**; **Wingham**.

Minutes

- September 17, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Accepted by Arthur.
- Seconded by Drayton-Moorefield.

Treasurer Report

- Financial Report as of December 31, 2023, was reviewed and approved.
- Accepted by Puslinch
- Seconded by Kincardine
- Centres were notified prior to this meeting that team fees have increased to \$70.

Umpire in Chief Report

Darryl Bell confirmed the following Umpire Clinics:

- **April 27, 2024 @ Centre Wellington DHS**
 - Junior Clinic.
 - Cost is \$90.
- **May 4, 2024 @ Centre Wellington DHS**
 - Level 1 Clinic
 - Cost is \$105

To register for the above clinics, go into the Softball Umpire Portal and register.

For further information on the above clinics, contact Darryl Bell.

Heather Zettle confirmed there will be an Umpire Clinic in Tara on May 5, 2024:

- Contact Heather for further information.

Election of Officers

President—Ruth Risidore:

- Nominated
- Approved
- No further nominations
- All agreed
- Ruth is acclaimed for the position of President.
- Steve Warmington will serve as Past President to support Ruth during the transition.

Vice-President—Brandon Owens:

- Nominated
- Approved
- No further nominations
- All agreed.
- Brandon is acclaimed for the position of Vice-President.

Secretary—Teena McKee

- At the February 2023 meeting, Teena McKee was nominated and approved as Deputy Secretary for a one-year term followed by a one-year term as Secretary when Teresa Warmington steps down in 2024.
- Teena is acclaimed for the position of Secretary.

Note: At the February 2025 meeting, there are elections held for the position of Treasurer and Secretary.

Proposed Changes To Constitution and Rules

Constitution & Bylaws:

Note that some changes are considered “clean-up” and therefore not voted on.

Constitution Article 9, #5):

- Proposed amendment to increase the bond rate to \$80 per team for no-show teams.
- CARRIED

Bylaws:

- The term “Rules and Protest Committee” is replaced by the term “The ISA Executive” throughout the document.

Bylaw 2 (4):

- Proposed amendment to add new section (4) to clarify the teams who refuse to make a reasonable effort to complete scheduled games will be reported to the Convenor and Executive at which time Bylaw 5 b) will be applied.
- CARRIED

*****Bylaw 3 A (2):**

- New Section 3 A (2) being added to clarify pitching rules as set out by Ontario Softball 2023 (does not need to be voted on).
- No replanting allowed.

*****Bylaw 3 A (3):**

- Proposed amendment to add a new section 3 A (3) to prohibit the use of substances by pitchers to provide additional grip of the ball.
- CARRIED.

*****Section on U11 Girls Pitching Exception is renamed Bylaw 3 A (1) due to the above amendments.**

******Bylaw 5 B):**

- Proposed amendment to add a new 5 B) that a Council Centre must respond to concerns/violations brought forward by an executive member pertaining to coaches, application of rules or conduct within 5 days of receiving concern or a fine of \$100 will be levied.
- CARRIED.

******Bylaw 5 B) is renamed Article 5 C) due to the acceptance of the above amendment.**

Bylaw 9, #4:

- Proposed amendment to change the play being dead when the ball reaches any defensive player in the infield.
- DECLINED.

Bylaw 9, #21:

- Proposed amendment so no bases are allowed due to an overthrow.
- DECLINED

NEW BUSINESS

Elora, Meaford and Rockwood/Eramosa are accepted as new centres into the ISA organization. Welcome!

Several centres have volunteered to convene 2024 tournaments:

- Arthur (Tina McKee) – U7 and U9 Mixes
- Dundalk (convenor unknown) – U18G
- Drayton-Moorefield (convenor unknown) – U15G
- Kincardine (Brandon Owens) – U11G
- Ponsonby (Shirley Obergan) – U11B, U13B, U13G
- Puslinch (James Seely) – U13B

Don McConnell of Ontario Rural Softball Association gave a presentation about tournaments the ORSA organizes. Boy and girl teams are eligible to participate. For more information, email Don at [**donmconnell34@gmail.com**](mailto:donmconnell34@gmail.com)

Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:50 pm and passed by all.

Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 21, 2024, 1:30 pm at the Alma Community Centre.