

## **ISA MEETING – FEBRUARY 22/26**

Location – Alma Community Centre

- **WELCOME -**

Ruth Risidore welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2026.

- **ATTENDANCE -**

Present: President - Ruth Risidore, Treasure - Shirley Obergan, Secretary - Lindsay Foulon, Durham – Lee Neuman & Mallory Hutcheson, Arthur – Jenny Bodz, Grand Valley – Dean Smith & Carol Smith, Drayton/Moorefield – Heather Griffin, Guelph – Jessica Black & Heather Cassidy, Elmira – Ryan Bambach, Rockwood – Matt Thatcher & Andrew MacDougal, Alma – Colin Barron, Ponsonby – Arlaine Clayford & Joe Harris, Puslinch – Sara Bailey, Hanover – Amy Patterson, Minto – Mike Wilson, Mount Forest – Mandy Reeves, Dundalk – Mandy Frankland, Tara – Lee-Ann Cochrane & Heather Zettle, Listowel – Julie Donaldson & Bree Donaldson, Saugeen Shores – Adam Sachs.

- **NEW CENTRES -**

2 new centres requesting to join ISA this year. Elmira (U15 boys) & Listowel. (U18 girls)  
After a discussion and vote with current centres both centres have been accepted into ISA.

- **MINUTES -**

September 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed and approved  
Motioned by Mike from Minto, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara from Puslinch

- **TREASURES REPORT -**

Shirley sent out a detailed spreadsheet with all the transactions from the past year. After the bonds are set aside, there is \$3,395 in balance. Approx \$8,500 available for ISA to use.  
Accepted by Lee Neuman (Durham) second by Joe Harris (Ponsonby).

Shirley suggested making a donation to the Alma Optimist Club of \$200 for allowing the organization to use the hall for free. Motion was approved by Dean Smith (Grand Valley), second by Heather Griffin (Drayton/Moorefield).

Shirley suggested charging \$5 per player for the all-star game after 2 years in, and that will cover costs (diamonds rental, umpire, mementos). If there is a shortfall, it will be taken out of excess funds and reconsidered for 2027.

All in favour.

- **OFFICER ELECTIONS -**

Executive positions up this year – President & Treasure. Jenny Bodz nominated Ruth Risidore for president & Shirley Obergan for Treasurer. No other nominations. Both accepted to continue in their positions. Lindsay Foulon was appointed as Secretary after Teena McKee stepped down.

- **UMPIRE CLINICS -**  
Softball Canada is changing their umpire clinic program. Now to be Level 1 and Level 2. Level 1 will be a 4 hour in class course AFTER a 4 hour online course is complete. Level 2 will be a full 8 hour day with same content as adult level 2 clinics.  
Fergus is booked for April 25&26 for new Level 1 & Level 2 clinics.  
Palmerston is hosting a Level 1 youth clinic April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Chesley asked to have a clinic but no date yet  
Saugeen applied to host a clinic but has not received any word back  
Umpires are encouraged to take the clinic every year to gain confidence & maturity.

- **INSURANCE -**  
ISA needs to know who centres are insured with. Certificate not needed until April meeting.

- **UMPIRE IN CHIEF -**  
Currently an open position on the executive that needs to be filled. Position duties include planning of clinics, address any problems within the league with the executive, must know the current ISA rules and Softball Canada rules.

- **NEW BUSINESS -**

#### VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS

All coaches need to have a VSC completed prior to the start of the season.

Arthur Minor Ball website has a link that can be used to print off a letter needed for the VSC. OPP checks are free for volunteers with minor sports. Checks should be done every 2<sup>nd</sup> year. If waiting for a check prior to the start of the season send their receipt in as proof of application. Sterling Background Check is used by Listowel – cost is \$25. [www.mybackcheck.com](http://www.mybackcheck.com) was link provided.

ALL-STAR GAME will be hosted in Durham on July 18<sup>th</sup> (rain day July 19<sup>th</sup>). \$5 per player

- **PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**  
Proposed Rule request to change wording of D1(a) and D1(b) by Mount Forest. D1(a) was accepted. D1(b) - not accepted.
- U7 & U9 rules were discussed. Revised bylaws will be sent out prior to next meeting to include changes.
- **CONVENERS**  
Struggles to get conveners over the years. Looking into online programs like Teamlinkt and League Lobster .  
Current volunteers for conveners are:  
U9 (U7?) - Jenny Bodz (Arthur)  
U11 Boys – Shirley Obergan (Ponsonby)  
U11 Girls – Hanover offered to host tournament, but not convene. Looking for Convener  
U13 Girls – Shirley Obergan

U15 Girls – Heather Griffin (Drayton-Moorefield)  
U18 Boys – Heather Griffin (Drayton-Moorefield)  
U18 Girls – Chad Henry (Dundalk)  
Still looking for U11 girls, U13 boys, U15 boys

NEXT MEETING – April 26 at 1:30pm at the Alma Community Centre.

Please have list of all teams with the coaches contacts, and home nights. Bring copies for each convenor – these must include contact number, email, phone number, and diamond address as well. (If you have 10 teams – bring 10 copies).

SEPTEMBER MEETING – Sept 13<sup>th</sup> AGM in Alma @ 1:30pm.

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Lee Neuman (Durham), second by Mandy Reeves (Mount Forest).