

## **Augusta Softball Minutes – April 25, 2013**

**Present** – Mike Limburg, John Severson, Pat Hodgkinson, Amy Finucan, Gary Lamer, Kim Lamer, Nicole Kehoe, Roxanne Riddell, Darlene Foley, Steve Ferguson, Karen Greatrix, Greg Beach, Hugh Hanna, Steve Ferguson.

Regrets – Kevin Laming, Dereck Whitteker, Kent Young

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

**Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2013** – Motion by Darlene, seconded by Roxanne – carried

**Position of Secretary/Treasurer** – no one stepped forward

-Steve presented a motion to close the position for the 2013 season and to forgo the collection of tournament deposits and team fees. The topic was discussed and it was decided to close the bank account and to use the remaining balance to cover year end trophies in any division having playoffs. Some associations may have outstanding issues concerning last seasons deposits and they are to send emails to the executive with their concerns and the executive will review. Penny will be asked to provide all transactions from last season. Later in the meeting, it was decided that no tournament deposits will be required at any tournament. Any association pulling out of a tournament with late notice will pick up the cost for trophies that were pre-purchased. The current bank balance is \$51.95 with a possible refund coming for \$31.03 as cheques may have been pre-charged and never received.

**Team Submissions with home nights** – Changes can occur up to May 7. On May 7<sup>th</sup> all submissions are final.

Mosquitos - 6 teams

Spencerville – Monday, Back Diamond

Athens – 2 teams

Maynard – 2 teams – Wednesday nights with option to play on Mondays to avoid conflicts

North Augusta – 2 teams – avoid Wednesday

Mites – 5 teams

Spencerville – Monday, Front Diamond

Athens –

Maynard – 2 teams, Monday nights with option to play on Wednesday to avoid conflicts

North Augusta – avoid Tuesday and Wednesday

Squirts – 5 teams

Spencerville – Monday, Front Diamond

Athens

Johnstown – Wednesday

North Augusta

Lyn

Pewee Girls – 3 teams

North Augusta

Lyn -2 teams

Pewee Boys – 7 teams

Spencerville – Tuesday, Back Diamond

Athens

Johnstown - Thursday

Maynard – Monday/Wednesday

North Augusta - Monday

Lyn – 2 teams

Bantam Girls – 7 teams

Cardinal – Monday

Athens

Maynard – Thursday

North Augusta – Wednesday

Lyn – 2 teams

Riverside

Bantam Boys – 5 teams

Athens

Johnstown – 2 teams – Tuesday

Smiths Falls – Wednesday / Tuesday

Lyn

Midget Girls – 7 teams

Athens

Domville – Tuesdays/Monday

Maynard - Tuesday

North Augusta - Tuesday

Lyn

Williamsburg - Monday

Morrisburg

Midget Boys –6 teams - avoid Thursday due to men's league

Athens

Domville – Wednesday

Maynard – Monday

Smiths Falls – Tuesday

North Augusta – Monday

Lyn

All Associations must have final submissions confirmed by May 7<sup>th</sup>. Any associations that do not show home nights in the minutes are asked to submit them to [scores@augustasoftball.com](mailto:scores@augustasoftball.com) as soon as possible.

**Overage Requests** – names will be circulated directly to reps and coaches at May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or can be requested by emailing [scores@augustasoftball.com](mailto:scores@augustasoftball.com). Minutes are posted on a public website and kids playing down may not wish to be posted.

Spencerville – peewee girl playing squirt

Athens – peewee boy playing squirt

North Augusta – bantam boy playing peewee, Jr. playing Midget Boys with pitching restriction removed

Lyn – 5 Midget Girls playing bantam girls, split equally between the two bantam teams

All other requests need to be presented on May 16

Tournaments / Dates / Format – a draw was held for all midseason and year end tournaments. Dates of midseason and yearend tournaments will be finalized on May 16. Yearend Playoff and Tournament formats will be finalized on May 16.

Midseason Tournaments

Mosquito/Mite – North Augusta

Squirts – Athens

Peewee Girls – North Augusta

Peewee Boys – Spencerville

Bantam Girls – Lyn

Bantam Boys – Johnstown

Midget Girls – Williamsburg

Midget Boys – North Augusta

Year End Tournaments / Playoffs

Mosquito/Mite – North Augusta

Squirts – Athens

Peewee Girls – Format (tournament or playoffs) Deferred to May 16

Peewee Boys – Tournament - Johnstown

Bantam Boys – Format (tournament or playoffs) Deferred to May 16

Midget Girls – Tournament – Lyn

Midget Boys – Playoffs

**Rule Changes** from previous meeting still need to be posted on website. Player affiliation is the only major change affecting Augusta Softball. The topic was discussed with a motion from North Augusta of allowing girls from a girls team to affiliate on boys teams in the same age division. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Stepping out of the batters box and the safety base were

mentioned and this will be presented at the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. As it is a Softball Canada rule, it will not be posted on Augusta website.

**Insurance – Last year, proof of insurance was mandatory to play in the league. Teams not submitting proof of insurance to [scores@augustasoftball.com](mailto:scores@augustasoftball.com) by their first scheduled game, will have their games cancelled (forfeit) until insurance is obtained. Team lists need to be submitted at the same time. Additions to team lists can occur as players signup late. If email is not possible, please fax to 613-924-1032 and an email confirmation will be sent back within a day.**

**New Business –** Domville presented an alternative to the pitching rule in the Mite division. Pitchers would pitch until a count of 3 balls is reached. If a hit has not occurred, a tee will be used to allow the batter an opportunity to obtain a hit as opposed to being walked. This will be deferred until the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, allowing coaches at this level to discuss it amongst themselves.

**Bats –** Softball Canada is now allowing bats stamped with ISF 2013. After discussion, Augusta Softball will continue to ban these bats. Motion by Athens, Seconded by Spencerville, carried.

**Schedules –** All submissions are final as of May 7. Schedules will be prepared based on final submissions and should be final on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NEXT MEETING – COACHES MEETING – May 16<sup>th</sup> – North Augusta Community Hall**

On May 16<sup>th</sup> all recreations are to bring along their coaches. A review of Augusta Rules and expectations of coaches and players will be presented. Yearend playoff and tournament formats will be discussed and decided. All recreations that have been assigned tournaments are asked to circulate suggested dates now and then the dates will be finalized and posted after the meeting. Pee wee Girls, Bantam Girls and Bantam Boy divisions will vote on whether to have yearend tournaments or playoffs at this meeting. The dates and formats will have to be decided at this time.