

Augusta Softball Association
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2012

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Augusta Softball was called to order at 7:09PM on February 22, 2012 in Addison at Meadowview Public School by Hugh Hanna

Present:

Steve Ferguson, Penny Bell, Hugh Hanna, Karen Greatrix, Carl Trafford, Richard Hanna, Kevin Laming, Greg Beach, Vicky Kipke, Barry Fox, Tom Burchill, Sue Morrison and Rick Benoit

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

C. Open Issues

Nominations took place at this meeting, Current executive for 2012 ball season is:

- President - Hugh Hanna
- Scheduling - Steve Ferguson
- Umpire Representative - Karen Greatrix
- Rules & Discipline - Karen Greatrix
- Secretary/Treasurer - Penny Bell

Financial Report given by Steve Ferguson. Currently there is \$98.37 in the account. (Currently the funds are sitting in Athens account as we do not have one of our own.)

D. Starting Early - There was much discussion on if we should start 2 weeks early. It was decided:

- ❖ Regular season will start the week after the May long weekend.(example: Dec 31, games)
- ❖ The week before the long weekend is to be used to do make up games - games on the schedule that need to be made up.

E. Team Insurance - Everyone was informed that they need to have team insurance. The township does not cover the association.

F. Umpire Clinic -

- ❖ Greenbush offered to hold a level 1 umpire clinic and is to have a date within a couple of weeks.
- ❖ Athens said they would do a JD clinic if needed

G. Team List's - With much discussion the following was voted on and motioned by Karen Greatrix and seconded by Carl Trafford.

- ❖ Each association has to hand in a team list to the executive of Augusta for each team in their association, by June 1st - the team that has not submitted their list will have to forfeit their games until received.
- ❖ Each association has to all hand in proof of insurance before June 1st to the executive of Augusta.

H. General Rules - Motion made - That each child must sign up in their age division. Flexibility to move children should be for need of players not for parents. Brought forth by Karen Greatrix and seconded by Steve Ferguson.

I. Playoffs versus Tournaments:

- ❖ Playoffs will be from Pee-wee and up
- ❖ Tournaments from Squirt and below

Motioned by Richard Hanna and Seconded by Tom Burchill

- ❖ Midseason will be mandatory this year (2012) - but associations holding the midseason can still invite outside teams.
- ❖ Each association that has a team Pee-Wee and up will pay Augusta \$10.00 per team to cover trophies for playoffs. Augusta will provide a Champion and Runner up trophy for each level.

Motioned by Carl Trafford and seconded by Richard Hanna

- ❖ Would like to bring a motion forward to put a cap on the awards - this will be discussed at next meeting.
- ❖ Tournament and Playoff rules were circulated at this meeting to review and all are to have ideas for next meeting.
- ❖ In regards to the following it will be discussed at next meeting, but please bring you cheque books: Each team in Augusta is to give Augusta Association a cheque in the amount of \$50.00. This would be for midseason tournaments. Whichever association is holding the mid-season would get a cheque (for \$50.00/team) from Augusta for each team that is in that division, so if a team drops out at last minute, the team that dropped out would lose their \$50.00 but the association that is holding the mid-season would get a cheque of \$50.00/team from Augusta. You would have to give 3 weeks/22 days prior notice not to lose your money.
- ❖ Have some dates in mind if you wish to hold a tournament for next meeting.

J. Cancellation of Tournament – Motion Made - If you take a tournament than you must hold the tournament. You have until June 1st to confirm the date of the tournament. Dates will be put on the website and will not be changed. It caused too many problems last year.

1st by Barry Fox and seconded by Carl Trafford.

- ❖ North Augusta did state they did not want to do any tournaments this year.

K. Umpire Rules – To be discussed at next meeting.

- ❖ If you do not have a registered/carded umpire on home plate the home team is forfeiting the game. We grandfathered in last year but did tell associations this year you would have to have registered umpires. This list will be on the website.
- ❖ Greg will be discussing Bats/Balls at next meeting.

L. Reviewed Score Sheets

- ❖ Over age players have to be identified at the plate meeting for **every** game.
- ❖ Helmets must have a secure strap
- ❖ Score sheets **must** have name (first and minimum last initial) and number of each player
- ❖ **Motion carried** – Umpires are to put their name and number on the score sheets – signature (at the end of the game) and printed (at the beginning of the game) – this is the responsibility of the umpires. This must be done at the beginning of the game.

1st – Karen Greatrix and seconded by Richard Hanna

M. Rules and Discipline

- ❖ Incident reports along with a copy of the score sheet should be sent to Karen within 24 hours after an incident regardless of how minor.
- ❖ Umpires fill out the report but coaches also have to send an email and score sheet.

N. Misc.

- ❖ Sorry for the bad information but Maynard is up and running.
- ❖ Already a rule that a coach cannot be on the diamond with open toe shoes/sandals.
- ❖ Ages for Midget is 18 & under. 1992 for this year
- ❖ **Motion carried** – A player cannot play for two teams in the same level – male or female. They can only play up a division.
Penny Bell and seconded by Barry Fox
- ❖ Lyn has changed their mind about holding a coaches meeting and would like Augusta to offer a coaches clinic to cover all rules and discipline.
- ❖ Possible 2 new associations want to join Augusta ball – still waiting for clarification.
- ❖ Greg Beach - email sent out about Vulnerable Sector Check
- ❖ Smiths Falls – Tom Burchill wanted to know if anyone wanted to go with them to purchase balls as the higher the quantity the better price.

O. Helmets must have a secure strap for all levels including Midget

P. Agenda for Next Meeting

This will be sent out a later time. Please be ready to submit your teams. Suggested date is April 16th. Will confirm.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 by Penny Bell. The next general meeting will be advised.

Please email Steve your registration dates so he can put them on the web page.

Minutes submitted by: Penny Bell

Approved by: