

ASUA Annual General Meeting

Oct 19, 2013 at Norsemen Inn, Camrose

Before the meeting started, Terry commented on:

- 1) Daryl Helmer will not be at the meeting as he is on holiday commemorating the cancer free status of his wife
- 2) Mike Clancy tendered his resignation. The letter was read to the group.
- 3) Andy Makelki (zone 2) cannot attend because of work commitments. He further reports that his daughter's health is much improved.

Annual General Meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 8:40
- 2) Approval of Agenda
 - Gord MacAlpine added honourariums to the agenda
 - ❖ Moved by Ross Towers, seconded by Linda King that the agenda be adopted with the option to add items. Motion carried
- 3) Introductions by all members in attendance
 - Ken King introduced the new name for the Edmonton Minor Association as Edmonton Blue Crew. Rationale for the change was due to stigma of "minor" officials umpiring non-minor events, especially post-provincials. They felt it would be in their best interest to not have "minor" as part of their association name.
- 4) Minutes from the last meeting
 - Business arising from the minutes
 - all items were already on the agenda to be covered.
- 5) Financial:
 - Terry discussed the report provided by Daryl
 - Honourariums still to be paid
 - Still some money to come in
 - Approximately \$18,000 in bank
 - Terry showed some statistics in regards to registrations between 2012 and 2013. We are down 8 umpires from last season.
 - Terry would like to see ages of umpires submitted as it would provide some valuable information for comparison and analysis.

- While discussing registrations, question was raised about the umpire cards. Terry stated he would make sure that we get them before start of 2014 season, as Softball Canada is always late in sending the cards to us.

6) UIC report:

- Blue Convention 2016 – in Vancouver
- Clinics - zones 2, 5 and 8 did not hold clinics in 2013
- Provincials - no concerns, except for SP host issues (collection of monies and Host/Umpire contract details)
- Canadians - 13 officials sent to 8 events (3 Canadians hosted in Alberta)
- Westerns - 9 officials sent to 6 events (1 Westerns hosted in Alberta)
- Comments made between umpires at events about on-field officials and other games were heard by others. We must be diligent to keep our comments private.
- Self-sufficient - foresee Softball Alberta cutting programs, including ASUA, therefore we must work to become self-sufficient.
- Awards:
 - No Umpire of the Year Award for Softball Alberta this year. Only one nomination was received but it was after the deadline. Both Daryl Helmer and Terry Richter sent emails about the nominations.
 - Only 2 applications for umpire scholarships.
 - Softball Canada - same thing - we are not nominating for umpire of the year or applying for scholarships.
- Suspensions - one coach/umpire is under suspension. Terry Richter will monitor for any action involving said person

7) Zone reports:

- See attached reports as submitted.
- EDSUA donated \$1260 (\$30/umpire) to flood relief in Calgary and area.

8) Committees:

- Need to get all delegates involved in some measure with the ASUA. Committees will be formed to cover various items, such as Scholarships (to follow up and ensure people apply), Awards (to ensure nominations are received), Selections (to have a group to go through the applications and make their recommendations to the Executive as to who should be assigned to which event), Policies (to set up our Policies), etc.

9) Provincials:

- Bantam A - see attached report.

- Sr. B Men's - host was great in accommodating UIC requests.
- Sr. B Women's - no problems; UIC was working official because of availability of other umpires.
- Masters - see attached report.
- Slo-Pitch - see attached report.
- We need to get new officials involved. Only had 1 umpire to be evaluated at the Sr. Men's and every year it seems to be the same group of officials at the event.

10)Westerns:

- See attached report - great job by UIC Frank Omoe.

11)Canadians:

- Leduc did a good job hosting the events.

12)Upcoming events for 2014:

- Provincials - see attached for dates and locations.
- Westerns
 - Grand Prairie is hosting Sr. B, and will need help.
 - Lloydminster is hosting Pee Wee, will need help.
- Canadians
 - Irma is hosting Jr. Men's (U21).
- Summer Games
 - Airdrie - will need between 12 and 14 umpires.
 - Add the Summer Games to the Application for events.

13)ASUA hosting Provincial event for 2014

- Leduc, June 28-30
- Bantam C, Midget B, C, D
- Fundraiser to subsidize ASUA
- Will need lots of volunteers
- Budget of about \$12,900
- Revenue for hosting last year was about \$17,700(included beer gardens, which were utilized by another event held in Leduc at the same time)
- Potential income around \$5,500
- Keep David R. involved, as he has been involved for many years

- ❖ Moved by Ross Towers, seconded by Gord MacAlpine that the ASUA put forward the money required to host the Provincial Championships. Motion was passed.

14)Evaluation form:

- Check out the form in attached package and let Terry know if there are any changes that you would like to see.
- Second page worksheet is available if needed
- It is all on the computer. Since it is an evaluation of the umpire, it is not necessary for the umpire being evaluated to sign it.

15)New Level IV:

- Dennis Heise (EDSUA)
- Don Markewich (EDSUA)

16)Evaluation Process / Applications

- Application form is in package - add Summer Games
- Deadline Dec 31 (to ASUA)
 - Should we be changing this date? Should it be earlier or later?
Think about for Spring Meeting discussions.
- Provide any feedback on the evaluation process.

17)Provincial Development Committees:

- Education - Frankie Billingsley
- Evaluations - Tonya Ribalkin-Zanon
- Recruitment and Membership - Chris Harper
- Softball Canada framework
- Meet with leaders to discuss mandate.
- Would like to meet with all instructors and evaluators in the province at the Spring Meeting.

18)Travel fund:

- How do we handle it?
 - Branch responsibility?
 - ASUA responsibility? (because from ASUA selections)
 - Case by case basis?
 - For Westerns and Canadians only, or for Provincials as well?
 - Topic for discussion at next meeting.

19) Host/Umpire Agreement (for Provincials)

- See the host agreement package enclosed.
 - can write "subject to change" or "preliminary" or "finalize by _____" so that host can get permission from Softball Alberta to host the event.
 - send copy to Terry Richter first for his approval and signature.
 - send copy (with Terry Richter's signature) to host.
 - Softball Alberta gets a copy.
 - UIC gets a copy.
 - Binding agreement.
 - No letter anymore - must use contract.

20) Website:

- Geoff Larsen to build new website for ASUA.

21) Clinic Expense Report:

- Ensure all receipts (correct ones) are sent in before expenses will be paid.

22) Policies:

- Committee to be formed to work on the Policies.
- Will likely adopt many of the Softball Alberta Policies.

23) Honourariums:

- ❖ Moved by Gord MacAlpine, seconded by Mike Robinson that we pay the same honourarium as last year to ASUA President (Terry) and Secretary / Treasurer (Daryl). Motion carried.
- ❖ Moved by Ken King, seconded by Jim Portman that we pay the reduced amount of \$300.00 honourarium to Vice President (Mike Clancy). Motion defeated. (6 for, 10 against)

24) Bylaws:

- Bylaw presentation with discussion as we went through the presentation.
- Questions raised and a few changes were made.
- Marc Demers to make the changes to the bylaws as per the discussions, and then send out the revised bylaws.
- ❖ Moved by Gord MacAlpine, seconded by John van Ispen to rescind the old set of Bylaws in its entirety and adopt the new set of Bylaws, dated October 19, 2013 in their stead. Motion carried (16 for, 0 against)

25) Elections for Vice President:

- Al Shenduk conducted the election process.
- Rob Willms nominated Ross Towers
- Gord MacAlpine nominated Mike Semchuk

Break for Softball Alberta meeting and lunch at 10:47.

Resumed meeting after lunch at 1:02

- Both nominated people accepted their nominations and made brief statements.
- Elections held by secret ballot and Ross Towers was elected as Vice President.
- ❖ Moved by Ken King, seconded by Kevin Turner that ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

26) Next Meeting:

- Next meeting will be March 22 and 23, 2014.
- Venue to be determined at a later date.
- Saturday will be ASUA meeting.
- Sunday will be meeting with the Instructors and Evaluators.

27) Adjournment:

- ❖ Mike Robinson moved meeting be adjourned.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:10.

ASUA Workshops - Softball Alberta AGM, Oct 19, 2013

Motions from the floor:

Submitted by: Ken Jones / Linda King
Zone: ASUA
Reference: Article I, Section M page 12
Motion: Delete this entire clause as it no longer applies.
Rationale: With diminishing numbers, some zones would not have a branch.
This has been out of the umpire bylaws for 8 years.

Submitted by: Doug Rayfield / Chris Harper
Zone: ASUA
Reference: Article II, Section A, subsection 4 (b) page 47
Motion: Remove the word "letter" and replace it with the "Provincial Host / Umpire Branch Bid Agreement"
Rationale: This agreement would indicate all expenses and conditions that the host is responsible for related to the championship, and is duly signed by the host, umpire branch representative, and Provincial UIC

Submitted by: Chris Harper / Linda King
Zone: ASUA
Reference: Article II, Section A, subsection 5 (a) page 47
Motion: Add the phrase so that it now reads: " Payment of all umpires fees / expenses as defined by the Provincial Host / Umpire Branch Bid Agreement -see Umpires' fees - Article VI"
Rationale: Clarify the intent for host to have a Provincial Host / Umpire Branch Bid Agreement on all fees and expenses

Submitted by: Mike Robinson / Kerri Towers
Zone: ASUA
Reference: Article II, Section A, subsection 5 (a) page 47
Motion: Change "... see umpires' fees - Article VIII" to "... see umpires' fees - Article VI"
Rationale: Wrong section currently listed.

Submitted by: Rob Willms / Gerald Tomko
Zone: ASUA
Reference: Article VI, Section B, section 2 page 61
Motion: Umpire-in-chief fees will also apply as follows:

Number of teams in Provincial Playoff	Total Fee Per Day	Number of UIC / DUIC
1-10 teams	\$50.00	1
11-20 teams	\$100.00	2
21 teams or more	\$150.00	3

(Each UIC/DUIC will receive \$50.00/day; number of UIC/DUIC now defined based on number of teams)

Rationale: Number of UICs to number of teams is now specific

Motions previously presented to the Softball Alberta Board for their AGM:

- Motions 1/13 - 8/13: do not apply to us
- Motion 9/13: does not affect umpires
- Motion 10/13: felt that dropping the time would not allow enough time for some games and should be left as is (i.e. 1 hr 45 min)
- Motion 11/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 12/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 13/13: penalty not appropriate. Umpires will not be policing this, so it does not affect the umpires
- Motion 14/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 15/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 16/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 17/13: any minor age player will be classified as a minor regardless of the division they are playing in, therefore all safety equipment must be worn.
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- Motion 19/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 20/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 21/13: does not apply to umpires
- Motion 22/13: does not apply to umpires

WCSA Motions:

- Motion #1: does not apply to umpires
- Motion #2: does not apply to umpires
- Motion #3: fully agree with a social media policy being instigated. Comment that we must do our due diligence to report anything we see or hear to the Supervisor
- Motion #4: agree with the timing of Westerns being completed by Aug 15 to allow players the time required to return to their schools or post-secondary education.