

ASUA Fall General Meeting Minutes

October 18th, 2008 – Edmonton, Alberta

1. Grant Hood Called the fall meeting to order at 8:05 A.M. at the Mayfield Inn, Edmonton, Alberta.
2. Introductions of delegates, branches and Softball Alberta umpire delegates in attendance.
3. Motion to add to the agenda:
 - Blue Convention 2010.Moved by Ken Jones, second by David Triska Jr. Carried.
4. Motion to accept the minutes of the 2007 Spring Meeting: Moved by Bill Kropinski, second by Ross Towers. Carried.
5. Business arising from the Spring Meeting minutes.
 - David Triska Jr. pointed out the typographic error on the new ASUA application form, at the bottom of the Canadian Championship column it should read 'Senior Men's SP'.
 - Add a place for evaluation attached notification.
6. The fall Financial Report was not presented.
7. Branch delegate contact information sheet was circulated for updates and changes.
8. 2008 ASUA Umpire in Chief and the submitted Branch reports were provided.
9. 2008 Registrations were discussed. The number of registered officials has dropped to 246 in 2008 from 304.
10. 2009 Level IV Umpire National Theory Certification Clinic. There were no site or dates available.
11. 2009 Softball Canada Instructor/Evaluator Clinic. There were no site or dates available.
12. 2009 Softball Canada Mechanics School. There were no site or dates available.
13. Alberta Intercollegiate Women's Fastball Association. Grant reported that they are having problems with teams dropping out which creates problems for the officials and scheduling.

14. New Canadian Level IV and Level V Umpires:

The following Alberta umpires were given their full Level IV status:

- Hilary Lewis – Calgary Softball Umpires Assoc.
- Mike Clancy – Calgary Minor Softball Umpires Assoc.
- Marc Demers – Calgary Softball Umpires Assoc.

The following Alberta umpire was given his Level V status:

- Dan Oevering – Lethbridge, Slo-pitch

Also of note was the appointment of Bonnie Gostola to the Officials Development Committee with Softball Canada.

15. Motions to Softball Alberta AGM – Umpire Specific. None.

16. Rule change proposals to Softball Canada. See Handout.

17. Umpire Awards and Scholarship Opportunities:

Lance Davidson of Calgary has been named provincial umpire of the year.

Please inform your members of the awards and scholarship opportunities available to themselves and their children through Softball Canada and Softball Alberta including:

- i. HSRS Umpire of the Year Award
- ii. The Canadian Indicator Club Award
- iii. Blue Convention Scholarship
- iv. Softball Alberta Umpire Memorial Scholarship – this is available to a registered umpire or the son/daughter of a registered umpire.

18. 2009 Provincial, Western and Canadian Championships sites and locations. See handout.

19. Umpire Applications for 2009 Canadian, Western Canadian and Provincial Evaluator Championships:

- i. All applications for Canadian, Western Canadian and Provincial Evaluator Championships on the new form.
- ii. All applications due by December 31st, 2008 at midnight. All applications need to be completely filled out and include supporting documentation (recent evaluation).
- iii. Canada Summer Games usually filled regionally.
- iv. 2009 U19 International Men's Softball Championship. Need clarification as to who can apply.

20. Major Discussion:

i. Evaluation Program

- Softball Alberta is questioning why the same officials keep attending the Provincial evaluator tournaments. Grant has explained to them that some of the officials attending are there for a tune up for post provincial championships. It is a big reason for the success of Alberta officials at these events.
- Softball Alberta pays the per diem and hotel rooms.
- Cost to Softball Alberta is about \$4,300.00.

ii. Provincial Championships. See handout.

iii. Education and Development.

- Terry Richter talked about helping officials set a career path.
- Clearly define opportunities that are available and expectations required to achieve them.
- Help them set goals and timelines to help them progress.

21. Election for President:

Grant Hood was the only nominee, acclaimed.

22. Other Business:

- Blue Convention will be held in Regina, April 1st – 4th, 2010 at the Regina Inn.

23. Honorariums:

Ken Jones moved that honorariums be paid to the executive for 2008. Second by Larry Basque. Carried.

24. Next Meeting in Edmonton March 28th – 29th, 2009.

25. Adjournment. Moved by Dan Baron. Carried.