

**O.S.S.T.A.**  
**Ontario Select Softball Tournament Association**

Meeting Minutes  
 October 3, 2010  
 Unionville, Ontario



| Representative          | Association               | Representative         | Association            |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Doug Maclean (DM)       | Bramalea                  | Joe Santaguida (JS)    | Orangeville            |
| Curt Monson (CM)        | Brampton                  | Keith Styles (KS)      | Orangeville            |
| Lewis Stafrace (LS)     | Brampton                  | Dave Northern (DN)     | Pickering & OASA       |
| Stephen Poirier (SP)    | Etobicoke Girls           | Catherine Murphy (CMu) | PWSA                   |
| Keith Chapman (KC)      | Georgian Bay              | Debbie Malisani (DMa)  | PWSA                   |
| Sandra Chapman (SC)     | Georgian Bay              | Bob Kears (BK)         | Richmond Hill          |
| Denise Elizuk (DE)      | Guelph                    | Pam Branoff (PB)       | Unionville             |
| Gilles Butcher (GB)     | Kitchener Waterloo & OASA | Al Betts (AB)          | Whitby                 |
| Samantha Menaguzzi (SM) | Mississauga North         | Chris Leeder (CL)      | Whitby                 |
| Richard Meneguzzi (RM)  | Mississauga North         | Mike Clements (MC)     | Whitchurch-Stouffville |
| Martin Rutledge (MR)    | Oakville                  | Louie Calvitto (LC)    | Woodbridge             |
| Mary Myers (MM)         | OASA                      |                        |                        |

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| Minutes | Dave Northern |
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|          |          | Agenda Item / Discussion Points  | Action Item |
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| <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>Previous Minutes 20100328</b>   |             |
| 1        | 1        | No outstanding items to follow up on - Minutes approved  | none        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>Softball Ontario S.A.F.E. Program</b>   |             |
| 2        | 1        | Lisa Crompton walked through the program and explained the process for an association to follow to obtain certification. Kits were provided to all attendees as well as an open invitation from Lisa to contact her with any questions or to complete the forms. \$500 awards available to successful associations under several categories. | none        |
| 2        | 2        | Lisa Crompton<br>Program Co-ordinator, Participation Program<br>Softball Ontario<br>lcrompton@softballontario.ca<br>416-426-7150   | none        |

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| <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2010 Tournament Review / Feedback</b>  |   |
| 3        | 1        | Cancellations - several tournaments cancelled this year due to a lack of teams primarily. Ideally if there are 4 or more teams the host should look to hold the tournament. Some divisions had 'too many' tournaments to choose from (Midget Girls had 9) that could have led to teams picking which 3 or 4 or 5 that they would attend and thus some tournaments had less than full (8) participation.   | review tournaments by division in April to determine the right # if there are 'too many'  |
| 3        | 2        | Rain Outs - while there is no way to force hosts to reimburse teams if a tournament is partially rained out, ideally the host will provide some accounting for expenses incurred and provide refunds to teams that participated. If a tournament is completely rained out teams expect full reimbursement. If less than full reimbursement is provided the host needs to explain why.   | ideally each host to provide reimbursements and financial accountability to explain refund amount                                 |
| <b>4</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>OSSTA Financials</b>   |   |
| 4        | 1        | 28 members signed up in 2010. Biggest expenses incurred were for the website, meeting room rentals and the keeper Select trophies on the girls side.  | members urged to grow the membership and sign up online   |
| <b>5</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>Provincial Championships Review</b>  |   |
| 5        | 1        | OASA - DN reported that 56 boys or coed teams participated in the 5 championships in 2010. This was up from 45 in 2010. All but Midget were up year over year.<br>Mite 6 to 12; Squirt 12 to 14; Peewee 8 to 12;<br>Bantam 7 to 10; Midget 12 to 8.<br>Those in attendance felt that the boys provincials went well and recommended continuing the current setup with the OASA for running these.<br>Suggestion to look at deciding hosts sooner was made.  | DN to advise OASA that OSSTA is looking to continue with the current arrangement. Host decisions to be looked at sooner for 2011. |
| 5        | 2        | PWSA - Debbie Malisani (President) and Catherine Murphy (Select Rep) from PWSA were in attendance. Feedback from numerous attendees regarding the 6 (2 Bantam) girls championships held in 2010. Late registrations, extra umpire fees / expenses incurred, signing of rosters, team eligibility criteria, illegal player - penalty to be imposed on team or player or coach, late distribution of final schedules. Acknowledgement that there are still items to improve, but the PWSA & OSSTA did work together better this year than in previous years. Recommendation made to move the Midget Girls championship forward 1 week to lessen the potential impact of losing players to college/university. | OSSTA members to vote on move of Midget date to 1 week earlier.<br>AB to follow up with OSSTA Members via email vote.             |

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| <b>6</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>Rules and Eligibility Review</b>   |  |
| 6         | 1        | Midget age for Select - Girls to continue 17-20 with 2 overage players (21 or 22) who cannot pitch. Boys to continue with 17-19 with 2 overage players (20) who cannot pitch.   | none   |
| 6         | 2        | Illegal Players - lots of discussion regarding whether the player, the coach or the team or any combination of them should be negatively impacted by the use of illegal player(s). Should it vary by division? Bantam & Midget more serious than Novice and below. For provincials this matter needs to be very explicitly stated and the consequences understood by all participating. | need to come up with definitive wording in Feb/Mar that all tournaments can follow |
| 6         | 3        | Team Eligibility - discussion regarding what constitutes house league, loops, etc when defining Select. Denise from Guelph will provide the initial draft version of potential wording to be considered.  | DE (Guelph) to provide draft for Feb meeting discussion                            |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>2011 Provincial Host Selection / Dates</b>   |  |
| 7         | 1        | 2011 host applications to be made available on websites for both PWSA and OASA over the next week or two.   | AB to post host apps   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>HST</b>  |  |
| 8         | 1        | Agreement to maintain the status quo regarding not charging HST. Hosts to take this into consideration when determining tournament entry fees.  | none   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>Tournament Formats / Fees</b>  |  |
| 9         | 1        | Some discussion regarding putting up on the OSSTA website the templates for running tournaments with various non standard numbers of teams.   | AB to look at posting on OSSTA website   |
| 9         | 2        | Fees are expected to remain in the \$260 - 275 range for 2011. Any higher fees should include an explanation as to why they are higher.   | none   |
| <b>10</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>Website Feedback</b>   |  |
| 10        | 1        | Suggestion to put tournament formats up on the website for all to access to help out anyone looking for help.   | AB to post ones supplied by members  |

Next Meeting:

February Xth, 2011  
 time & location - tbd