

Tiger Hills Spring Meeting Agenda March 19, 2025

Carman arena, Carman, Mb. – 7pm

1. Call to Order- 7:06

- Attendance: Tasha Worms (Carman), Erin Peters (Morden), Mandy Weir (Miami), Lindsay Hainsworth (Miami), Derek Sawatsky (Altona), Quinn Hildebrand (Altona), Rachel Wahl (Altona), Sean Chevalier (Rock Lake), Kara Hildebrand (Rock Lake), David Pogson (Rock Lake), Jace Guilford (Softball Manitoba UDC), Kristi Guilford (Central Regional Rep Softball Manitoba), Keith Graham (Central Charge AA rep), Jody Wiebe (Winkler), Jason Peters (Winkler), Cheri Klassen (Winkler), Stephanie Boulton (Manitou), Jaimee Berarc (Morden), Laura Epp (Morris), Kelly Cornock (Glenboro), Angie Picton (Portage), Kaley Nicoll Kehler (MacGregor), Warren Birch (Carberry), Sheri Mangin (Bruxelles), Karla VanDenBosch (Bruxelles), Morgan Cott (Carman), Andrea Fouasse (Notre Dame), Stephanie Lesage (Notre Dame)
- Voting cards passed - Official voting position – past president, secretary, treasurer, website manager, west registrar, east registrar, UIC/DUIC, Softball MB Rep, and # of votes per association according to registered team numbers for past season 2024
- (Must be executives in the home association and must be present to vote.)

Morden – 2 votes	Carman – 1 vote	Altona – 2 votes	Winkler – 2 votes	Morris – 0 votes
Portage – 2	Bruxelles – 1	Carberry – 1	Glenboro – 1	Macgregor – 1
Miami – 1	Notre Dame – 1	Rock Lake – 1	Swan Lake – 1	Manitou - 1

- 2025 executive positions
 - President – Tasha Worms, Carman (year 1) (votes in the event of a tie)
 - Past president- Erin Peters, Morden (votes)
 - Treasurer – Laura Epp, Morris (year 2) (votes)
 - Secretary – Stephanie Lesage, Notre Dame (year 1) (votes)
 - Website manager – Mandy Weir, Miami (year 2) (votes)
 - West Registrar- Warren Birch, Carberry (year 1) (votes)
 - East Registrar- Jennifer Thomson, Morden (year 2) (votes)

2. Minutes from last meeting- sent out via email

- Minutes adopted by Warren, second - Mandy Weir

3. Town contacts

- Google Doc created - Circulated at meeting to update

4. Treasurer's Report- see attached - Laura Epp reviewed financial report

- report adopted by Jamie Berard, second - Derek Sawatsky

- Treasurer to use tiger hills email - this will facilitate e-transfers and professionalism

5. New Business

a) Screening

- All coaching staff (Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Managers), travelling umpires, learning facilitators, Board Members and staff must obtain a Criminal Record Check (CRC)
- Coaches also need Rule of Two and Respect in Sport.

b) League tournament fees

- 2024 fees \$350
- Motion: Quinn Hildebrand: Increase league fees to \$ 400 for all age groups. No gate fees. for 2025 and 2026 season. Second - Jamie Berard
- Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Resolved: motion carried

c) Changes in AA for 2025

- Keith Graham
- Staying as a double roster program
- Try outs have already began and are going well, 1 session left for each age group
- 107 participants registered
- If interested in hosting showcase or provincial - reach out to Keith to arrange
- If needing to transfer registrants out of region - Contact Keith Graham for same
- Continue to encourage development
- See attached report re: umping from Jace Guilford

d) League Communication

- Reminder for lines of communication-
- communication to executive should be going through community rep, not directly from coaches/managers/parents/community members
- Moving forward league to send a cc: email with response

e) Convenors for each age group

- See google doc for current association registrants
- U9: Carberry
- U11: pending - Will decide via email by April 1, depending on numbers (divide in 2 or 3)
- U13: East: Altona West: Rock Lake
- U15: East: Winkler West: Bruxelles
- U17/19: Miami

f) League Tournament

- U11 – June 6-8 -Location Pending
- U13 – June 20-22 - League - Portage host all teams
- U15 – June 27-30 - League - Morden host all teams
- U17/19 Discussion regarding playdowns vs league tournament structure.

- Motion: Warren Birch: To continue with the U17/U19 format as the playdowns. Second - Cheri Klassen
- Vote: 13 in Favor, 3 opposed
- Resolved: Motion carried

g) Region divisions

- Motion: Lindsay Hainsworth: For U13 and U15 to use the green line on map (move Miami over to the West) as region divider. To keep U17/19 as one region. Second - Karla VanDen Bosch
- Vote: Unanimous in Favor
- Resolved: Motion carried
- U11: pending - Will decide via email by April 1, depending on numbers may divide in 2 or 3
- U13 - Use green line on map (move Miami over to the West)
 - East - Portage X 2, Carman, Morden X 2, Winkler X 2, Altona X 2
 - West - Bruxelles, Carberry, Manitou, Miami, Notre Dame X 2, Rock Lake X 2, MacGregor X2
- U15- Use green line on map (move Miami over to the West)
 - East - Portage, Carman, Morden, Winkler, Altona X 2
 - West - Bruxelles, Carberry, Miami, Notre Dame, Rock Lake, Glenboro
- U17/19 - one region

h) Umpires

- Standard chart for Umpire payment and mileage decided in 2024 (attached)
- Umpires are to be paid \$50/game across the Tiger Hills league
- Discussed umpire communication card (red card) - see attached - associations encouraged to send out to members
- Mileage per chart (attached)
- Umpire clinics: Registration opens April 1st
 - Pilot Mound Sunday April 27th (9-4)
 - Morden Saturday May 3rd (9-4)
- others are listed on the Softball Manitoba Website
- Umpire list will be sent out by Jace once clinics are complete
- Umpire mentorship program now available through Softball Manitoba - contact Jace Guilford
- AA changes from a UIC standpoint - Jace Guilford now Co UIC Jace with Tony Kuleza
- Minimum 2 weeks notice for scheduling

i) Softball MB – Timbits letter and Softball MB fees

- Tim Hortons has once again not renewed their contact with Softball Canada. Therefore, Softball Canada will not be providing free t-shirts to our Learn to Play (formally Timbits) teams for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, Softball Manitoba is unable to take this cost on for the 2025 season. To help clubs absorb costs, we have reduced the Learn to Play player fee to \$20 (\$5 less than in 2024) for the 2025 season only.

j) Zero Tolerance Policy

- Form committee of 4 to formalize discipline policy and create a program to follow when incidents arise. If more than 4 people volunteer names will be drawn from a hat to form the committee. Board members only.

- The policies will be done and distributed before the regular season starts.
- Volunteers - Jace Guilford, Karla VanDenBosch, Chris Tornato, David Pogson

k) Age-group specific Communications

- Whats app groups to be created for each age group
- Convenor will make the whats app group for that specific group
- Google doc already made - town reps responsibility to update their town contacts

l) U15 nationals

- Central region hosting in Winkler – Aug 13-17
- Boys and girls
- Google form will be created to sign up to volunteer - Volunteers get free entry

m) Softball Manitoba boundaries

- Kriti Guilford discussed - committee being formed to review boundaries
- To send Leigh (Softball Manitoba) an email if interested being part of these meetings

n) Governance - Softball Manitoba

- Town Hall held by Softball Manitoba
- Associations are expected to have governance requirements
- Tasha to clarify with Softball Manitoba if this pertains to individual associations or the league
- Tasha will take the course from softball MB

o) Female Coach Mentorship Program

- Softball Manitoba is excited to invest in female coaches all across Manitoba.
- Female Coach Mentorship Program aims to harness the expertise of veteran Coaches to create development opportunities for up-and-coming coaches.
- Information was emailed

p) Rules

- **Motion:** Cheri Klassen: To change the league tournament template. Have Chris Rempel complete and include a 3 game guarantee. Second - Quinn Hildebrand
- Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Resolved: motion carried
- **Motion:** Warren Birch: That age groups that have a combined league tournament, the east and west convenors communicate and teams play the same number of games. For tie breaker situations we use rules from Softball Manitoba Provincials. Second: Derek Sawatsky
- Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Resolved: motion carried
- **Motion:** Kelly Cornock: To allow a U13 minor "Hailey Morrison" to play in the U11 league without the overage restrictions. Second: Rachel Wahl
- Vote: Unanimous in favor
- Resolved: motion carried
- **Motion:** Kristi Guilford: To remove the statements below from the Tiger Hills playing rules:

- # 15 in U13 and U15 - "No pitcher from an AAA organization may pitch more than 2 innings in any game."
 - #12 in U17/U19 - "AAA pitcher may only pitch 3 innings" Second: Cheri Klassen
 - Vote: Unanimous in favor
 - Resolved: motion carried
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- **Motion:** Quinn Hildebrand: To add that there is no run ahead rule. (U11- U15) # 6 on each page. Second: Warren Birch
 - Vote: Unanimous in favor
 - Resolved: motion carried
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- **Motion:** Quinn Hildebrand: Game start time is when the plate meeting ends. This is to be added to rules on each page. Second: Andrea Fouasse
 - Vote: Unanimous in favor
 - Resolved: motion carried
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- Tasha will update the Tiger Hills Playing rules with above changes- to be added to the website. See attached changes completed. Yellow are things to be removed and green are to be added.
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- q) Provincials dates and locations
- listed on Softball Manitoba Website, attached

6. Fall meeting Date- TBD at a later time

7. Meeting Adjourned: 9:34PM