

WHITE BUTTE MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION



2020 Annual General Meeting
Season End Reports

White Butte Minor Ball Association is a non-profit organization that coordinates Storm Softball and Broncos Baseball in the White Butte Region. The Association is led year-round by a volunteer Board of Directors and is joined by additional volunteers during the ball season to coach and manage the teams. The Board is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Storm Softball within the rules, regulations and policies of Regina Minor Softball League, Softball Saskatchewan, and Softball Canada. Storm Softball is an independent, non-profit branch of White Butte Minor Ball Association. We are committed to providing all girls with an experience that fosters positive self-esteem, team spirit and individual growth through personal achievement and team play. Our softball program is well received by our community and the families we serve. Those families entrust us to teach their daughters various skills and we accept that honor with great pride. Each participating family plays an important role with countless hours of hard work and commitment, which coupled with your help, makes it possible for our program to instill the importance of integrity, hard work and dedication. Storm Softball's mission is to develop fast pitch softball players; not only in the terms of their skills, but also build their self-esteem and self-confidences. Our coaches are committed to creating sportsmanship, teamwork and confidence in each player.

PRESIDENT – Submitted by Leigh Fuessele

At the beginning of 2020 Storm Softball was on track to see growth in the number of teams and registered players prior to Covid-19. With the quarantine and eventual halt on all large gatherings, plans for tournaments and skills camps were delayed. All Softball Saskatchewan sanctioned events were not permitted including but not limited to evaluations, practices, and games. Fortunately, we did hold our evaluations for our U12 and U14 divisions prior to the shut down and “A” teams were formed.

Approximately mid June Softball Saskatchewan was given the go ahead to allow associations to enter the Phase to train, allowing our teams to get onto the diamonds and practice. At this late into the season we sent an email communication to all registered families indicating the plan going forward, which also included Softball Saskatchewan’s Return to Play Guidelines. At this point many families had decided to withdraw from the season due to other commitments late into the summer, family vacations or were caring for an at-risk family member or had a child that was at risk. It was decided amongst Storm Softball’s board members that all who requested would receive a full refund. With the decrease in numbers, teams needed to be redrafted and players were moved divisions if possible, to get as many wanting to play on teams. The U6 and U8 divisions were combined, players from U12 were moved down to U10 to complete teams and players from our association and Regina were combined to form a Midget team.

Although our numbers drastically changed from 239 registered players down to only 99, we as an association are proud of how our teams and families overcame this unplanned and uncertain season. Our coaches and players were diligent in their sanitation of equipment and the safety of all. After many months of silence from parks and diamonds it was wonderful to here the sounds of the ballpark again and our children enjoying the game they love.

SCHEDULER – Submitted by Shelley Stamm

The 2020 Softball Season was a season that one could not predict. COVID 19 arrived and the softball season was changed dramatically. Along with the COVID requirements for play that needed to be followed. The softball season started late which meant decreased player numbers and decreased usage of our local diamonds. We did manage to have a good softball season and our players enjoyed getting back on the diamonds.

Prior to the season start, I again meet with all the Recreation directors from Balgonie, White City and Pilot Butte. We reviewed the previous seasons process and made a few adjustments from the previous season. Electronic calendars were once again provided on a regular basis throughout the season, so that double booking did not occur, and billing would be accurate.

I worked with the softball coaches/ managers and assisted with scheduling of their home games and practices. Scheduling was done very carefully to ensure that COVID playing requirements were being followed.

I am looking forward to the 2021 Softball Season with hopes that next season will be a return to normal softball scheduling.

REGISTRAR - Submitted by Leigh Fuessel (Vacant Position)

Online Registration for the 2020 Softball Season opened January 2, 2020 and closed February 29, 2020. Registration numbers for the 2020 Season for Storm Softball were as follows:

Divisions # of Registrations

U6- 10 (3 U6/U8 combined teams)

U8- 16 (3 U6/U8 combined teams)

U10- 20 (2 teams)

U12- 17 (1 team- A) *4 players were moved down to U10

U14- 11 (1 team - A)

U16 13 (1 team – B)

Midget 12 (1 team)

Total Registrations 99

This was a considerable decrease from the 2019 season due to Covid-19 restrictions and the delayed altered season. We are looking forward to 2021 and a new season.

CLOTHING/UNIFORMS - Submitted by Kari Griffin

This year's clothing nights were a great success! We had 2 clothing evenings at Pilot Butte School and they were well attended. We offered some new items this year that went over quite well. Socks, leggings, joggers, slide sandals, jackets, and headbands.

Due to Covid 19, the process of handing out the clothing had to be altered this year, but thanks to our supplier Torchy's it went off without a hitch. They offered to come out with their truck and hand out the clothing themselves. We were able to schedule people to come in small groups so they were able to physically distance and pick up their orders. They also provided everyone with a discount gift card for their order next year.

Next year we will likely offer the same items and perhaps look at a new t-shirt style. We will continue to sell the same hats as we still have several left for purchase. In the future we may consider a different style.

EQUIPMENT– Submitted by Chris Ross

This year we held our equipment night at the Balgonie ball diamonds in June where all the equipment bags were cleaned out and equipment was inspected. Worn out or broken gear was discarded and replaced with new. This year we ordered new jerseys for the U10, U12, U14 and U16 divisions. These were well received by the girls. Two new BP1 Jugs Pitching machines and 4 dozen pitching machine balls were purchased for the new cages in Balgonie and to replace the broken machine in Pilot Butte. Eight new equipment bags were also purchased to replace the torn old bags.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – Submitted by Kara Felske

I ran pitch club Fridays from October to mid March (shut down for Covid) at Balgonie elementary school with a 6:00 and a 7:00 sessions. This gave pitchers the opportunity to improve over the winter and be ready for the season. We had a good turn out for most sessions.

Skill development was held on Tuesdays in Pilot Butte school starting in Jan running until mid March (shut down for Covid) There were 2 sessions available, U10/12 and U14 and up. Hailey Haculak was paid \$20 per sessions to run with help from Leigh and myself.

Cost for both pitch club and player development was \$5 with profits going to the association for new equipment.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING – (Vacant) Submitted by Leigh Fuesel

For the 2020 season we once again applied to Softball Saskatchewan for the Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant. This year Storm Softball qualified for the Softball Development grant for the purchase of 2 new BP1 Jugs Pitching Machine and 4 dozen new machine balls. Storm Softball was approved for \$5000.00. Public acknowledgement of Softball Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Lotteries is requested. Prior to season start RBI held development camps which included hitting, fielding, and pitching for our members. A percentage was donated back to the Storm Softball Association totalling \$121.50.

On behalf of WBMB, which also benefits Storm Softball, the following Saskatchewan Lotteries Grants applications were made for 2020.

- The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of White City – approved and received \$2806.60
- The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of Pilot Butte – approved and received \$2000.00.
- The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of Balgonie- approved and received \$3500.00.

TOURNAMENTS – Submitted by Jen Cordick-Stephen

Nothing to report as tournaments were not permitted due to Covid-19. We look forward to hosting again in 2021.

Coach Coordinator- Submitted by Shona Elder

The 2020 softball season was different than any season we have seen in the past. We, as an association, were very fortunate to have a modified, shortened season for our athletes.

We had enough coaches for all age divisions that required coaches. The coaching application process was used to determine coaches, however some age groups had coaches assigned based on volunteer coaches stepping forward.

Criminal Record Checks (within last two years) and the Respect in Sport course were requirements for all coaches to complete and submit to myself. All other coaching certifications were overlooked for all age groups by Softball Saskatchewan because of 2020 being an unprecedented year for softball. All coaching courses were cancelled by Softball Saskatchewan due to Covid-19.

Coaching evaluations sent to all parents of players (U10 and older) in September using Survey Monkey. All information collected was anonymous.

TREASURER – Submitted by Michelle Maystrowich

Covid-19 had a considerable impact on Storm Softball's financial results for 2020, ending the year with a loss of \$1,549. This was \$4,894 below the expected profit of \$3,345.

Revenue was \$27,521 below budget as registration numbers were down resulting in \$29,699 less registration income. Tournaments, which were expected to contribute \$5,000 in profits, were also cancelled.

Expenses were \$22,627 less than budget which corresponds with the lower registration numbers.

During the year, Storm Softball received a Membership Assistance Program (MAP) grant from Softball Saskatchewan for \$5,100 which was used to purchase equipment and supplies (pitching machines).

**Storm Softball
Income Statement
2020**

	2020 ACTUAL	2020 BUDGET	2020 VARIANCE	2019 ACTUAL
REVENUE				
Registration Income	20,031	49,730	(29,699)	51,297
Grants	5,100	-	5,100	1,000
Donations	-	-	-	1,000
Storm Softball Hat Sales	1,980	-	1,980	2,260
Tournament Profits	-	5,000	(5,000)	5,000
Player Development Clinics	700	600	100	607
Miscellaneous Income	198	200	(2)	200
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 28,009	\$ 55,530	\$ (27,521)	\$ 61,364
EXPENSES				
Regina Minor Softball League Fees	4,600	17,826	13,226	17,100
Softball Saskatchewan Affiliate Fees	898	1,461	563	1,190
Regina Ladies Softball League Fees	1,180	2,000	820	2,000
Ball Diamond and Batting Cage Rentals	2,472	8,772	6,299	7,785
Scheduler	1,934	2,585	651	2,400
Evaluation Expenses	1,250	2,250	1,000	2,952
Come Try Softball Event	155	226	71	257
Coaching Clinic (SS planned & SK Softball)	600	2,365	1,765	1,205
Net SS branded items (purchases less sales)	548	500	(48)	1,962
Equipment & Supplies	8,450	5,000	(3,450)	3,524
Uniforms	5,567	5,000	(567)	4,782
Bank Charges & cheque stock	1,221	1,700	479	1,774
Other Costs (Deposits, Board meeting costs, etc)	682	2,500	1,818	(1,306)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 29,558	\$ 52,185	\$ 22,627	\$ 45,623
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (1,549)	\$ 3,345	\$ (4,894)	\$ 15,741