

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 Fuesse

The 2021 Season continued to present its own individual challenges. Following all guidelines and restrictions set out by Softball Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan government we were able to hold our evaluations for the U12 and U14 divisions at the Affinity Plex at the beginning of March. We also offered pre-evaluation skills camps prior to evaluations to allow for some prep, although numbers were restricted due to covid. All teams were drafted by their division coordinators and coaches were identified. Teams were allowed to begin practicing at the beginning of May in pods of 8 and league game play began at the beginning of June. Restrictions at the ballpark allowing only players and coaches into the park posed a challenge for our parents who just craved to see their child play eventually lifted and the sound of fans was back. Our U6, U8 and U10 divisions wrapped up their season at the end of June. The Timbit Divisions (U6, U8 and U10) coaches were provided with a new APP from Softball Saskatchewan to aid in practice planning, scheduling and team attendance. The U12, U14 and U16 teams played into late July. Our Storm teams attended multiple tournaments throughout the province and saw many successes. Provincials were held for the U12, U14 and U16 divisions at the end of July.

Our athletes, coaches and families continue to represent the Storm Softball Association with great pride. We are recognized as an association that builds great ball players, community leaders and amazing young ladies. We are looking forward to another exciting 2022 ball season!

VICE PRESIDENT- Submitted by Mike Bourque

WBMB would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the Balgonie Batting Cages. Special thanks to Lonnie Griffin for his vision and taking the lead on this project.

Additionally, thank you to the Town of Balgonie Recreation Department, for their financial contribution to complete the project this year by adding a shed and power to the Batting cages. Shaun McBain was instrumental in the completion of this project as well.

SCHEDULER – Submitted by Shelley Stamm

The 2021 Softball Season found us still in the midst of COVID 19. Thankful at the last-minute restrictions eased which allowed for us to have a wonderful 2021 ball season. There were still some restrictions and delays with playing games, but we still managed to get in a full season of games and practices. Softball saw an increase in both registrations and teams.

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. Our diamonds were kept busy and full most of the time which was awesome to see once again.

In July 2021, I decided to step down as Executive Director/Scheduler of White Butte Minor Ball. Over the last 6 years I have watched this association grow and develop into a wonderful association. One that I am very proud having been a part of all these years.

As White Butte Minor Ball searches for a new Executive Director, I will continue to support both Softball and Baseball until a new Executive Director can be found.

REGISTRAR - Submitted by Leigh Fuessel – in coming Lee Peters

Online Registration for the 2021 Softball Season opened January 2, 2021 and closed February 28, 2021. Registration numbers for the 2021 Season for Storm Softball were as follows:

Divisions # of Registrations

U6- 29 (3 teams)

U8- 42 (4 teams)

U10- 59 (5 teams)

U12- 40 (3 teams- A, B, B)

U14- 36 (3 teams- A, B, B)

U16 – 25 (2 teams- B, B)

Midget – 13 (1 team- Division 3 Ladies League)

Total Registrations 244

This was a considerable increase from the 2020 season. We did see a slight increase in numbers based on our registrations from 2019 (pre Covid). This is encouraging to see as the season was pushed back about a month from our regular start date.

DIVISION REPORTS-

U6-Submitted by Shannon Koch

3 Teams

Teams practiced in pods from May until June, with modified game play beginning at the beginning of June.

U8-Submitted by Chris Ross

4 Teams

Teams played 6 games with as many practices as they wanted. Ended the season with a game and a skills competition with prizes.

U10-Submitted by Pamela Kydd

5 teams

-Decided to do a Storm vs Storm only league for their games instead of joining RMSL. Reason for that was that was our U10 coaches choice so we could wrap their season by end of June.

-Again kept a coaches group chat with me all season to help communicate. I believe it was helpful to support the coaches throughout their season.

U12- Submitted by Kara Felske

The 2021 season got to a late but successful start in early June. We had 2 B teams and a team in the A division. With pulling up one player from U10 the B teams were able to join and put together a team for provincials. The U12 A team lost out in the semi final in league play and did not place in provincials. Over all the coaches saw great improvement and are looking forward to next year.

U14- Submitted by Mike Bourque

36 Participants, including 4 from Wilcox, SK.

2 "B" Teams, 1 "A" Team

B Division

The Storm Thunder won the RMSL League Championship. The two Storm B teams also combined to field a team and also won the Southern Provincial Championships in the Open Division.

A Division

This division also included a teams from Weyburn, Lumsden, Moose Jaw, Regina and Storm.

The Storm finished 2nd in the RMSL league playoffs, 2nd at a Tournament in Prince Albert in July and Won the Southern Provincial Championships.

4 members of this team were also accepted at the Martin Collegiate Academy into the softball program. Congratulations ladies!

U16- Submitted by Jason Nystrom

What went well this season? Having a committed coaching staff and several practices before the season began. RMSL's approval to enter a combined team (Lightning and Thunder) into league playoffs (as many players did not play past June).

What didn't go so well? Teams were too small, which meant scrambling at the last minute to pick up players for many games. The teams were not balanced, as one team had significantly stronger pitching and catching. In hindsight, it would have been beneficial to hold evaluations for this age group to balance out the teams more fairly.

If you had a magic wand, what is the one thing you would change for next year? Have a larger team roster committed to playing full season, playoffs and provincials.

U19/Ladies- Submitted by Jason Nystrom

What went well this season? Positive team attitude, strong offence, and player commitment to the season.

What didn't go so well? Defensive play was weaker than other teams; relied primarily on one (1) pitcher for all games.

If you had a magic wand, what is the one thing you would change for next year? Identify one (1) or two (2) more pitchers for this age group and work on improving defensive play.

CLOTHING/UNIFORMS - Submitted by Kari Griffin

It was another great year for clothing sales through Torchy's Sport Imaging. Due to Covid 19 we did all sales online again and it seems to continue to work well.

We added a few new items this year. A new hoodie and tshirt and bucket hat.

I recently placed an order for the Okay Softball bags, we had 13 orders, hoping to arrive before Christmas.

Planning to introduce Visors for next season to replace the current hats as we have sold off all inventory. Working with Torchy to find a style that will fit all ages and sizes.

May look at a new tank top style.

A few sales of snap towels this year but still have several left as well as sunglasses.

Anticipate likely to continue with online store in the future.

EQUIPMENT– Submitted by Chris Ross

This year equipment was handed out at Balgonie where all bags were pulled apart and cleaned and damaged equipment was replaced. All remaining divisions had new equipment bags ordered. We are continually purchasing game balls, indoor practise balls and items that coaches have identified.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – Submitted by Kara Felske

There were not any opportunities to run any indoor player development or pitch club over the winter due to Covid restrictions. We were able to run a pitching and catching clinic in Balgonie in April. We had instructors from the 222s program. The turn out was great with all 3 time slots full and the players and parents who attended seemed very happy with the camp.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING – Laurie Colhoun

For the 2021 season we once again applied to Softball Saskatchewan for the Membership Assistance Program (MAP) Grant. The grant application was applied for to cover league costs and equipment replacement. This application is still pending approval from Softball Saskatchewan. Public acknowledgement of Softball Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Lotteries is requested.

On behalf of WBMB, which also benefits Storm Softball, the following Saskatchewan Lotteries Grants applications were made for 2021.

- 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 White City- pending
- The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of Balgonie- pending

TOURNAMENTS – Submitted by Jen Cordick-Stephen

Nothing to report as we did not host any tournaments in 2021. We look forward to hosting again in 2022.

Coach Coordinator- Submitted by Shona Elder

The 2021 softball season was once again hindered to some degree by Covid-19. The Division coordinators did a great job of finding a Head coach for each of the teams within all of the age divisions. In some divisions it was more difficult to fill those roles, but ultimately there were enough Head coaches and Assistant coaching staff.

We had planned to host a Competition Introduction clinic for Storm Softball coaches in conjunction with Softball Saskatchewan, but unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to gathering limits and Covid-19 restrictions. It was decided to try and offer the clinic in the Spring of 2022. There were 10 to 12 individuals interested in taking the course from our association. I felt this number was encouraging.

All coaching clinics offered through Softball Saskatchewan were cancelled for 2021, thus there was also a modification of the coaching certifications needed to attend Provincial softball championships. The 2022 Softball Saskatchewan coaching clinic dates have not been released at the time of this document. We do know that there is pressure on Softball Canada to have more content provided online to shorten the amount of in-person learning needed (ie from two full weekends to one full weekend). This should help to increase the number of coaches interested in taking the clinics with less in person time commitment.

Coaching evaluations were sent out for completion in late August as all teams had wrapped up their seasons by the third week of August. We used a new platform SoGoSurvey which was free and had no limit on the number of survey responses that could be collected. (we had used Survey Monkey in the past, but they introduced a fee structure that would have cost money based on the number of survey responses that we needed to collect). SoGoSurvey also allowed printing and sharing of the results for free which had a cost associated with it through Survey Monkey.

We had a record number of survey responses completed: 106
60 respondents in the U6 to U10 age groups and 46 respondents in the U12 to U16 (there were no respondents in the U19 age category).

All survey results were collected and distributed to the Head Coach from each team who was instructed to share the results with their assistant coaches. All results were also shared with Leigh.

TREASURER – Submitted by Michelle Maystrowich

For the 2021 season Storm Softball ended the year with net income of \$17,653 which was \$13,385 ahead of the expected profit of \$4,268.

Revenue was \$3,535 above budget. Registration numbers returned to expected levels in 2021. Revenue from donations, the sale of Storm Softball hats and other branded items, and player development clinics were higher than expected.

Expenses were \$9,850 less than budget primarily due to lower than expected Regina Minor Softball League Fees.

During the year, Storm Softball received a \$3,700 donation from the Town of Balgonie to cover the cost of a storage shed.

Storm Softball Income Statement 2021				
	2021 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET	2021 VARIANCE	2020 ACTUAL
REVENUE				
Registration Income	50,060	49,730	330	20,031
Grants	-	-	-	5,000
Donations	3,700	-	3,700	-
Storm Softball Hat and Other Branded Items Sales	2,377	-	2,377	1,980
Tournament Profits	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Player Development Clinics	2,928	600	2,328	700
Miscellaneous Income	-	200	(200)	198
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 59,065	\$ 55,530	\$ 3,535	\$ 27,909
EXPENSES				
Regina Minor Softball League Fees	10,450	17,574	7,124	4,600
Softball Saskatchewan Affiliate Fees	4,143	940	(3,203)	898
Regina Ladies Softball League Fees	1,315	2,000	685	1,180
Ball Diamond and Batting Cage Rentals	8,903	8,772	(131)	2,472
Scheduler	2,148	2,585	437	1,934
Evaluation Expenses	2,848	2,250	(598)	1,250
Player Development	1,728	226	(1,502)	155
Coaching Clinic (SS planned & SK Softball)	98	2,365	2,267	600
Storm Softball Hat and Other Branded Items Cost	746	500	(246)	548
Equipment & Supplies	7,149	4,850	(2,299)	8,450
Uniforms	-	5,000	5,000	5,567
Bank Charges & cheque stock	1,570	1,700	130	1,264
Other Costs (Deposits, Board meeting costs, etc)	313	2,500	2,187	682
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 41,412	\$ 51,262	\$ 9,850	\$ 29,601
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 17,653	\$ 4,268	\$ 13,385	\$ (1,692)
Current Bank Balance (Adjusted)	\$ 55,266			

