

WHITE BUTTE MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION



2019
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, team work and confidence in each player.

PRESIDENT – Submitted by Leigh Fuessel

Storm Softball continued to grow in the 2019 season showing a steady increase in numbers, particularly in the younger divisions. We sent teams to provincials in the U12A and U12B divisions. We also hosted U12 B Provincials July 12-14 in Balgonie which was a great success for the association as well as the communities.

Season Highlights:

- *2019 Season Kick Off Tournament- Silver Medal- U12 A Storm*
- *2019 Sharron Knott Tournament Regina 1st Place B-side- U16 B Storm*
- *2019 Sharron Knott Tournament Runner up B-Side- U14 B Thunder*
- *2019 Sharron Knott Tournament C-Side Winners -U12B Lightning*
- *2019 Indian Head Tournament Gold- U12 B Twisters*
- *U12 B Cities - Gold U12 B Thunder*

Silver U12 B Twisters

- *2019 Provincial Silver Medalists- U12 A Storm*
- *2019 City Silver Medalists - U12 A Storm*

Storm hosted the 3rd Annual Clash of the Cleats (U10) Tournament May 24-26
We continue to work with the towns and communities to grow this great sport and develop a proud softball culture.

SCHEDULER – Submitted by Shelley Stamm

The 2019 Softball Season was another successful season from a scheduling perspective. 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. We saw an increase in Storm Softball Teams playing home games on our community diamonds.

This season saw a change of website provider as well as the introduction of the RAMP team App. This brought new processes for all teams and the scheduler. A few bumps at the start of the season but by the end of the season all was running smooth.

The 2019 Softball Season showed an increase in diamond usage once again. To accommodate this increase in diamond usage we utilized the diamonds during the week by scheduling back to back practices. This worked well and allowed most diamond requests to be accommodated.

We hosted a successful tournament “Clash of the Cleats” and plans are on underway to host this tournament again in 2020. We also successful hosted U12B Provincials.

In all, scheduling this season was a success for all teams and communities. 2020 scheduling has already begun and appears it will be another busy season on the diamonds.

REGISTRAR - Submitted by Leigh Fuessel (Vacant Position)

Online Registration for the 2019 Softball Season opened January 2, 2019 and closed February 28, 2019.

Registration numbers for the 2019 Season for Storm Softball were as follows:

Divisions # of Registrations

U6- 19 (2 teams)

U8- 63 (6 teams)

U10- 42 (4 teams)

U12- 51 (4 teams – A, B, B, B)

U14- 28 (2 teams – B, B)

Bantam 14 (1 team – B)

Midget 18 (1 team)

Total Registrations 235 – holding numbers from last season

There was an increase in fees in some divisions for the 2019 ball season.

Division	2018 Fees	Increase	2019 Fees
U6	\$115	-	\$115
U8	\$125	-	\$125
U10	\$150	-	\$150
U12	\$285	\$10	\$295
U14	\$290	\$20	\$310
U16	\$290	\$20	\$310
Midget	\$270	\$20	\$290

The fee increase in some divisions was due to increase diamond usage fees, affiliate fees and additional equipment purchases. There was an additional fee of \$20 (U12A) and \$25 (U14A) added as well to players place on A teams to compensate for the additional affiliate fee associated with registering an A team in the RMSL.

CLOTHING/UNIFORMS - Submitted by Kari Griffin

We continue to use Torchy's Sports Imaging and Embroidery for our apparel, we have added some new items this year. ie. pom pom toques, new shorts, leggings, joggers, socks.

We are also ordering some new items from Hyper Apparel, ie. Storm Softball slide sandals and headbands. Torchys will be coming out for our 2 clothing nights, Feb. 25 and March 3. They have also attended our Clash of the Cleats Tournament in the past years and we will be asking them to attend this year as well to sell clothing on site.

EQUIPMENT– Submitted by Chris Ross

This year we held our equipment night at the Balgonie Hall 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 Jersey's for the U8 and U10 divisions. These were well received by the girls.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT – Submitted by Kara Felske

We ran pitch club Fridays Oct-April at Balgonie elementary school with a 6:00 and a 7:00 session. 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 Sundays in Balgonie starting in Jan running until April. There were 3 sessions available, U6/8 U10/12 and U14/16. Hailey Haculak was paid \$20 per sessions to run with help from other coaches. Attendance was low for U6/8 and were usually grouped with the U10/12.

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

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING – Submitted by Jody Nowoselski

For the 2019 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 new jerseys. Storm Softball was approved for \$1,000.00. 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 2019. • The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of White City – approved and received \$1500.00 • The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of Pilot Butte – approved and received \$2800.00. • The Saskatchewan Lotteries Grant application to the Town of Balgonie was not submitted for 2019. There was also a give back initiative done for WBMB with The Ice House that unfortunately saw very little uptake.

TOURNAMENTS – Submitted by Nikki Williamson

U10 Clash of the Cleats- May 24-26th 2019

-Four storm teams hosted this tournament with six out of town teams in attendance for a total of 10 teams.

-All Star Competition was held following round robin play challenging to see who the best was:

- Pitching
- Throwing
- Base running
- Hitting
- In-field throw- 4 players

-TeamSnap Tournaments App was utilized once again to organize and schedule the tournament which proved to be a huge success

-Volunteers from all 4 Storm teams were a requirement to work the canteen, provide announcing and scorekeeping as well as grounds maintenance.

-The tournament committee was able to gather \$1400.00 in sponsorship dollars which assisted in providing a total profit of \$4571.80.

-The 2019 families from the Clash of the Cleats requested the monies raised be put towards the construction of the batting cages in Balgonie

Storm Showcase- was scheduled for June 22, 2019 but unfortunately due to inclement weather teams were unable to play and an alternate date was not available.

U12B Provincials -July 12-14, 2019 in Balgonie.

-The U12B Selects was an All-Star Team that was formed mid-May where tryouts were held and the team was chosen by the head coach. Those families organized and ran the tournament, along with volunteers from the Plainsview Credit Union, RCMP troops and volunteers from the community. There were countless sponsors for the event and all can be found listed on the website.

-The tournament committee collected \$3250.00 in sponsorship, which combined with canteen sales and gate admission raised \$9278.92.

-The families from the Storm Selects were reimbursed the \$250.00 Provincial registration fee and given 20% of the total raised minus sponsorship dollars to aid in offsetting the cost and extra volunteer time the families had to provide.

The role of Tournament Coordinator will be taken over by Jen Cordick-Stephen, welcome Jen.

Coach Coordinator- Submitted by Shona Elder

- Continued communication via email to all members of the association with regards to Coaching Clinics offered through Softball Saskatchewan, how to sign up and the need to become trained for future years (Softball Sask continually increases the number of coaches on the bench who require some type of training/certification)
- Communicated the requirements for the Respect in Sport online course for all coaches and Criminal Record Check requirements
- April 13, 2019 Pitching clinic held at RBI for COACHES -well attended and positive feedback
- Great difficulty in finding enough U12B coaches this year, the other age groups were manageable in terms of coach volunteers
- Coach Information meeting held in Balgonie Small Hall with Equipment pick up immediately following in Balgonie Large Hall
 - RMSL coaches meeting dates given
 - Respect in Sport Info given
 - Shelley Stamm gave info on how to proceed with diamond booking
 - Dissemination of Storm U8 rules and Parent Umpire expectations
- December 2019 board meeting discussion recommendations for additions to Coaching Information Materials:
 - If individual teams want to purchase jerseys they need to keep the Storm Logo and have jersey approved by Chris (equipment coordinator)
 - Encourage each Age Group Coordinator to have a "What's App Group" (or similar) to allow chat between Coordinator and all head coaches of that age division to encourage communication all season ie) reminders, deadlines, looking for AP's, upcoming potential tournaments etc.
- End of Season Coach Evaluations sent out to parents using Survery Monkey in late August (56 respondents which was not great, but was an increase from 2018) –marked down to have surveys sent out in mid July in future years (Aug seemed late)

TREASURER – Submitted by Nancee Polley

2019 was the first year that Storm Softball financials were recorded separately from the White Butte Minor Ball Association financials. Storm Softball ended 2019 with \$13,700 profit. Revenue was \$9400 more than budgeted which was largely due to \$5200 registration income from the Midget team. Expenses were \$4300 less than budget due to receiving refunds for deposits from last season that were previously paid from White Butte Minor Ball Association. Other expense variances are outlined below in the 2019 Income Statement.

Storm Softball Income Statement 2019			
	2019 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	VARIANCE
REVENUE			
Registration Income	51,297	44,425	6,872
Grants	1,000		1,000
Donations	1,000		1,000
Storm Softball Hat Sales	2,260	2,000	260
Tournament Profits	5,000	5,000	-
Player Development Clinics	607	500	107
Miscellaneous Income	200		200
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 61,364	\$ 51,925	\$ 9,439
EXPENSES			
Regina Minor Softball League Fees	17,100	17,826	726
Softball Saskatchewan Affiliate Fees	1,190	1,560	370
Regina Ladies Softball League Fees	2,000	-	(2,000)
Ball Diamond and Batting Cage Rentals	7,785	10,077	2,292
Scheduler	2,400	2,000	(400)
Evaluation Expenses	2,952	2,850	(102)
Come Try Softball Event	257	226	(31)
Coaching Clinic (SS planned & SK Softball)	1,205	2,365	1,161
Net SS branded items (purchases less sales)	1,962	500	(1,462)
Equipment & Supplies	3,524	4,920	1,396
Uniforms	4,782	5,000	218
Storm Softball Hats		-	-
Bank Charges & cheque stock	1,774	74	(1,700)
Other Costs (Deposits, Board meeting costs, etc)	(1,306)	2,500	3,806
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,623	\$ 49,897	\$ 4,274
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 15,741	\$ 2,028	\$ 13,713