

## FLAMBOROUGH MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**MINUTES** – Play-Off Wrap Up Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2007

### **Attendance & Call to Order**

The meeting was held at the Copetown Community Centre in Copetown and was called to order at 7:05 pm by Dave Grant (Copetown). The following convening centres were present:

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Centre</b>	<b>Representative</b>
<b>Ancaster</b>	Joe Benedetti	<b>Millgrove</b>	Pat Service
<b>Dundas GSL</b>	Art Sarna	<b>Puslinch</b>	Carol Beatson
<b>Dundas Running Rebels</b>	Bob Harour	<b>Rockwood</b>	Gwyneth Cheeseman
<b>Greensville</b>	Mark Volkov	<b>Sheffield</b>	Wendy Willard Dave Foreman Mark Simmons
<b>Lynden</b>	Cindy Clark	<b>Waterdown</b>	Trever Abrams

Absent: Copetown and St. George both reports provided for meeting

### **Play-Off Reports**

See table at end on page 3 for champions and finalists in each division

### **Current Issues – general discussion**

- **Time Frame** – is week-end format too tight if more than 6 teams in a division. There are a few constraints with the weekend format when a division has more than 6 teams, such as no team to play more than 3 games in a given day. Question was raised about starting on the Thursday for divisions with more than 6 teams could help to resolve any issues.
- **Umpires** - Has been an ongoing issue for years when it comes to the play-offs. A possible solution would be to have centres submit with their play-off format a list of umpires.
- **Balls** – A suggestion was brought up that for bantam and midget divisions that the FMSA should mandate all centres use the same ball, i.e. FMSA order balls and centres purchase from FMSA.
- **Inform Coaches about Common Sense Rules** – for example rules that are not in the FMSA Constitution but are regulated by Softball Ontario such as coaches must wear closed toe shoes on the diamond, and coaches warming up a pitcher are required to wear a catcher's mask.
- **Pitchers Helmets** – should players from peewee age and down be required to wear a helmet with face protector while pitching.
- **Should Centres be Penalized for Not Attending Play-offs** – There needs to be some kind of penalty put in place for teams that do not attend the play-offs. This happened in two different divisions this year and as an organization we need to try to prohibit this from continuing in the future. Teams should be required to pay the tournament entry fee even if they do not attend.

**Reminder to all centres that if you are submitting a constitutional rule change they are due to the league secretary by September 30<sup>th</sup> . All submissions can be emailed to Cindy Clark at [rcclark@porchlight.ca](mailto:rcclark@porchlight.ca) remember that they do need to be seconded by another centre.**

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Copetown Community Centre. All centres required to attend or sent a representative in your place

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

**2007 FMSA CHAMPIONS AND FINALISTS**

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>HOSTING CENTRE</b>	<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>FINALIST</b>
<b>T-Ball</b>	No tournament	<b>Lynden</b>	Greenville
<b>Grasshopper</b>	Greenville	<b>St. George A</b>	St. George C
<b>Atom Girls</b>	Ancaster	<b>Ancaster</b>	Dundas GSL
<b>Atom Boys</b>	St. George	<b>Lynden</b>	St. George A
<b>Squirt Girls</b>	Copetown	<b>Ancaster</b>	Greenville
<b>Squirt Boys</b>	Lynden	<b>Puslinch</b>	St. George
<b>Peewee Girls</b>	Waterdown	<b>Dundas Running Rebels</b>	St. George
<b>Peewee Boys</b>	Puslinch	<b>Puslinch</b>	Fisherville
<b>Bantam Girls</b>	Sheffield	<b>Dundas Running Rebels</b>	Sheffield A
<b>Bantam Boys</b>	Rockwood	<b>Copetown</b>	Hagersville
<b>Midget Girls</b>	Dundas GSL	<b>Dundas Running Rebels</b>	Copetown
<b>Midget Boys</b>	Millgrove	<b>Millgrove</b>	Jarvis