



# OASA

# 98th Annual General Meeting

November 21st, 2020

# 2020 OASA AGM Agenda

## **Ceremonial Section**

- Welcome
- Memorial Scroll
- Year in Review
- Individual / Team Awards
- Honourary Awards

## **Business Section**

- Reports
- Elections
- Amendments
- 2021 Plans

# 2020 OASA Year in Review

- COVID-19 hit us in March, personal health and safety became #1 priority for all
- Return to Play Guidelines went through multiple iterations
- Only U14, U16 and U19 age groups competed, no out of province tournaments
- 18 teams affiliated, down from 108 in 2019
- U14 8 teams competed in Tara  
A Champions - New Hamburg Wilmot Thunder, B Champions - Durham Chiefs
- U16 4 teams competed in Wilmot  
A Champions - New Hamburg Wilmot Thunder
- U19 6 teams competed in Drumbo  
A Champions - Ivanhoe Storm, B Champions - Dutton Royals
- Team Ontario final selection camp held in August

# 2020 Softball Canada Update

- No Canadians
- JMNT with 11 ON athletes placed 7th at the WBSC world championships in New Zealand in February
- SMNT had all activities cancelled
- Canadian Championship fees \$850 (up from \$750) per team

## AGM Update:

- SC Rule Book for 2019-2020 to be used for 2021, new edition 2022-2023 with WBSC format while still maintaining SC rules
- Approved changes to Special Operating Rules may not be reversed for 3 yrs
- new Directors elected Bob Stanton (NB), Brooks Penrod (SK), Jake Dewitt (BC)
- re-elected Directors Andrea Wolf (SK) and Jackie Dugger (BC)
- Special General Meeting in April 2021 regarding the proposed age change



# Individual Athlete Awards

Class of 2020

# 2020 OASA Awards

## Pitching

U14 Ron Taylor Award - Keaton Bartlett, New Hamburg Wilmot Thunder

U16 Gil Read Award - Cohen Christener, New Hamburg Wilmot Thunder

U19 Barry Ellerbeck Award - Kurt McCann, Ivanhoe Storm

## MVP

U14 - Rylan Cameron, Tara Twins

U16 - Jake Durrer, New Hamburg Wilmot Thunder

U19 - Kurt McCann, Ivanhoe Storm



# Scholarship Awards

Class of 2020

# Elijah Brahaney

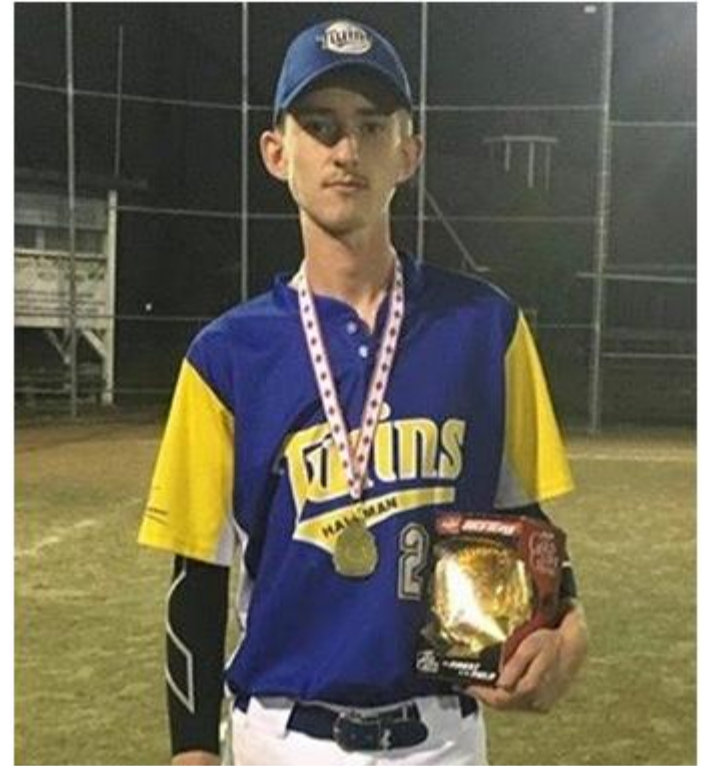
- 2020 U19 Ivanhoe Storm
- Wilfrid Laurier University 2nd year  
Co-op Business Administration
- Campbellford Fair volunteer,  
Hockey - Power Skating Instructor
- 2020 U19 A Champion, Team  
Ontario Final Selection Camp,  
Junior C Hockey Champion





# Connor Sloan

- 2020 U19 Kitchener Waterloo Twins
- Western University 2nd year Environmental Engineering
- Volunteer softball / volleyball coach, Peer Tutor
- 2020 U19 A Finalist, multiple pitching awards, high school basketball / volleyball MVP



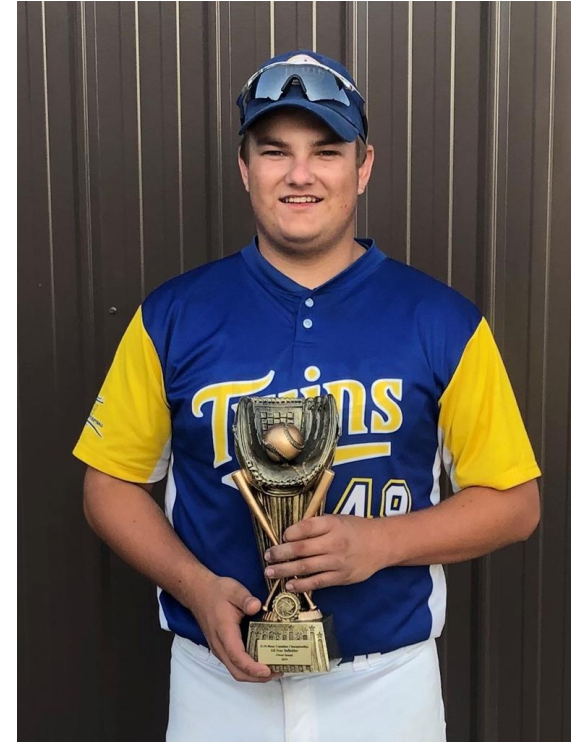
# Isaiah Whetstone

- 2019 U23 New Hamburg Mustangs
- Wilfrid Laurier University Bachelor of Education / Bachelor of Kinesiology
- Volunteer softball coach, church volunteer homeless shelters
- 2019 U23 Canadian Champion, 2017 Team Ontario Champion, numerous OASA / ISC championships, volleyball captain / MVP



# Softball Canada Claude Deschamps Award Thomas Baker

- 2019 U19 Kitchener Waterloo Twins
- Queen's University 2nd Year BSC  
Mechanical Engineering
- Softball volunteer, hockey instructor
- 2020 U19 A Finalist, 2021 Team Ontario  
member, 2019 U23 Provincial champion,  
numerous OASA / ISC medals, multisport  
athlete in HS





# Association Award

2020

## Association Award - Tara Minor Softball

-experienced explosive growth from 2015 to 2019 (went from 3 to 19 teams)

-2020 delivered skills and drills Mon-Sat to U6 - U16 players throughout the pandemic

-partnered with municipal groups to upgrade facilities and contributed to development of a master recreation plan for the region

-continued to enhance players, coaches and umpires through clinics and hosting tournaments (including 2020 U14 Provincials)

-engaged, enthusiastic executive led by President Heather Zettle





# Life Member

Class of 2020

## Hub Fehrman

- OASA President 1996-1997
- active on the OASA executive since 1986
- player or coach or manager for over 35 years
- multiple provincial championships





# Hall of Fame Inductees

Class of 2020



## A.R. (Al) Harrison

- OASA Life Member 2005
- OASA President 1994-1995
- F.R. Feaver Award 2011
- active OASA executive since 1983
- Softball Ontario HOF 2019
- Softball Ontario Chair 1996-1998
- Softball Canada Director 2013-2014
- ISC Director 2001-2002



## M.C. (Mike) Goodridge

- OASA Life Member 1998
- OASA President 1989-1990
- F.R. Feaver Award 2016
- active OASA executive since 1979
- Softball Ontario Chair 1991-1993
- Softball Canada Director 1993-1994
- ISC Director 1996-2006



# McKinnon Macs

- 4 straight winning years 1966-1969 OASA Intermediate Industrial Provincial Champions
- 1969 OASA Intermediate A Provincial Champions
- every year for 50 years since 1970 on the Saturday after Thanksgiving they have gathered to celebrate their string of championships





# F.R. Feaver Award

2020

## S. (Scott) Searle

- Head Coach Team Ontario
- Chair of SO Coaches Committee, Master Coach Developer, Fully Certified Level 4 Coach
- Member of Softball Canada Coaches Development Committee
- Coached Youth / Adults, Male / Female, Competitive / University / ISC teams
- Teacher in Ottawa with a Masters Degree and working on a 2nd Masters Degree



# Motion #A

## Description:

1. To approve the following reports arising from the past year:
  - a. Minutes from the 2019 AGM
  - b. 2020 Committee Chair's reports
  - c. 2020 Tournament reports

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Motion #B

## Description:

1. To approve the following statement regarding our Financial Report.

As of today the Review Engagement of our Finances for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020 is not ready to be presented. We recently parted ways with our previous Auditor (Grant Thornton) and have now engaged a new Auditor (MNP) to complete our Review Engagement. Any member that wants a copy of the report once it is completed can request it by contacting either our President or Treasurer.

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# OASA Nominations for 2021 Executive

## **President**

Dave Northern

*Pickering*

## **Executive Vice-President**

Adam Brown

*Fitzroy Harbour*



# OASA Nominations for 2021 Executive

## **Vice President (2 to be elected)**

Mike Crawford  
*Bracebridge*

Steven Davis  
*Toronto*

# OASA Nominations for 2021 Executive

## **Secretary**

Karen Mills

*Napanee*

## **Treasurer**

Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan

*Sydenham*

# OASA Nominations for 2021 Executive

## Executive (6 to be elected)

Matt Allen  
*Guelph*

Gary Baker  
*Kitchener*

Stephen Hohl  
*Woodstock*

Mike Mulvey  
*Wingham*

Mary Myers  
*Stouffville*

Scott Thompson  
*Napanee*

# Motion #C

## Description:

1. Motion to approve OASA 2020/2021 executive and executive elected as acclaimed.

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Notice of Motions to the OASA Annual General Meeting

Page references are from the 2020 Constitution & By-Law Rulebook. Changes are in bold, when required, to identify them. Articles, By-Laws and Operating Rules may require re-numbering after changes have been adopted. Unless otherwise indicated, all successful amendments and resolutions take effect immediately.

# Motion #1

## Description:

1. By-Law II.2 The Executive – Powers & Duties a) (Page 52)

Addition

Appoints a Registrar. **The Registrar must be an elected member.**

*Rationale: To follow procedures required by non profit corporations.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Motion #2

## Description:

2. By-Law III.2 Virtual AGM (Page 54)

Addition

**The Annual General Meeting may be held virtually if, in the opinion of the Executive, it is deemed more appropriate than holding an in-person meeting. All of the same core functions that take place at an in-person meeting be performed to ensure that elections, motions and procedures take place. The Executive will advise the membership as far in advance as possible that a virtual AGM is to take place.**

*Rationale: To allow the AGM to take place when an in-person AGM is not possible, for example, during a pandemic.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #3

## Description:

3. By-Law III.2 Election Entitlement c) (Page 54)

Addition

**In the case of an emergency or pandemic where a full year of competition cannot be played, the election entitlement will revert back to the most recent full year of play for affiliation voting purposes.**

*Rationale: To allow teams and associations that affiliated the previous year to have voting rights in an exceptional year such as the pandemic in 2020.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried



# Motion #4

## Description:

### 4. By-Law III.3 a) Voting Procedure (Page 54)

#### Revision

The Presiding Officer may proceed with election of officers, interspersed with amendments while ballots are being counted for the Election of: President, the Executive Vice President, the Vice Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) additional positions. **When there are multiple candidates for a position each candidate is allowed a maximum of 1 minute to speak to delegates.**

*Rationale: To allow all candidates an opportunity to speak when voting is to take place*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #5

## Description:

5. By-Law III.5 Order of Business a) Ceremonial Section vii) (Page 56)

Addition

President recognizes Perfect Game, No Hitter, Pitching Award **and MVP Award** winners.

*Rationale: To include recognition of MVP winners.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Motion #6

## Description:

### 6. By-Law V.2 Coordinators (Page 59)

#### Addition and Deletion

There shall be the following Coordinators: Convenor, Insurance, Policy and Procedures, Rulebook, **Screening** and Trophy. Job descriptions are provided in the Operating Rules and Policy.

*Rationale: To add the Screening Coordinator position and delete the Sponsor Coordinator as it is a Committee.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #7

## Description:

7. OR 7.2 Elimination Tournaments –

c) Softball Canada Championship Tournament Fee ii) (Page 77)

Addition

**Any Senior, Intermediate A or Masters team indicating that they wish to compete at a Canadian Championship must pay a \$2000 bond fee in advance of the Softball Canada deadline for OASA to confirm participation numbers.**

*Rationale: To indicate a firm commitment by the team to participate as OASA is fined if a team withdraws after the Confirmation of Participation deadline.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #8

## Description:

8. Executive OR 5.2 Certification a) (page 70)  
Revision

**All OASA affiliated teams must have at least one coach (U8 to U16) or two coaches (U19, U23, Senior Men) with NCCP coaching certification (or equivalent as recognized by Softball Canada) as listed below:**

- i) U8 – Learn to Coach Trained or Competition-Introduction Weekend One**
- ii) U10 – Community Coach Trained or Competition-Introduction Weekend One**
- iii) U12 – Community Coach Trained or Competition-Introduction Weekends One and Two**
- iv) U14, U16 – Competition-Introduction Certified (Weekends One, Two and On Field Evaluation)**
- v) U19, U23, Senior Men – Competition-Introduction Certified (Weekends One, Two and On Field Evaluation)**

*Rationale: To provide a more gradual progression of coach development for coaches as players move through each age group.*

Mover: Brad Thomson  
Carried

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

# Motion #9

## Description:

### 9. Rule Variation Chart – Bats (Page 88)

#### Deletion

In all sanctioned OASA Tournaments, bats must be checked and an OASA approved sticker be placed on the bat to be used in tournament play. Result: A player found using an illegal bat will be ejected for the rest of the OASA event ~~(Softball Canada effect)~~. Bats that become illegal throughout the course of the tournament will result in the removal of the sticker.

*Rationale: Housekeeping. Removal of the words (Softball Canada effect) as this is not the Softball Canada effect as referenced in Rule 7-6 a-b.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #10

## Description:

10. Rule Variation Chart – Time Limit (Page 93)  
Deletion

**Exception: U8 – No new inning shall start after one hour and fifteen minutes from the official beginning of the game.**

*Rationale: Removal of “except in medal games” as this age division does not have medal games to follow LTPD guidelines.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Motion #11

## Description:

11. Fee Schedule (Page 122)

New

**To increase each affiliation fee by \$50.00 beginning in 2021.**

*Rationale: to help with increased operational costs.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried



# Motion #12

## Description:

12. Entire booklet – Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Rules Revision

To revise the wording of the Constitution and By-Law book to inclusive gender terminology throughout.

*Rationale: Housekeeping.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# Motion #13

## Description:

13. By-Law VI - Books, Contracts and Records

To approve MNP to provide a review engagement report of OASA financials for 2020.

*Rationale: To confirm the accounting firm engaged to conduct the review.*

Mover: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Seconded: Brad Thomson

Carried

# Motion #14

## Description:

### 14. OASA Softball Ontario Representatives

To approve Dave Northern, Paddy Fitzgerald-Nolan and Adam Brown to represent the OASA on the Softball Ontario Board of Directors.

*Rationale: To confirm OASA's Softball Ontario representatives.*

Mover: Brad Thomson

Seconded: Paddy Fitzgerald Nolan

Carried

# OASA Honourary Positions

## **President**

Scott Tuttle

Cobourg

## **Vice President**

Donalda Abbot

Huntsville

# 2021 OASA Plans

- Thank you to all 2020 volunteers, coaches, sponsors, the Ministry, executives and welcome to new ones
- COVID-19 status will dictate what we can do (new RTP Guidelines)
- Continue to look at increased online resources for players and coaches
- Zoom (etc.) will likely continue to be our preferred meeting method
- Ontario Summer Games moved to July 2021
- Canada Summer Games moved to August 2022
- Softball Canada age change vote in the spring (effective for 2022 if passed)
- OASA tournament dates announced, accepting host bids currently
- Carp (U23) and Wilmot (U14) to host Canadians



# OASA

## 99th Annual General Meeting

November 20th, 2021 (date/location tbd)