

Independent Church League  
Softball Meeting  
March 8, 2010

President Steve Carlsberg opened the meeting in prayer.

Old Business-2009 season

1. Season: 67 total teams participated in 2009, 40 Coed and 27 Men's
2. Schedule:
  - a. Played at the Regional Athletic Complex on Tues, Thurs and Friday nights
  - b. Game times were 6:00, 7:10, 8:20 and 9:30
  - c. 9:30 games were not assigned to lower divisions
  - d. Only three teams signed up for Coed A, none for Coed B, 7 for Coed C. Coed C was made into Coed C1 and C2. Coed A played the Coed C1 and C2 teams once and each Coed A twice.
3. Fields: All feedback received concerning playing on the new fields was positive.
4. Rules: Issues regarding rule revisions:
  - a. Game start time i.e. Grace periods, long prior game
  - b. Game end time, i.e. "Drop Dead" time (65 minutes), last game of the night end time.
  - c. Walk rule reinstated for Coed A and B.
5. Games cancelled due to 100-104 degree heat (ICL only league not decided by 3 pm).
6. Reported Injuries: None reported
7. Treasurer's Report for 2009: Posted on web site
8. Conduct issue #1: Waiving rules not recommended: Because of the conduct exhibited by coaches and players in a game, the ICL Board considered giving both teams a loss and suspension of players for conduct reasons alone. We should never hear that participants are following opposing players to their vehicles or that attitudes get so sideways that voices are raised in anger.
9. Conduct issue #2: We suspended 2 players for one game due to conduct forcing the umpire to eject the players. The Independent Church League Board understands that ICL sports is often used as a ministry to the unsaved and new Christians. We also understand that this can translate into conduct that is not always satisfactory; however, we cannot and will not allow the kind of conduct that occurred at this game to go unaddressed.
10. Conduct issue #3 (Umpires): The Board dealt with a complaint from a coach about an umpire's conduct toward him and his team: I have instructed the coach that he cannot allow his player(s) to shout comments that should be coming from him as the team representative; I would ask that you speak to the umpire about his choice of words in the future to both coaches and players. I'm sure he made the correct judgment call about the play, and it's his job to keep the game under control, but comments like "shut up" or comments that verbosely assert his authority tend to aggravate situations like these and not diffuse them.

11. RAC Feedback: Sean from the City of Lacey came and thanked the league for last year's participation. He also reiterated some of the rules of the complex and fields and added that a new rule for this year is that no animals are allowed in the gated field areas. He also took questions and comments from the crowd including concerns about safety bases being same color as field, timer on the scoreboards for games, field lights not coming on soon enough, the gate to the main playground being unlocked, the dirt parking lot being paved, etc. He was also asked about reserving fields for practice. Cost is \$30.00 per hour and availability is very limited.

## New Business – 2010 Season

### Rules discussion:

Biggest change is we divided the rules into Coed League Rules and Men's League Rules. Steve also discussed some the changes that were for administrative and clarification purposes.

New possible rule changes: 1 team-1 roster  
Free substitution

Free substitution was first discussed. After discussion of what this involved it was moved that we accept USSSA rule. There was no second to this motion and therefore no vote.

Another motion was made that the rule be you cannot limit a sub to only offense or defense. This was seconded. An amendment to that motion was to exclude DH. This was seconded. Then another amendment was added that any defensive player must be in the batting lineup. There was not second to this amendment so no vote taken. The original amendment and motion was voted on after much discussion and was voted down unanimously. There will be no change at this time in the current rule.

A motion was made to allow an injured player in a lineup to not be an automatic out when batting the whole team. This was seconded. The vote did not pass because only one vote was cast in favor. This rule will not change.

1 team-1 roster rule change. It was moved that you can play on one team, one night. This was seconded. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Another motion was made to accept the rules the way they are presented for 2 leagues, coed and men's. This was seconded. An amendment was added that this be done for a year trial. It was seconded and after much discussion the amendment was withdrawn. The vote passed with only one vote against.

A motion was made to adopt the rules as they have been separated into two leagues. There was a second and this vote passed unanimously.

## 2010 Season

1. June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>
2. Team fee: \$425.00 per team
3. Schedule:
  - a. Teams will be scheduled based upon their last year's win/loss record. Top 2 move up a division and bottom 2 move down a division.
  - b. Night of play will be secondary consideration.
  - c. Rescheduled games are not open for negotiation if your registration form does not exempt the date.

Forms to get online:            2010 Registration Form  
                                         2010 Roster Form  
                                         2010 Team and Youth Waiver Forms  
                                         2010 ICL Rules  
                                         State Patrol Background Check Form

## Election of Officers:

All current officers are willing to serve another year.  
President: Steve Carlsberg  
Scheduler: Eldon Wiltsey  
Treasurer: Larry Hettick  
Secretary: Rhonda Tevis  
Web Manager: Tom Sloan

A motion was made to accept these officers for another term of office. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dan expressed concern about growing misconduct and that we should hold each other accountable. Steve reiterated that our purpose is to conduct ourselves according to Christ's example. Inappropriate conduct should be reported to the board so that the incident can be handled and escalated appropriately.

The meeting was then adjourned.