



## **International Softball Federation XXV Congress, Oklahoma City Marriot, Oklahoma, USA On Saturday, 29 October 2011.**

### **Minutes of the Umpires Commission Meeting.**

#### **Commission Members Present:**

Chair: Kevin Quinn (CAN), Vice-Chair: Julio Hellburg (AHO), Director of Umpires: Robert Stanton, Tommy Wang (TPE), Wayne Saunders (NZL), Vincent Maoeng (RSA), Andy Dooley (USA), Haruhi Goto (JPN), Mike Jennings (GBR), Estrada Mayorga (GUA), Ted Millar (BAH), Bob Milosavljevic (CRO), Tommy Velazquez (PUR).

#### **1.0 Preliminaries**

- 1.1 The meeting was called to order by Kevin Quinn. Mr. Quinn noted that the time available for this section of the combined Commission meeting had been somewhat shortened due to the time required for the completion of the meeting of the Equipment Standards Commission. The Commission Roll Call was taken by Julio Hellburg.

#### **2.0 Director of Umpires and Regional Umpire Co-ordinator Activity Reports**

- 2.1 Copies of the following reports were tabled and taken as presented.
- Director of Umpires – written report received from Mr Bob Stanton.
  - Africa – written report received from Vincent Maoeng.
  - Asia - written report received from Tommy Wang.
  - Europe – written report received from Marlies Struyve
  - Latin America – email response received from Santos Vazquez.
  - Oceania - written report received from Wayne Saunders
- 2.2 Matters arising from the reports
- That consideration is given to allowing non ISF certified umpires to officiate at ISF World Championship Qualifiers.

#### **3.0 ISF Umpire Recertification and Certification**

- 3.1 Director of Umpires Mr Stanton outlined the procedure for Recertification
- Every rule change period, resit a Rules Examination online and obtain a minimum pass mark of 90%
  - File with the Director of Umpires a current on-field evaluation endorsed by the National Federation or the ISF and this evaluation to have been done within the last five years.
  - Existing ISF Certified umpires must meet the above requirements to be considered for an umpire appointment by the ISF.
- 3.2 Director of Umpires Mr Stanton outlined the procedure for ISF Certification seminars.
- Revised funding formula (host responsible for instructor accommodations and meals) and a one off participation fee of US\$100 per new participant.
  - Must achieve a minimum pass mark of 90% on a 100 question prequalification on-line rules examination. This examination can only be sat once within a six month period.
  - Must achieve a minimum pass mark of 90% from a field evaluation undertaken at the

Certification Seminar associated with an approved tournament.

**4.0 Sub-committee task reports**

**4.1 ISF Certified Umpire list** presented by Mr Stanton.

- The task of listing all ISF certified Umpires and their current activity status is well underway and will be placed in due cause on the ISF website.
- It will be the responsibility of each umpire to remain certified.
- Umpire that fail to recertify will have their activity status changed to a Not Active category.

**4.2 Slow Pitch** presented by Mr Stanton.

- One Certification Seminar was held in 2011
- A Slow Pitch task force has been created.
- Rule and mechanic differences to be reviewed.

**4.3 Communications**

- A wider use of social media can be expected, to bring rule interpretations, mechanics, etc to the wider audience. The use of YouTube for the Pitching Rule Interruption is an example.

**4.4 3 and 4 Umpire Mechanics Update** presented by Wayne Saunders

- The Reissued October 2011 update was tabled.
- The review process was outlined.
- Change identification and major changes were highlighted.

**4.5 ISF Umpire Crew photographic records** presented by Wayne Saunders

- A presentation of the current photographic records was shown.
- A request was made for assistance to obtain the missing records.

Mr Quinn

Signed: .....  
(Kevin Quinn – Chair - Umpires Commission)