***Kansas City Metro Senior Softball***

Rowe called the meeting to order at 6 pm on Monday, November 5, 2018 in the conference room at MAMTC. All directors except Krull were present. First point of order was to review/approve the minutes from the October 7, 2018 meeting. Everyone agreed that there were no topics to discuss so McGuire moved to approve the minutes as is. Nees seconded and the vote was in favor of the approval.

COMMITTEES:

* Sportsmanship –
  + Burkindine said the “harassed player” incident presented to him was sent back to the league director where it was discovered to be no issue at all.
  + Rowe presented a prior issue concerning the Tuesday-Independence Draft league and an ineligible player. The issue was resolved satisfactorily between a group of Board directors/league directors and the parties in question.
* Long Range Plan – No report.
* Treasurer – The October 2018 statement was sent out prior to the meeting. Burkindine moved to approve. Hightower seconded, and it was approved unanimously.
* Rules – McGuire indicated she and her committee would review suggestions from the Manager’s survey. She also indicated her committee would review the proposed rules changes after the SSUSA meeting in November.
* Competition – No report.
* Tournaments – Rowe announced the Wes Weddle tournament would be July 25th - July 28th at Mid-America Sports Complex. Rowe still needs to set date for the Spring League tournament.
* Umpires – No report.
* Membership/dues – We are at 929 paid members. McGuire reported that 16% are women.
* Adv/Promo –
  + Hightower requested we proceed with the League decals to handout at the membership meeting on 12/8/18. He received a final quote from Copy-Rite Printing which came in way under previous quotes from others. He said we could get 1000 decals for $380 – 0.38/each. Burkindine made a motion to proceed with the order. Nees seconded, and the board approved the motion.
  + He is also working on getting a press release for the December 8th meeting. He is hoping to get some press coverage for the league. He continues to work on a marketing plan to support the league.
* All-Star - The All-Star picnic and games will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at Hartman Park in Lee’s Summit.
* Awards – Gordon said he has all the awards under control. The 20-year Ambassador jacket quantity is 106. Wes Weddle & Rookie of the Year award recipients have all been contacted. The Presidential and Hall of Honor awards are being made by Summit Trophies and will be ready by the end of the month as well. The Hall of Honor will have a website link plaque. Gordon also asked the board for their thoughts on receiving Ambassador jackets. Gordon made a motion, Burkindine seconded, but the motion failed as only Gordon voted in favor of buying the board members jackets.
* Relationship – No report.
* Ratings – Berger said player skill ratings go live in 2019. Not much noise yet, but will probably occur next year.
* Protests – No report.
* New Members – No report.
* Welcoming – No report.
* Website – Few changes raised by Gordon will be presented to Karen at Dec. 18th dinner.
* Equipment repair –
  + Rowe said all screens will be replaced at a cost of $1750 for 18 screens. Burkindine made a motion to approve the cost. Hightower seconded. Was approved unanimously.
  + Rowe asked Gordon to ask his contact for a price to paint all strike mats red on one side. He said there would be approximately 30 mats.
* Newsletter – McGuire said our newsletter is set for February 2019. It will need one main article and asked that the directors start thinking about that. Letter will include the local team finishes from the LVSSA/SSUSA World Championship tournament.

SELECT COMMITTEES:

* Nominations/Board Elections – There are nine candidates. The online ballot email blast is ready to go. Gregg will pick up 20 dozen donuts for the membership meeting. Rowe has two coffee pots and will need to get more cups. We will raffle a bat, a couple of clocks and some hats and visors. Rowe will talk to Mike Thompson about buying a bat and glove from him for additional raffle prizes. Gordon said John Mondi will take pictures along with Donna. Gregg will be handling the voting on site. He asked for help and Splettstaszer volunteered.
* Manager’s survey – Burkindine put a group together to review the suggestions from the survey. The information should be posted to the website including their answers and rules suggestions. McGuire reminded everyone that the rules committee would have to vet those suggestions first.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Gordon suggested second place awards. Rowe asked to table that discussion for another time.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Brief recap of conferences – It was suggested that league directors have a post season meeting with their managers. Splettstaszer said he already does this. As for making any decisions on conferences – such as change of location, night, etc., there are too many unknowns right now to try to make any type of change.
* By-Law wording –
  + Burkindine asked if we should re-word how the sportsmanship document and nomination committee By-Law is written or leave as is. The sportsmanship document is filled out by the person making the complaint. It should go to the league director first. If they cannot resolve the issue, then it gets moved up to the sportsmanship committee. Rowe said to leave it as is for now.
  + Burkindine asked if we need to clarify the wording on how floor nominations are vetted or not vetted. Currently nominations from the floor are not vetted. Rowe said that we need to look at that, but no decision will be made at this time.
  + The By-Laws committee needs to look at the wording about someone being under suspension not being allowed to run for a director’s seat on the board.

Berger added that we consider adding directors to the board. Currently we are at 13 due to a tied vote last year. Berger said with the growth we are experiencing, and the necessity of having a director over every league, we need to consider an increase.

We will meet before the December 8th meeting to discuss any last minute issues including charitable contributions.

Nees moved to adjourn. Hightower seconded, and the members unanimously voted to adjourn at 8pm.

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Barry Gordon Clint Berger Tim Burkindine

Bobby Gregg Larry Hightower Steve Krull

Rocky Osborn Bob Reynolds Donna McGuire

Susan Scholler Randy Rowe Bill Nees

Mark Splettstaszer