***Kansas City Metro Senior Softball***

Rowe called the Sunday, January 13, 2019 meeting to order in the conference room at MAMTC at 5:29 pm. This was the first meeting of the new board of directors. Directors present were Rowe, Burkindine, McGuire, Scholler, Berger, Osborn, Barragan, Gordon, Gregg, Hightower, Splettstaszer and Mondi. Reynolds and Krull were not available.

Rowe passed out Director Books that included job descriptions that will require some updating going forward.

All directors that attended the meeting approved minutes from previous meeting. With Burkindine making the motion and Gregg’s 2nd.

The December 2018 treasurer’s statement was brought up and without discussion, Hightower made a motion to approve and Splettstaszer 2nd. All present approved.

Rowe said the first point of order for the new board was to elect an executive board. Splettstaszer made a motion to retain the current executive board with a second from Osborn, majority approved the motion. The 2019 executive board are as follows:

President – Randy Rowe

V. President – Tim Burkindine

Membership secretary – Donna McGuire

Secretary – Susan Scholler

Treasurer – Clint Berger

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** The following have no reports at this time.

Sportsmanship – Long Range Plan – Rules (deferred) – Tournament – Umpires – All-Star – By-Laws – Relationship – Protests – New Members – Welcoming – Newsletter (deferred).

Treasurer – Berger noted that we spent additional unbudgeted funds due to the additional conferences started last year and the canceling of the Pre-Season tournament due to weather conditions as well as the low turn-out for the Wes Weddle tournament. He said we need to be more conscious of our spending. Mondi raised some questions about the timing of the Pre-Season tournament; discussion may occur later. Other ideas to help with the deficit include, raising dues, requiring teams to pay for balls and raising insurance amounts due from teams.

Competition – Splettstaszer said with the ratings in effect, there shouldn’t be too much for the competition committee to discuss going forward, but the current committee could be utilized in conjunction with the rating committee.

Membership – McGuire said the league ended 2018 with 929 paid members. As of 1/13/2019, 127 members have paid 2019 dues.

Ad/promos - Hightower said we started handing out decals at the December meeting. He said we need to order more business cards. He is also trying to arrange public service announcements.

Awards - Gordon said next year’s 20 year Ambassador jackets should be no more than 35 and five have been confirmed for 2020. He also stated that 2021 would be the 20 year anniversary for the women’s league. McGuire and Scholler requested a different style of jacket for the women.

Ratings – Berger said the ratings system is in place for the 2019 season.

Website – Karen Riffle is in charge of posting to the website. Scott Flodin fixed the problems so Karen can add some of our Word documents, etc.

Equipment repair – Gregg reported most all of the screens have been replaced with 7’ frames.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

On-line voting – this was a positive for board member voting. On-line allowed more members the ability to place their vote without having to be present.

By-Laws – Burkindine said there is some work to do to clean up some language and show the change of the number of board members.

Dates for remaining board meetings – Rowe said we will meet on February 17, March 10, April 7 and May 19 at 5:30 pm at the MAMTC conference room. Additional meetings will be planned later.

The Manager’s Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 9:30am, at the Tomahawk Ridge Community Center -- 11902 Lowell Ave, Overland Park, KS 66213. Board members are to arrive by 8 am for any pre-meeting discussions.

Hartman Wednesday fate - Rowe said he will get in touch with managers to see who is willing to put forth the effort to make the 40+ men’s league work. There are 5-6 teams; mostly platinum in rating, but getting dues paid has been quite a chore. There has been some reported conflict between players and the Field staff.

First Aid Kits – tabled again.

Committees/job descriptions: Rowe gave notebooks out regarding job descriptions to be discussed later.

Pre-season and Wes Weddle tournaments need to be put on the website as soon as possible.

Home-plate mats are being painted. They will be ready to go for the start of the 2019 season.

Draft conference registration forms for 2019 are on the website.

Manager Survey on website – Berger was inquiring if we should post the results of the manager’s survey on the website. The consensus is to send the results to Karen Riffle to post on the website.

Facebook – Mondi expressed a desire to help promote the league with a new Facebook page and he will follow through soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Class 1 vs Class 2 membership dues – We will not make any changes from last year. 35 – 39 year olds will be considered Class 2 members and pay $10 dues each year. 40 and older will be Class 1 members and pay $20 dues each year. The women will continue to pay $15 dues each year.

30th Anniversary plans - Gordon presented several designs and suggestions for promoting the 30th Anniversary of the league. According to McGuire, our 30th season is 2019 and our 30th year is actually 2020. We decided that we would observe our 30th Anniversary in the actual year we achieve that plateau. By doing that, we will give Gordon ample time to plan awards surrounding that milestone. He also asked if he or we, as a board, could explore the possibilities of obtaining sponsorships to help defray some of the associated costs.

Raytown – Berger and Rowe attended the 12/17/18 meeting at Raytown parks and recreation. Dave Turner asked Rowe if he had anything he wanted to say at the meeting. Rowe declined. At the meeting, it was determined that HASS will have control of Coleman park and KCMSSL will be allowed to use any of the other Raytown parks they choose. Little Blue Trace is really the only viable venue. Scholler expressed her desire to keep the co-ed league at Hartman on Friday night if that venue is still available.

Rules – McGuire explained how her committee determines the rules changes. She presented the board with a handout on the rules changes that her committee has suggested. A discussion ensued concerning those changes. McGuire suggested that rules suggestions 8, 11 & 12 be decided separately. Berger motioned to accept the changes for all but 8, 11 & 12 be accepted as the committee suggested. Splettstaszer 2nd the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve. Rules change 8, 11 & 12 were discussed and Splettstaszer made at motion to accept 8 & 11 and Hightower 2nd the motion. The Board approved by majority. Hightower and Gordon abstained. Hightower was asked his opinion on the proposed draft rule change (12) as the only Draft conference coordinator present. After a discussion, it was decided to allow the second sub to play first base or right field and if the team has the minimum of 8 players and they borrow two, the borrowing team will play with 10 defensive players instead of 11. Gordon made the motion and Gregg 2nd. The approval was unanimous.

Newsletter – McGuire needs to get all the information to create the newsletter and get it printed before the Manager’s meeting on March 9, 2019.

Message Board – Berger sent an email about the new message board on the website. He encouraged everyone to try it out and see if we like it. Berger, McGuire and Rowe are administrators.

Discussion of year’s conferences/leagues – Rowe said the coordinators need to find out the costs for the coming leagues.

Single conference coordinator for the draft leagues – Hightower does not see a need for a “head” coordinator over the draft leagues.

Conference coordinators – Rowe asked the coordinators to pull together for a meeting and get ready for the rulebook and its changes.

2019 and beyond goals for the league – Rowe said some of the items have been discussed. Others will be discussed at our next meeting.

Splettstaszer made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Gregg 2nd and all present voted to approve unanimously.

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Clint Berger Barry Gordon Tim Burkindine

Larry Hightower Bobby Gregg Steve Krull

Bob Reynolds Rocky Osborn Donna McGuire

Randy Rowe Susan Scholler Dave Barragan

Mark Splettstaszer John Mondi