



Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League
Board of Directors meeting minutes
November 15, 2020

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday November 15, 2020 at Clint Berger's house in Overland Park, KS. Present at the meeting were Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Susan Scholler, Dave Hendrikse, Jeff Harlan, John Mondy, Brad Uecker, Ray Harre, Clint Berger, Tim Burkindine, Bob Zimmerman & Chuck Tipton. Absent were Ann Willkett, Rocky Osborne & Steve Krull.

Burkindine called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Approval of previous October 18, 2020 minutes, motion by Mondy to approve, and Gregg seconded.

III. Treasurer Report: Tipton presented the totals in our accounts. Motion by Hendrikse to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Gregg.

IV. Committee reports:

Marketing – NR

All Star Game/Picnic – NR

Awards – Gordon reported that the various conference championship shirts and ambassador jackets were handed out at our 2nd Annual Swap Meet.

Board Nominations – Winners to be announced at the virtual annual membership meeting on December 5, 2020. Final votes are due Dec 4, 2020. So far we have a total of 20 mail in ballots and 165 via the website.

By-Laws - NR

Communications – NR

Competition – NR

Competitive Oversight – NR

Draft Oversight – Gordon stated the cost-per-player amount for our various 2021 draft conferences have been calculated and are ready for publication on our draft registration form on our website, and in Leaguesheets for online registration/payment.

Equip/Safety/Health – NR

Finance – NR.

Long Range Plan – NR

Membership/Dues – We will not raise our membership dues, across the board, for the 2021 season – in an immediate effort to curtail our recent year-after-year loss in organizational revenue.

Instead, it was determined we needed to attempt to take the biggest bite out of our annual deficit, by focusing our efforts towards our single largest annual expense. The following was therefore discussed and agreed upon. As in the past, all league teams will be required, for various reasons, to use our KCMSSL-stamped softballs in all conferences. Any team wishing to utilize “previously used” KCMSSL-stamped (approved) balls are welcomed to do so. Obviously, new approved KCMSSL-stamped balls will still be available from the league, but not as in the past – whereby the league provided the 1st dozen to each team “free”with any additional balls being available for a purchase price. Going forward, all softballs will be purchased from the league at our pass-thru cost. We are not in this to make a profit. For the 2021 season that pass-thru cost will be \$50/dozen, or \$25 for half a dozen. All teams will be able to purchase as many, or as few balls as they wish for the season anytime during the season.

There was a desire by more than one board member to send out an email blast to all membership announcing this change in policy, but the discussion as to how to present that to our membership, other than through these meeting notes, was tabled for now.

Mission Statement - NR

New Members/Welcome – NR

Ratings – NR

Rules – NR

Special Projects – NR

Sportsmanship – NR

Tournament – NR

Umpires – NR

VI. Old Business:

- A. Motion by Berger to conduct our annual membership meeting “virtually” on Dec 5, 2020 at 9:30 am at Scholler’s work location. Seconded by Hendrikse. Motion passed.
- B. 2021 Tournament plans. We have reached out to SSUSA relative to acquiring feasibly acceptable dates for our annual Wes Weddle Classic tournament. To date we have had no return calls, or communications. We are currently looking at May 13-16 at Black Bob Park – since our 2020 calendar’s timeframe (for 2021) at Mid-America was alternately filled and they have no optional openings for us until after Labor Day. If need be, we will investigate having to conduct a non-sanctioned Wes Weddle Classic at both Black Bob and Hartman Parks. There’s a possibility Celebration Park, in Gardner, KS could be available to us also.
- C. Three ring binder Notebook for board members – A couple of board members do not have one. Burkindine stated he will get some copies made.
- D. Manager Survey Status – Berger stated he was ending the response submission date from our managers, since he has not received anything new for several weeks now. He has enough members on his committee together, but extended an invitation to the board if there was anyone else wanting to help with it. He plans to have the committee meet sometime around the end of November, or beginning of December.

Scholler offered her office to conduct the meeting. Will take some time to cover all the items. More to come.

- E. Insurance – Harre stated we have been approved for our B&O (Board and Officers) liability insurance policy, and it has been issued. He just needs to go pick it up.
- F. SSUSA team insurance update – Harre is also working on our general liability coverage policy for all the league teams. This would replace the SSUSA policy we currently utilize annually. It is hoped that we will be able to have better protection with a same or even lower premium. Harre stated, per Fran Dowell (SSUSA) – in writing, there is no requirement for us to purchase this insurance thru SSUSA. Harre would like the authorization to obtain a quote. Request Passed 13 – 0.
- G. The question had been raised previously as to who retains the various T-1 forms which some conferences generated each season, and whether or not anyone felt there was a need in retaining them. When this was discussed, previously, it was agreed everyone would gather up all T1's, we would make electronic copies of them and then store the actual paper copies in our storage unit. We will not be doing that at this time. More possible discussion on this in the future.

VII. New Business

- A. In an effort to get more men to join our only co-ed conference, Scholler made a motion to change the minimum age of the men to 40+, from 50+, for this conference which plays at Hartman Park on Friday nights. It would then mean both the men and women would be 40+. Seconded by Gregg. Passed 14-0.
- B. Mondy is looking for ideas to stimulate more members to participate in our annual board election process each year. In 2018 we had 325 voters and in 2019 we had 296. Various ideas were discussed, even a variety of incentives, but in the end it was decided to leave things alone this year and let it run its natural course.
- C. Storage – We still have a few pitching screens out, meaning they are currently still exposed to the winter weather's elements. Because of the netting on these units, we want to be sure all of the screens are somehow protected from the winter's conditions while not in use. Hendrikse will check on the ones at Black Bob. Gordon will check on the ones at Independence. All others were deemed as already being stored properly.
- D. Burkindine asked all board members to think about and come up with ideas on how we will handle the resignation of board members going forward, as far as how they will be replaced (highest vote getter, etc.).
- E. Scholler requested Tipton's address to send him a check she has. Also asked Mondy to write up something about the change in the age for the Friday night co-ed conference and post it on Facebook and our website.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Burkindine to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Gregg. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.

Board members and years terms expire:

2020

Barry Gordon
Bobby Gregg

2021

Tim Burkindine
Dave Hendrikse

2022

Clint Berger
Steve Krull

Rocky Osborn
Susan Scholler
Ray Harre

Chuck Tipton
John Mond
Jeff Harlan

Brad Uecker
Ann Willkett
Bob Zimmerman