**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**February 13, 2021**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 11:00 am, Saturday February 13, 2021 at Coaches Bar & Grill at 6700 College Blvd, Overland Park, KS. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Ann Willkett, Susan Scholler, Jeff Harlan, John Mondi, Brad Uecker, Ray Harre, Tim Burkindine, Chuck Tipton, Bob Zimmerman, Bill Boos & John Dehan. Present via zoom was Dave Hendrikse and guest Paul LaVine.

1. Berger called the meeting to order at 11:16 am.
2. Approval of the minutes - Burkindine approved, Gregg seconded passed 15-0-0
3. Approval of the Treasurer Report - Tipton, about $30,000.00+ in savings and checking combined. Motion by Willkett to approve, seconded by Harlan. Passed 15-0-0.
4. Committee reports-
5. All-star game (Gregg) -- will happen this year. No picnic (due to Covid precautions), all-star game only. July 24, 2021.
6. Membership (Gordon) -- 286 so far.
7. Old Business
8. Operations notebook (Gordon) -- Everyone now has a new updated Operations Notebook.
9. New committees (Berger) -- Listing of all the committees is in the new Operations Notebook. Berger asked everyone to confirm their comfort with their committee assignments
10. Participation in Good Living Convention (Hendrikse) big thanks to Karen Riffle and Debbie Brown. Berger reported that 11 signed up to receive information, which he follow-up on. No new members as of yet. John Mondi requested their email address info so that he could follow up with them.
11. Extra-innings publication- John Mondi – usually 12-13 pages. Currently at about 8 pages. Mondi will reach out to different individuals to possibly get more information to add. Looking at the end of February for it to be published.
12. Ronald McDonald House program – Pop tabs (Berger). Going to have people bring them to their night of softball. Please see additional information from Debbie Brown on our website.
13. TeamRunner – More information to follow. Berger is waiting on more information from Bobby Riggs.
14. Tournaments (Gregg) - Spring Tournament will be 4/17-4/18 at Black Bob Park in Olathe. The Wes Weddle will be 5/20-5/23 also at Black Bob for the 50’s and all others. The 60’s will be at Hartman. Wood bat tournament will be 6/24 & 6/25 at Hartman Park in Lee’s Summit – 10 teams max, 4 game guarantee. $250.00, bats and balls supplied. Maybe two age groups. Round Robin only.
15. March 13 Managers meeting will be at the Pavilion at Roe Park if weather permits, otherwise we will do it via zoom. 10:00am
16. Field Clock (Berger) has all the timers/clocks. Distributed them to all conference coordinators present at this Board meeting. Will need to get units to Paul LaVine as needed.
17. New Business
18. KCMSSL standard Covid-19 (Berger) the Basic Covid Rules are now on the website.
19. Each Conference/Division’s current status.

Sunday – John Dehan – pricing will stay the same

Monday – Hartman Park - Women’s (Scholler) We are ready to go and pricing will be close to the same as last year, possibly a bit more.

Monday – Black Bob (Hendrikse) – Ready to go.

Monday – Roe Park (Ray Harre) – 70’s, about 20 players

Monday – Independence (LaVine) – Staying at Independence for the first session, may be moved to Pleasant Valley second session, if the teams agree. Pricing for Pleasant Valley would be less expensive. Hoping for the same 4 teams, maybe an additional team.

Tuesday – Independence - Bob Reynolds, 4 teams, fee went up. John Mondi will be the conference coordinator.

Tuesday – Black Bob (Gordon) There will be 4 divisions. 55’s, per Barry, George Calls will be coordinator - there will be 4 teams. 60’s per Boos, will be 3 teams. 65’s, Bob Zimmerman, two divisions, 4 silver teams, 2 gold teams. 70’s – Harre, 3 teams for now, possibly more.

Wednesday – Hartman – Harlan, at least 5 teams.

Thursday – Heritage – Uecker – 16 teams, two divisions. Pricing will be close to last year.

Thursday – Roe Park, Ray Harre. 5, maybe 6, teams

Friday – Co-ed – Scholler – 2 teams for sure, possibility to have 5 teams.

Saturday – Roe Park - Reynolds – 6 competitive teams- one 15 week session. 5 Mid-silver teams, one low-silver team. 60+ Draft league 5 teams. Going from one 7-inning game to one 90- minute / 9-inning game.

Sunday – 35+ - John Dehan – More information to follow.

1. Article III. Player Eligibility – Just wanted to be sure it is clear in the book. Women can play on any men’s team, as long as they meet the age and ratings criteria. Only exception is 40+ women can play on 50+ draft team.
2. Zero-based budget (Harre) wants to make each conference self sufficient. Recommends looking at balances in each conference each month. Harre motion made to accept the zero based budget. Seconded by Uecker. Passed 14-0-1. Harlan has Bill Boos’ proxy (as Boos left the meeting for another commitment). Harre presented a league budget. Harre made a motion to accept budget as presented, seconded by Bobby Gregg. Passed 15-0-0.
3. New Rule Book (Zimmerman) we sent out changes to the board for review. Balls – Zimmerman made a motion that we adopt a ball rule, “once a ball goes into play, (both teams will use it). Teams will give umpires two balls each, to start every night of play (or just one ball each for bronze conferences) As a team hits a HR, it throws in another ball. But that ball does not go immediately into play. Instead, the umpire throws in one of the other balls he/she already had. The “new” ball is held back until it is needed. This would prevent teams from throwing in an illegal “hot” ball for a specific batter to hit” Passed 13-2-0.

What do we do for the uniform rule? Harre made a motion that we postpone the uniform rule for another year. Passed 13-1-1.

1. USA Tournaments- Susan - Proposal from Chuck Hawk to try and get more involvement in the USA tournaments.
2. 30th anniversary caps/visors (Barry) – Distribution of hats/visors. Look at current rosters and de-dupe players that play on duplicate nights. Distribute to conference coordinators to distribute to each team.
3. Swap meet (Gordon) great turn outs previously. Gordon would like to do a couple of swap meets a year, and possibly piggy back on our Spring tournament.
4. Refund policy – Ray Harre – Burkindine made a motion that once your league fee/membership dues are paid, you have the ability to request a refund within the first two weeks of your conference play in the current year, otherwise a refund or rollover will not be allowed. Request must be made thru the conference coordinator. Seconded by Bobby. Passed 12-2-1
5. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting made by Scholler, seconded by Gregg. Meeting adjourned at 1:46 pm.

Next meeting will be at 9:00 am before the Managers meeting on March 13, 2021.

**Board members and years terms expire:**

**2021                            2022**    **2023**

Tim Burkindine            Clint Berger Barry Gordon

Dave Hendrikse          Bill Boos Bobby Gregg

Chuck Tipton               Brad Uecker John Dehan

John Mondi                  Ann Willkett Susan Scholler

Jeff Harlan                   Bob Zimmerman Ray Harre