***Kansas City Metro Senior Softball***

Rowe called meeting to order at 6:36pm - Thursday, March 1, 2018 in conference room at MAMTC. All were present except Splettstaszer, Osborn, and Nees. Burkindine was on the phone.

* First point of order was to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2018 meeting. Some discussion was had about the “Tuesday night update”. After wording was agreed upon, minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE** **REPORTS**:

The following committees had nothing to report – Sportsmanship, Long Range Plan, Competition, Tournament, By-Laws, Awards, Player Relations and Safety.

* **Treasurer**: Berger - February 2018 monthly statement was discussed and approved.
* **Rules**: McGuire - rule books are printed; she asked conference coordinators to take 2 books per team in their conference as well as a few extras. This would make passing them out at the March 10th meeting easier.
* **Umpires:** McGuire - Olathe Parks/Rec holding preseason umpire meeting 6pm March 7, 2018. Donna unable to attend. Gordon said he will attend & take rule books to give to their umpires at the meeting.
  + McGuire completed her report by stating all Extra Innings hardcopy newsletters have been mailed out.
* **Membership/dues:** 429 paid dues to date. 372 are men and 57 are women.
* **Advertisement/promos:** Hightower – generic business cards have been printed and were passed out to everyone. These are to be shared with other members, if requested, as a contact information tool, and promotional item.
  + Also has some flyers he’s been putting in gyms, coffee shops etc. Available if interested.
  + Currently developing press releases to develop relationships with media to get public exposure.
* **All-Star**: Gregg - could have as many as 210 players in this year’s All-Star games. Could mean nine games. Gordon presented trophy from Dean’s Trophies as a possible participation item this year. Gregg also presented pop socket with our promotional KCMSSL logo printed on the end as another possible participation item.
* **Ratings**: Berger - managers can now see players’ adjusted ratings, but for now only visible in the roster search function. Scott Flodin has assured Berger he will fix that before the March 10, 2018 Managers Meeting.

**OLD** **BUSINESS**:

1. Manager’s survey – Burkindine, Berger and Gordon reviewed survey topics and proposed responses. Berger felt it was our duty to reply; asked how that should be done efficiently. It was suggested email be sent to managers – with document, and document sent to Karen to post on website. Follow-up email blast with link would take members to web-posted document. McGuire asked for further discussion on one item she left could spark more issues. This will be discussed further in New Business.
2. Mark S. Thursday night issue was removed (already resolved).
3. AED update – Two new AED’s and one replacement battery purchased. Reynolds received new battery. Scholler was given one AED (for Co-ed conference) and Rowe has 2nd one (for new Wednesday Independence conference).
4. Blue Valley Recreational Sports Complex – Rowe spoke with Shane DeWalt about Monday & Thursday Drafts possibly moving there from Roe Park in 2019. Rowe said Osborn would get with him to discuss further. Mr. DeWalt left Rowe believing the change was a good possibility.
5. Co-Ed Conference – Rowe said we have Colman Park for the new Friday Senior Co-Ed league. Have enough for about four teams. Mike Brown told Rowe he may have additional team. Rowe asked if Scholler, Krull and Berger could meet next week with Dave Turner (Raytown Parks and Rec) to shore up details. All were available and requested Rowe set up the appointment.
6. Thursday, Heritage extra fields – Rowe said he does not know yet if Mid-America has a field we can use.
7. Facebook – Hightower was given info on owner of our first Facebook page. Will contact Jim Chastain about removing the page as the originator is the only one that can take down that page.
8. Posting our meeting minutes – As indicated when the minutes of the previous meeting was approved, going forward Berger will bullet-point a copy of our minutes to be posted on our website.
9. Insurance update – Rowe is in contact with Kevin Fern – Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. Trying to get Johnson County Parks and Rec to accept current SSUSA insurance. Thinks this will be resolved in a positive manner soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Manager’s meeting agenda – Board directors to be at the Jewish Community Center no later than 8am on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Rowe asked if anyone had items for the agenda. Krull confirmed Mike Woolery would do AED training. McGuire asked if she could conduct raffle of a bat at meeting to support the umpire travel expense topic previously discussed. Berger commented we could hold off on the two bats we were going to giveaway until end of season membership meeting so the focus at the Manager’s Meeting would be on Donna’s bat raffle.

Rowe said we were to have a short meeting prior to the Manager’s meeting.

1. League fee payment drop-dead deadline topic was withdrawn.
2. Equalizers discussion item was deleted. No one could recall the need for discussion.
3. Player rule revisited from Old Business, Item “A” – Issue has generated much discussion. 8-rostered player rule may need to be changed in future as we gather more info and more situations arise. Will stand “as is” in 2018 rulebook.
4. Umpire fund raising – Every year Donna helps with fund raising to pay some of our umpires’ out-of-pocket travel expenses for SSUSA tournaments. Central Screen offered to provide shirts, hoodies, etc. for embroidering cost only to help. Burkindine motioned we buy the shirts and allow McGuire to pay us back for some of the cost from the sales. Gregg seconded. With McGuire abstaining, the remaining directors passed the motion.

Hightower motioned to adjourn. Reynolds second and unanimously the meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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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***