**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**February 22, 2020**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2020, in Overland Park. Present at the start were Susan Scholler, Donna McGuire, Tim Burkindine, Clint Berger, Dave Hendrikse, Bobby Gregg, Rocky Osborn, John Mondi, Ann Willkett. Arriving late: Mark Splettstaszer, Randy Rowe, Jeff Harlan. By phone: Barry Gordon. Absent: Steve Krull, Bob Zimmerman.

Burkindine called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

**Approval of previous meeting’s minutes:** Willkett moved to approve, Osborn seconded. Motion passed 9-0.

**Treasurer’s report:** Scholler noted that a check from September has not been cashed, so the balance information from January is off. The person who got the check apparently has lost it, Gregg said. (He had overpaid and asked for a refund of $36.50.) The payee doesn’t want the money back and will donate the amount to the league, Gregg said.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bylaws:** Burkindine said his committee will have a meeting within the next month. Steve Krull has suggested an addition to the bylaws.

**Long-range planning:** no report.

**Membership/dues:** We have 420 members paid, Berger said. (That’s about 18 ahead of this time last year.) All board members are paid.

**Competition:** No report.

**Sportsmanship/protests:** No report.

**Rules:** McGuire said she discussed with John Dehan the problem umpire. Dehan said it would be difficult to replace him on conferences when few umpires are available.

**Advertising and promotions:** Mondi said we have 64 people attending the Comets game Sunday, 60 of whom are paying through the league. (Four are season ticket holders.) $120 of the ticket prices will come to the league. All the men playing are 65 and older and the women are 40 and older. We are using the inside “rag” softball. Hendrikse is taking league brochures to distribute. We will raffle six men’s balls and six women’s balls. The softball game will take place from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Secretary’s note: Rowe arrived at 1:16 p.m.

**Awards:** Gordon said hats and visors have been ordered and we will have them about the first week of March. We probably will distribute them at the various softball complexes.

**All-Star games and picnic:** Gregg said the date is July 18 but he hasn’t reserved the fields. Rowe will talk to Lee’s Summit Parks & Rec.

Secretary’s note: Splettstaszer arrived at 1:25 p.m.

**Ratings:** Scholler asked if the ratings show the age-adjusted rating when a manager pulls up the player to add her to the roster. Berger said once the player is added to a team, the rating corrects for the age of the conference.

**Facebook/website:** Mondi said we are up to 432 members on our Facebook page.

**New members/welcoming:** Berger said 18 new people have signed up so far this year.

**Equipment/safety:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Newsletter:** McGuire noted she sent out a draft of the winter newsletter to all board members. She thanked those who had caught typos, etc. She asked how many to print (we have 37 members who need them mailed to them but need extras for the meeting). Rowe suggested 70. McGuire went over the information in the conference matrix. She said she would like to get this to the printer by Wednesday but needs the tournament date confirmed as well as the All-Star games date, once fields are secured.

Secretary’s note: Harlan arrived at 1:38 p.m.

**Update on leagues.**

The board discussed each conference and the number of teams expected.

- Monday, our league looks to five teams.

- Tuesday. Gordon said he has seven teams in the 65+ division but one team is a little shaky. He thinks we will have five teams for the 70+ division.

-Wednesday, Harlan said he has six teams for Hartman.

- Thursday, Splettstaszer said he has 13 teams for Heritage.

Once teams are set, the ratings will be determined, Berger said. Once each team’s average is calculated, it will be simple to move teams into conference classifications.

**Start times for late games:** Osborn suggested 6:15 p.m. start times for early double-headers with 8:30 start for second set of games. Splettstaszer said he will suggest Heritage managers 6:30/7:30 and 8:45/9:45. Managers shot down that idea last year. Rowe suggested just sticking with 8:30 p.m.

Secretary’s note: Osborn left at 2:07 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

**Pre-season tournament date:** Rowe suggested we have the tournament April 18-19 at Black Bob, if we can get the fields. Rowe will check on the fields Monday.

**All-Star games:** July 18. Rowe will check on the fields.

**Team rating roster cutoff date:** Splettstaszer suggested we set a cutoff date for rosters so that Berger can calculate the team ratings. Splettstaszer said he can’t wait until the day before we are to start to figure what teams are high gold, low gold, etc. He suggested an April 1 or earlier cutoff. He noted if teams hold back high-level players to put on the roster, it will affect their rating.

**Mission statement:** Rowe said Steve Krull has requested we draft a mission statement. Rowe said the executive committee should come up with one and present it to the board.

**2020 budget:** Gregg asked if anyone wanted changes in the proposed budget. Scholler said the women’s amount was overstated. Gregg said he would look at that. Rowe said we ordered 32 cases of balls in 2019. Following a discussion on whether the full bill has been paid, Rowe said he will do an inventory this weekend to see if we need to order more softballs.

**T-Bones event:** The baseball team is under new management, Mondi said. Team representatives have asked whether we want to have another night at the game, like last year. We sold 95 to 100 tickets last year. After discussion, Mondi said he and Hendrikse would get the committee together to promote that event.

**Other business added to the agenda at the meeting:**

**Board minutes:** Mondi said some people are interested in reading minutes sooner than we post them online. Can we publish anything earlier? Discussion was that the minutes need to be approved by the board before posted, which is the process currently being followed.

**Jerseys:** Burkindine mentioned a player’s emails to the board about team jerseys being required. The board discussed the email.

Gordon said he probably will need to order more Draft shirts this year.

**Managers’ meeting:** We will have AED training. Rowe said our group should be at managers’ meeting at 8 a.m. to get everything set up. We need doughnuts, coffee, etc. Berger suggested planning on 70 people.

**Next meeting:** Rowe set the next meeting for 1:30 p.m. March 22. (Secretary’s note: This meeting later was canceled because of the COVID-19 epidemic.)

**Motion to adjourn:** Burkindine moved to adjourn, Splettstaszer seconded. Motion passed 11-0. Meeting adjourned about 3 p.m.

**Board members and years terms expire:**

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