

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League
Board of Directors meeting minutes
August 16, 2020

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday August 16, 2020 at Clint Berger's house in Overland Park, KS. Present at the meeting were Tim Burkindine, Bobby Gregg, Chuck Tipton, Ann Willkett, Barry Gordon, Susan Scholler, Dave Hendrikse, John Mondj, Brad Uecker, Mark Splettstaszer & Clint Berger. Absent were Steve Krull & Bob Zimmerman, Rocky Osborn, Jeff Harlan.

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

Approval of previous July 12, 2020 minutes: Scholler moved to approve, and Gordon seconded. Passed 11-0.

Treasurer report: Current account totals are lower than in the past year at this time. Obviously down due to membership, with Covid-19, and not having the profits from the Wes Weddle tournament and other fundraisers. We need to take a look, at the overall budget. Burkindine asked for the finance committee to take an overall look at all expenses and incomes and update us at the next couple of meetings. Hendrikse made a motion to approve the treasury report. Gregg seconded it. Passed 11-0.

Committee reports:

Advertising – No report

All Star Game/Picnic – NR

Awards – the question came up whether to count 2020 as a year of playing, whether you paid your dues or not. Gordon made a motion to count 2020 as a playing year, whether they paid dues or not. Mondj seconded it. Passed 7-4.

Board Nominations – no new nominations. Burkindine asked the board to look for new board members that really want to work and get things completed. Looking at the board members who are up for re-election this year. All have intents to re-run, except Splettstaszer and we are not sure on Osborn.

By-Laws - New By-Laws passed in December and are now on the website.

Communications – NR

Competition – NR

Competitive Oversight – NR

Draft Oversight – There was a derogatory comment made to one of our Saturday morning draft conference players, by one of the managers – relative to his ability to play ball. The player does have some disabilities and was having a bad game. The manager acknowledged he did use a poor choice of words. He has tried to reach out to the player (via a phone call), with no answer or response. He has left messages, apologizing for his mistake. Now it is up to the player as to whether he will accept the manager’s apology or not. The player had asked that the manager be removed from managing in that league. With this once incident, we are not going to replace him at this time.

Equip/Safety/Health – NR

Finance – NR

Long Range Plan – NR

Membership/Dues – NR

New Members/Welcome – NR

Ratings – NR

Rules – NR

Special Projects – NR

Sportsmanship – NR

Tournament – NR

Umpires – Women’s division, Monday nights. The coordinators and managers started watching game times, as our 8:30 games were starting at 9:30. Umpire is not calling unlimited innings at the right time. When asked about it, the umpire stated he wanted everyone to get enough playing time. There were a couple of instances, one on 7/27, where he did not call them on time again. Scholler, as coordinator, talked to the umpire about it, in great detail and he responded, “I got it”. Then, on 8/3, for a 6:30 game, he called the unlimited inning before the time, shaving off a few minutes. Both teams were asking him about cutting the time short, and he told them “this is the unlimited inning, play ball”. The so-called unlimited inning (that should have been the regular inning) was over in 5 minutes. Therefore, shorting the teams a full inning and the game completed before 7:30. At the end of the game, Scholler approached the umpire about the call of the unlimited inning, and that it was not correct. He shook his finger at her and said, “No, no, no, you are going to shut up and listen to me this time.” He was then rude to the players scheduled to play the next game (at 7:30), yelling at them that it was 7:28 and they had 2 minutes to warm up. Not 30 seconds later, he yelled at them “you have 30 seconds and then you are on the clock and it is game time.” Scholler and Willkett composed a letter that was sent to owner of Call The Game explaining all the above. The next week he was moved down to the Silver division games. All he did all night was complain that he was not good enough to do the Gold division. He did this the remainder of the night. So much so that the managers of the Silver division expressed

their feelings about it to Willkett, and that it made him calling the game a complete mess, as he missed all kinds of calls, because he was busy trying to talk to people about it.

Old Business:

Covid – 19 rules, new policy. We have rescinded the original policy that if we have another positive case, we will shut down the league. What do we do, should we have another positive case of Covid-19. Going forward this needs to be a case-by-case procedure. After an extended conversation of questions, comments and concerns, Uecker made a motion that a player that tests positive for Covid-19, not be allowed to return to play without providing a negative test result to the conference coordinator. The team with the player may also be imposed with a 14-day quarantine. We will reschedule the game(s) at the end of the season. Seconded by Gregg. Passed 10 yes, 0 no & 1 abstain.

AED Hartman – We now have two AED's for Hartman that will be with the coordinators. We have a total of 5 AED's that belong to the league. We are going to send out a memo to remind anyone that has an AED, to remember to not leave the batteries in the system, when not in use. Once leagues are done, we will have them turned into Uecker or Osborn.

Ratings – Berger wants to discuss the rating appeals. In the past, if a rating appeal came in with a 5.99, it would be rounded down to a 5, not up to a 6. This was acceptable prior to this year, because we had not yet implemented our Team Rating system until now. The problem presented now comes with a team theoretically made up of players all having an appealed average player rating of 5.99.....being rounded down to a rating of 5, thus allowing the team to be a 5.00 rated team. This, in essence, is really a 6.00 (High Silver) rated team, not a 5.00 (Middle Silver) rated team. Berger mad a motion that as of 2021, an individual that has an appeal average rating of 5.00 to 5.49, to be rated at a 5, but if the player's appealed average rating is 5.50 to 5.99, they will be rated as a 6. And so forth with all other appealed ratings. Seconded by Gordon. Passed 12-0.

New Business

Storage Unit – As of Wednesday 8/19/2020, we will move the storage unit from the Storage Mart facility in Lee's Summit to Storage Mart facility in Martin City. We are going from a 10 x 20, to a 10 x 30, and it will be less expensive.....for now.

Updated Waivers – The only way any current member was able to pay online (2015-2020) was if he/she marked/initialed their Leaguesheets database record's waiver form. We, as an organization, revised that waiver, to a new Covid-19 waiver, prior to the start of our delayed 2020 season (in June of 2020). This Covid-19 waiver was updated for everyone's database record, but with Leaguesheets retaining every member's "old waiver" signature with their record, no member "legally" signed/initialed the new Covid-19 waiver. Therefore, when anyone pays online stating with the 2021 season, each member will need to, again, initial the new Covid-19 waiver before being allowed to pay their dues. Additionally, all copies of the hardcopy T-1 (team roster/waiver)

is to be sent to Berger. He will put retain a hard copy of all of them in storage, along with an electronic copy. We will implement a 5-year retention period on these.

Additional banners – We need to use our website as a marketing tool to recruit younger players/members. We need to update our website and use it as a marketing tool and not as much of an informative site. Keep information on there, but give more information on what we do and what we have available. (ie: women’s 40+, men’s starting at 35+, and all the men’s divisions).

Extend the season – We will not have a second session this year.

Motion by Scholler to adjourn the meeting. Tipton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Board members and years terms expire:

2020

Barry Gordon
Bobby Gregg
Rocky Osborn
Susan Scholler
Mark Spletstaszer

2021

Tim Burkindine
Dave Hendrikse
Chuck Tipton
John Mond
Jeff Harlan

2022

Clint Berger
Steve Krull
Brad Uecker
Ann Willkett
Bob Zimmerman