

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League

Board of Directors meeting minutes

July 12, 2020

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 11:00 am, Sunday July 12, 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, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Hendrikse, Rocky Osborn, Jeff Harlan, John Mondy, Mark Splettstaszer & Clint Berger. Absent were Steve Krull & Brad Uecker.

Burkindine called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Approval of previous June 14, 2020 minutes: Splettstaszer moved to approve, and Hendrikse seconded. Passed 12-0.

Treasurer report: Tipton presented the balances in the checking and savings accounts. Filing taxes will be done by July 15, 2020. We do not have a balanced checking account from last year. If we get our taxes filed, we have 3 years to get it balanced, if we do not file, we have two months to get it balanced. Motion to accept the report by Gordon, seconded by Gregg. Approved, passed 12-0.

Board approves to suspend committee reports.

Select committees: Burkindine put Steve Krull in charge of the Mission Statement and special projects committee.

Old Business:

Following Covid-19 rules - Biggest issue was catchers not wearing masks in the men's leagues. Per Splettstaszer & Gordon - Blackbob, Tuesday and Thursday – noticing that players are not leaving after their game, which is against the Covid-19 rules. Hanging out in the parking lots, not social distancing. Burkindine, Gregg, Berger, Zimmerman & Hendrikse – players in the dugouts not keeping 6ft distance. Hendrikse – Monday night men's – not wearing masks in the dugouts. Osborn – social distancing is a challenge. Some are truly trying as they bring their own chairs and sit outside the dugout, but a lot are not wearing masks. Willkett & Scholler - women's league doing very well at wearing masks. There are a couple of teams that are not wearing the masks and social distancing. We have addressed the coaches, and this should be taken care of next week. One of the biggest issues is the teams coming in to play the next game are congregating together behind the bleachers.

We will ask individuals that are congregating before games to please adhere to the social distancing guidelines. If they do not, we will address the team individually. We as a league, are responsible for them once they enter the area of the playing field until they leave the area. We will not be responsible for individuals in the parking lots. There is a

statewide, Missouri and Kansas, to social distance and wear masks. Coordinators to reach out to the managers and have them remind their players about social distancing.

Suspension of League play – Shutting down the league for two weeks was the best thing we could have done, at that time. Great response from the board on gathering information, contact tracing and making the decision. What do we do should we have another positive case in the league? Motion by Harlan to table the action, pending another positive test of a player in the league. Seconded by Scholler. Motion did not pass, 6-6.

Motion to shut down the league should there be another positive test of a player. Motion by Gordon, seconded by Osborn. Motion passed 8 - 4.

AED at Hartman – Can not use the one in their concession stand. Per Burkindine, they will get us an answer on getting one for us to use at Hartman Park in Lee's Summit.

Old business – None

Lawyer on Retainer? – Very, very expensive. No motions. No lawyer at this time. Will investigate a bit more.

Updated schedules – Move the 2 weeks of games missed during the shutdown, to the end of the season. Motion to restart the men's leagues, Saturday, July 18th. Motion by Gregg, seconded by Gordon. Passes unanimously, 11 – 0.

Zimmerman presented a brochure of a company that would like us to help market their website on teams traveling and using their website. We will hand this over to Steve Krull, special projects, and have him look into.

Burkindine would like for us by the next board meeting to get two non-board members for each committee. Asked Mondy to get something put on our Facebook page, to reach out to our members and see if anyone would be interested in joining one of our committees. We do not have anyone for the umpire committee, as Donna McGuire had taken care of this.

Sportsmanship – Speaking specifically, regarding an ejection of a player that plays for one of the Thursday night Heritage teams. At the time, the player was a spectator, who had already played both games of their double-header on that field, that night. The individual did not leave the park after their games. He went over by one of the benches, and continued to make comments to the umpire. Umpire gave him warnings and then ejected him. According to our rule book, he will serve a one game suspension on the same night he was ejected, or 1st game the following time the team plays.

C. CONDUCT.

3. A player or manager who is ejected must leave the field and dugout, and must serve a one-game suspension, meaning he is not eligible to play or manage in his team's next game. Umpires shall notify the conference coordinator and park supervisor of all ejections.

Awards – Barry Gordon, we will not be doing any awards this season. We will pick it up next year.

Storage Unit – We have until the end of August with the current one we have. We will look into getting a new one.

Motion by Splettstaszer to adjourn the meeting. Harlan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Board members and years terms expire:

2020

Barry Gordon
Bobby Gregg
Rocky Osborn
Susan Scholler
Mark Splettstaszer

2021

Tim Burkindine
Dave Hendrikse
Chuck Tipton
John Mond
Jeff Harlan

2022

Clint Berger
Steve Krull
Brad Uecker
Ann Willkett
Bob Zimmerman