

Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League
Board of Directors meeting minutes
September 13, 2020

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday September 13, 2020 at Clint Berger's house in Overland Park, KS. Present at the meeting were Bobby Gregg, Chuck Tipton, Ann Willkett, Barry Gordon, Susan Scholler, Bob Zimmerman, Dave Hendrikse, Jeff Harlan, John Mondy, Brad Uecker & Clint Berger. Absent were Steve Krull, Tim Burkendine, Ray Harre & Rocky Osborn.

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

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

III. Treasurer Report: Tipton presented the balances in our checking and savings accounts. Current account totals are lower than in the past year currently. Tipton will be taking a closer look at expenses and income. Willkett made a motion to approve the treasury report. Harlan seconded it. Passed 11-0.

IV. Committee reports:

Advertising – No report

All Star Game/Picnic – NR

Awards – Gordon reported that we have 7 members to get jackets this year. The jackets and conference championship shirts will be ready by the end of October. How to distribute jackets? Gordon would like to distribute the jackets at a special meeting, should we not have our annual meeting. At minimum, give them the recognition by the board.

Board Nominations – no new nominations.

By-Laws - NR

Communications – NR

Competition – NR

Competitive Oversight – NR

Draft Oversight – NR

Equip/Safety/Health – NR

Finance – Ordering softballs. Trouble getting in touch with Eric Jacobson – our BSN Sports representative the past number of years. No responses from messages left.

Long Range Plan – Hendrikse has a meeting with some individuals on the 23rd in regards to what is going on with the site where Schlitterbaun had been located.

Membership/Dues – NR

New Members/Welcome – NR

Ratings – NR

Rules – NR

Special Projects – NR

Sportsmanship – NR

Tournament – NR

Umpires – NR

VI. Old Business:

- A. Task Force – Web site banner changes and branding items. Discussions continue relative to syncing minimum age requirements for our male and female members. The youngest age for our women is 40, while our Sunday evening Black Bob men’s conference allows for Class II male members to participate. A few of our Marketing Task Force members plan to “man” a table at an upcoming local tournament in October in an attempt to help stimulate some younger players to join our organization.
- B. Bullet points of board minutes to Karen Rifle. Minutes should have particulars all listed. My minutes will be summarized to be posted to the website. Berger will take minutes, massage and summarize them (to make them web-ready) and then send them to Karen to post to the website.
- C. Efforts to increase 35-50 yr old men/40 and up women. Taken care of by the task force with above notes
- D. Nominees of 2020 board election. Bill Boos, George Callas, John Dehan Jr., Dale Filsinger, Barry Gordon, Bobby Gregg, Ray Harre, Paul LaVine, Aaron Presler & Susan Scholler. Only need to verify that Aaron Presler is still interested in running. Need to get all nominees to send in their bios. Mondri & Hendrikse will address formatting the board election mailer that needs to be sent out as part of our election email blast to all members who have email addresses attached to their database records. Those without email addresses will still require us to mail their ballots to them via the US Postal Service.
- E. Two non-board member committee members per each committee update. Zimmerman has an individual to add to the Rules Committee.

VII. New Business

- A. Annual meeting – Discussion took place relative to the odds of us being able to have an “in-person” annual membership meeting, or if we had the ability to conduct a virtual meeting -- via

Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or the like. Will have to take a closer look once we get a bit closer to time for the meeting. Hendrikse, Uecker and Mondy will investigate the options.

B. Manager Survey – As soon as season is over for all conferences, Berger will get the survey sent out to all 2020 managers. This allows our members another opportunity to voice their feelings, concerns, etc., towards the board.

C. Home run rule change for 2021 – Berger sent email to Willkett & Zimmerman about additional wording in our rule book relative to home run guidelines. The home run “limit” rule, based on team classification/rating, is currently in the SSUSA rule book. We just need to add it to our rule book since our team ratings/classifications differ from SSUSA’s. And the 2nd rule Berger requested the Rules Committee to address had to do with updating the rule relative to teams adding individuals to rosters the last two weeks of the regular season.

D. 2021 Wes Weddle date & Jo Co/SSUSA confirmation – Gregg will get with Burkindine about this tournament being able to occur July 22 – 25, 2021. Per Gregg, he spoke with Randy Rowe and the tournament belongs to KCMSSL and Randy will run it. Gregg is to get with Burkindine to help verify/confirm this date, or if we need to move it to some other time of the year.

E. Election details – covered earlier in meeting

1. configure/format election mailer for email
2. hard copy to member without emails
3. mailer to website/facebook

F. Website/banner/Logo – Hendrikse and Mondy are still looking at options to change our organization’s logo. Currently we are represented by two softball images, with one stating “Senior” Softball League, while the second one lists “Women’s” Softball League. The mindset is that we have only one “league”, not two separately named leagues. We do have multiple conferences within our single league, but not separate leagues for Men, and Women. In depth conversation ensued as to what was felt will attract the younger senior softball players and what single logo will make a lasting, and memorable, impression on the minds of those from the outside world when they see, or read, anything about us. This Marketing Committee will work on more ideas and touch base with the rest of the board again at our next meeting.

G. Brochure/printing – getting our brochures out. Mondy will look into the cost of printing more of our advertising brochures and who may be the best vendor to print them.

H. Payment of 2020 team insurance to SSUSA – We have not yet received an invoice from SSUSA, per Tipton. Supposedly the invoice was sent (emailed?) to Randy Rowe. In the meantime, we’ve been told we have a binder that covers all of our players. But we still need to, ultimately, pay the invoice. We also have a bond that covers our treasurer, but there was discussion relative to purchasing insurance which will cover all board members. Harre has indicated to Gregg that such as policy would cost only \$450.00 per year. We need to make a final decision on this – if we need to move ahead. Gregg will get in touch with Burkindine.

I. Change Advertising Committee name – Motion was made by Hendrikse, to change the Advertising Committee’s name from the Marketing Committee. Motion was seconded by Scholler. Passes 10 - 1.

J. Committees - Do we need the competition committee? This will go back on Old Business.

K. Are the various committee chairs familiar with their responsibilities? Do not agree with the way committees were assigned. Most chairs are not familiar with their responsibilities. More discussion when Burkindine is again in attendance.

L. Idea to have tournaments (like the “Ditch” ones) to introduce 35-49 year old players (Men and Women) to KCMSSL. It was moved to address this as part of Old Business for our next meeting.

- Burkindine wants to know about raising membership dues. Women are \$15.00, men are \$20.00. We all agree that membership dues need to be increased. The question is to how much.

- Added – Motion made by Gregg that any board vote will have to be done in person, not by email or texts. Too much is not discussed fully, or properly, when attempting to vote by email, or text. Not to mention, certain members were being dropped from text strings while trying to vote that way. Zoom is to be considered “in person”, if all are able to connect. Seconded by Scholler. Motion passed 11-0.

- Sid Wilson passed away. Do we send flowers to the funeral home? They are not doing a funeral; they are doing a celebration of life. We will send a bouquet of flowers to his daughter.

VIII. Adjournment

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

Next meeting is October 18, 2020, 1:00 pm at Clints house.

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