**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**April 11, 2021**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday April 11, 2021 at Homefield in Olathe, KS. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Ann Willkett, Barry Gordon, Chuck Tipton, Brad Uecker, Ray Harre, John Dehan, Dave Hendrikse, John Mondi, Bob Zimmerman, Jeff Harlan & Billy Boos. Not present was Susan Scholler and Tim Burkindine.

1. Berger called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.
2. Read / approve minutes of March 13th meeting. Berger made motion to approve, Willkett seconded. Passed 14-0-0.
3. Treasurer Report – Tipton gave a summary of the financial statements sent out via email to the board. Zimmerman made a motion to approve, seconded by Hendrikse. Passed 12-0-2

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS [Default is NR (No Report) -- unless indicated with an “R”, for Report]:
2. All Star Games / Picnic **K. Membership Database / Dues – see below**
3. Awards L. Mission Statement / Goals
4. Board Nominations M. New Members / Welcoming
5. By Law N. Operations Notebook
6. Equipment / Safety / Health O. Player / Teams Ratings
7. Finance **P. Rules & Protests – see below**
8. Legal / Risk Management **Q. Social Media – see below**
9. Long Range Planning R. Special Projects
10. Manager’s Survey S. Sportsmanship
11. Marketing T. Tournaments

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1. Membership Database/Dues – Gordon said we have 84 new members this year. Hopefully, we can get to the magic number of 1,000 members. Average age of new members is 49 years old.

P. Rules – Bob Zimmerman - just wanted to be sure everyone is clear with the new ball rule. Berger asked what the penalty will, or should be if we find you find an illegal ball? Not sure if there is a rule in SSUSA.

Q. John Mondi - Communication committee – John Mondi. Really good communication via Facebook and our website. Three pickup games went well on Friday. Independence practices for the draft players

1. OLD BUSINESS:
2. Spring tournament update (Gregg) – 15 teams this year. Hopefully be completed by 7 PM on Saturday. Teams will be notified via any change. 3 teams trying to get in late, could not accommodate. 4 fields will be used. We will also be selling water and Gatorade.
   1. In-conjunction Swap Meet (Gordon) – in conjunction with tournament. Will be held in the parking lot. Will run from 9-5.
3. KCMSSL “Community Event” at Dick’s Sporting Goods -- Berger sent out the coupons that can be used in general. We have two dates for the 20% off on the specific dates. One date is the weekend of 4/17 and then the weekend of the Wes Weddle tournament.
4. Operation Notebook -- allowable spending pages update -- Berger distributed the pages for the section that was updated on approval of spending amounts and requirements.
5. Berger – Softballs are on a ship out in the Gulf of Mexico, waiting to port and be unloaded. Clint has been in touch with BSN rep on updates. We do have a back-up plan, should it be needed.

1. NEW BUSINESS:
2. 2021 Covid-19 guidelines (Willkett) – We will go by same restrictions as last year. Be sure to check with your parks and recreation on what their rules will be.
3. Wednesday morning mixed-draft conference update. Berger not sure if the mixed draft will get started. If it does happen, we have screens, we will just need strike mats.
4. Follow-up to Mondi – Tom White Video chat? – John Mondi referenced feedback from Steve Krull and Susan Scholler, nothing else needs to be done. Tom would like to be more involved with the special projects. Warning from White about USSSA (Mid-America) may be trying to take some of our younger players from our leagues and play in theirs. Uecker suggests we try to get some Senior softball out at Mid-America to try and head this off and increase our membership. Younger players are playing out at Mid-America.
5. Conference-by-conference updates --- All coordinators

Monday women’s (Hartman Park) – Willkett – 12 teams, 12-week session

Monday Draft (Black Bob) – Hendrikse - 4 teams, ready to go

Monday Draft (Roe Park) -- Ray - 6 teams

Monday Independence – Billy Boos - 57 players, 4 teams

Tuesday Draft (Independence) – John Mondi - 53 players draft will be held Monday.

Tuesday 55 Competitive (Black Bob) – George – 55 players, 4 teams

Tuesday 60+ Competitive (Black Bob) – Billy Boos – 4 teams

Tuesday 65+ Competitive (Black Bob) – Bob Zimmerman – 6 teams

Tuesday 70’s Competitive (Black Bob) – Ray Harre - 4 teams

Wednesday Competitive (Hartman) – Jeff Harlan - 5 teams

Thursday Competitive (Heritage) – Uecker – 12 teams - 50, 55 and 60’s. Not enough 60-year-old teams, only one team.

Thursday Draft (Roe) – Harre -- 6 teams 82 paid players. Draft has been held.

Friday Co-ed (Hartman) - Willkett – 4 teams – double headers 10 weeks

Saturday Competitive (Roe) - Reynolds - 6 teams. Start 4/24, 15-week session.

Saturday Draft (Roe) – Reynolds – 54 players, 4 teams, draft held Tuesday 4/15 at Home field, 4/24 start – 15-week session.

Sunday Competitive (Black Bob) – John Dehan – opening day today, 7 teams.

1. Report on the status of competitive conference team league fee payments – Chuck Tipton went over these as we did the run down on each conference.
2. Conference Schedules / Equalizers (Gregg). Any questions please contact Bobby.
3. Under-aged players for 75+, and 80+ rosters -- Berger – we default to SSUSA rules.
   * SSUSA’s Rules:
     + Men's 75+ age division teams may draw up to five underage players, all of whom must be 74-year-olds.
     + Men’s 80+ age division teams may draw up to seven players aged 78 or 79, including not more than three 78-year-olds.
4. Men’s 11th defensive player “against” 70-and-higher aged teams; 50-and-higher women (Berger)
   * SSUSA’s Rule:
     + For men’s 70+ through 80+ and women’s divisions age 50+ and above – Eleven players constitute a team.

SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING - Sunday - May 16, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Homefield.

1. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm. Ray made a motion, Dave seconded.

**Board members and years terms expire:**

**2021                            2022**    **2023**

Tim Burkindine            Clint Berger Barry Gordon

Dave Hendrikse          Bill Boos Bobby Gregg

Chuck Tipton               Brad Uecker John Dehan

John Mondi                  Ann Willkett Susan Scholler

Jeff Harlan                   Bob Zimmerman Ray Harre