**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**June 27, 2021**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday June 27, 2021 at Homefield in Olathe, KS. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Chuck Tipton, Ray Harre, Dave Hendrikse, John Mondi, Susan Scholler, Bob Zimmerman, Jeff Harlan, Bill Boos, Bob Uecker & Tim Burkindine.

Not present was Ann Willkett & John Dehan.

With Willkett not being present to take notes, Berger app-recorded the meeting and generated the notes accordingly, so there will be names missing from some information due to not recalling, or recognizing some of the voice recordings.

1. **CALL TO ORDER –** Berger called the meeting to order at 1:00.
2. **Approve minutes of May 16th meeting –** motion was made to accept the May minutes, seconded and passed 14-0-0.
3. **Treasurer Report – Amount in savings is $46,024.49, and in checking $17,639.00.** All Wes Weddle tournament refunds have been cashed except for Norm Izzard’s. Harre mentioned we are way under projected income (due to tournament rainouts) and not getting the dollars from membership dues by about $3,000. Expenses running a bit higher than anticipated. Burkindine made a motion to accept the treasurer report, and was seconded. Passed 12-0-2.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS [**Default is **NR** (No Report) -- unless indicated with an “**R**”, for Report**]:**
5. **All Star Games / Picnic L. Military Service Wall**
6. **Awards M. Mission Statement / Goals**
7. **Board Nominations N. New Members / Welcoming**
8. **By Laws O. Operations Notebook**
9. **Equipment / Safety / Health P. Player / Teams Ratings**
10. **Finance Q. Rules & Protests**
11. **Legal / Risk Management R. Social Media**
12. **Long Range Planning S. Special Projects**
13. **Manager’s Survey T. Sportsmanship**
14. **Marketing U. Tournaments**
15. **Membership Database / Dues V. Umpires**

**B. Awards – Barry Gordon** reviewed the need for 1st session conference championship shirts to be sent to him. Also elaborated on the Wes Weddle and Rookie of the Year awards. Since we did not give them out last year, all last year nominees are eligible this year. Also Hall of Honor and Presidential awards are to be considered. Gordon also showed the copier copies of the conference championship, Wood Bat tournament shirts, and All-Star Game participant “beanies”.

**M. New Members / Welcoming –** 2021 membership count to date, 901…..with 128 “new” members for the year.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   1. **Update on Non-Sanctioned “Draw” conference at Pleasant Valley (LaVine -- guest)**

Decided LaVine’s presence was not necessary. Per Berger, still happening, going well. Not KCMSS-sanctioned event, but he is working to get it there. Also wishes to get a Monday night 35+ competitive conference going. Time will tell on both.

* 1. **Rainoutline.com update for KC Metro (Dehan)**

Dehan was not present so will plan on covering next meeting. According to the Rainoutline.com app on Hendrikse’s phone, our portion of the app is still not active.

* 1. **Recap on 30th Anniversary hat / visor distribution (Gordon)**

Gordon reported that all hats/visors have been distributed. Do have a few women’s visors, and quite a few men’s hats left.

* 1. **Wes Weddle Tournament recap, Wood Bat Tournament? (Gregg)**

Both were rained out. No alternate dates available for Wes Weddle. Going to incorporate the Wood Bat tournament into the All-Star Games/Picnic event – to start that Saturday afternoon -- July 24th.

* 1. **Update on our new logo, and on-line apparel store (Hendrikse)**

Store is up-and-running. Six non-board member orders to date. A “patch” possessing our new logo was suggested as being added to the store’s selection. Hendrikse will inquire as to its availability.

* 1. **Use of $50 Dick’s Sporting Goods Coupons (Board discussion)**

Decision was made to give-away (raffle-off) 10 of these certificates at our upcoming All-Star Games / Picnic, with the remainder of them being raffled off at our annual membership meeting in December.

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
2. **Umpire shortage (Dehan)**

This was a question, not a statement, for Dehan. However, Dehan was not present to discuss.

1. **Retiring Jersey #’s of Deceased Players (Berger…..via Richard Hite email) – handout**

With the large number of teams involved each season, this was determined to be too complex of a venture to implement and manage. It was felt individual teams would address the subject individually (as a team), if desired.

1. **KC Metro “Military Service Wall” (i.e., page) on our website? (John Mondi….per Chuck Main)**

The board agreed this was a good idea. John Mondi stated he would take the lead on this new committee. More to come from John on this going forward.

1. **Jeff Weinstein’s offer to be KCMSSL’s manufacturer rep for senior made products, i.e., bats, balls, shoes, gloves, etc. (a direct relationship with manufacturers). (Berger)**

The board felt this would cause too much of a conflict with other KCMSSL members who are also attempting to be a part-time provider of such similar items to our members.

1. **“Picnic” in conjunction with All-Star Games – Meats...brats, hot dogs, Italian sausage only? (Gregg)**

2020 All-Star Games/Picnic did not happen (Covid). Initially was just going to come back with the games, but all now agree we should bring a “sized-down” picnic back also. And with our 1st annual Wood Bat being rained out this past Saturday, Gregg proposed we incorporate that tournament in with the All-Star Games/Picnic event. We’re paying for all-day use of the fields at Hartman already anyway, so why not utilize the fields completely for the day. Everyone agreed. We will plan accordingly.

1. **Do we need a “heat index”, or some other heat-related guidelines, in our rule book (Berger)**

Conclusion was that we’d continue to leave it up to the discretion of the individual coordinators and teams involved with each conference. If both managers and his players wish to play, then the games are played. If any one of the two teams do not wish to play, then the subject games are to be rescheduled accordingly.

1. **Meeting with Doug Hite – Director of Mid-America Complex (Harre & Gregg)**

Meeting’s main focus was the availability of bringing the Wes Weddle back to Mid-America next year, and going forward. The four fields with artificial turf look awesome, but it’s apparent everyone wishing to utilize them will be paying accordingly. Johnson County management will be meeting in June/July to determine how they see things happening, going forward, relative to field usage (i.e., being reserved for any given tournament). Could be a bid process. Doug Hite is to educate Berger accordingly by August 1st. We will discuss further after that.

1. **Athletico (Physical Therapist) request to set-up tent at our All-Star Games/Picnic (Gordon)**

It was agreed to allow Athletico to set up. If the result is positive for both parties, we will see how we wish to proceed next time around, or if it is something with which we’d be willing expand going forward.

1. **HomeLight website sponsorship (Berger)**

This suggestion was not met in a positive manner, so it was voted not to allow Homelight to be a sponsor on our website.

1. **Items desired to be included in our June Newsletter email blast – BOARD preferences / suggestions**

Berger informed the board that he’d like to continue to publish a newsletter after each board meeting – listing current happenings, decisions, etc., to keep the membership apprised of things. He will, therefore, send out a preview of the June Newsletter to each (for their review). Each will have the option to edit, add, or remove any item listed – before Berger publishes this newsletter, and any future post-board meeting newsletter going forward.

1. **St. Louis Women’s Tournament Sponsorship $$ (Scholler)**

In 2019 we provided Scholler a 3’X8’ KCMSSL banner to hang on the outfield fence during the tournament. Tournament management will not allow the banner to be hung without us providing them with a $250 sponsorship check. It was decided not to spend the money. Use of the banner is available to any KCMSSL team wishing to use the banner for their dugout.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** (suggestion….) Next meeting will be August 8 at 1:00 pm at Homefield in Olathe.

1. **ADJOURNMENT –** Burkindine made motion to adjourn the meeting, motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned.

**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

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