**AGENDA**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 4:00 pm, Sunday October 17, 2021, at Clint Bergers “screened in” deck -12326 Ash St., Overland Park, KS 66209. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Ann Willkett, Barry Gordon, Chuck Tipton, Ray Harre, Dave Hendrikse, John Mondi, Bob Zimmerman, Jeff Harlan, Tim Burkindine, Susan Scholler, Billy Boos, Brad Uecker. Not present was John Dehan.

1. **Call To Order –** Berger called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
2. **Read / approve minutes from September 17th meeting.** Motion made to approve the minutes by Hendrikse, seconded by Burkindine. Passed 14-0-0.
3. **Treasurer’s Report –** Tipton - $76,017.00 in checking, $46,000.00 in savings. Waiting on confirmation of invoices from John Dehan. We still have awards to pay for the current year. Also just received an invoice from John Dehan, for a month and half worth of bills for umpires. Tipton still wondering about sub umpires being paid. Guideline should be the coordinator letting Tipton know when we have to pay them. Motion made by Burkindine to approve the report, seconded by Harlan. 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 R 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**
16. **Awards –** Gordon – All but one of the individuals who won the Wes Weddle or rookie of the year award, will be present at the annual membership meeting to accept their award. The jackets (9) have all been ordered. All championship shirts will be ordered Tuesday 10/19. Hall of Honor award will not be given out this year, as none of the nominees received the 75% of the votes necessary.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   1. **Rainoutline.com update for KC Metro (Dehan)** – Dehan not here to discuss this. We will go with it until next year.
   2. **KC Metro “Military Service Wall” (i.e., page) on our website?** Mondi – We will have a ceremony, at Roe Park, under the pavilion, and couple it with a pickup game. Everyone will be invited. November 13, 2021, 9:00 – 10:00 am. Pick up game will follow. We will provide donuts, coffee and water. The wall on the website is 90% complete, with their name, picture, branch and years served.
   3. **Mid-America tournaments – Wes Weddle (Berger)** – We are on hold with the dates we put our bid in forat Mid-America for the Wes Weddle tournament. The individual who must make this decision has been out sick. More to follow as soon as we hear from them.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
3. **By-law’s revisions (Scholler /Burkindine)** – Burkindine and Scholler made some suggestions regarding our by-laws. Mostly updates and grammatical errors. Harre suggested that we have the by-laws rewritten the way we would like them and then present them for a vote at the next meeting. Tipton to check and see if we need an annual audit. Suggestion was made to have a tax preparer, who does our returns, review our records. Remove the requirement of an annual audit taken out of the by laws.
4. **Board election Mailer (Mondi)** – Mondi stated the mailer is essentially completed. He would like for us to look at the annual meeting agenda. Same one we have always used. We will continue to use the same agenda. Bios are complete and ready to go.
   * **December Membership Meeting review (Berger)** – We are good to go with the annual membership meeting.
5. **Request from a member to move Saturday – Roe conferences to Black Bob Park – Board** – Just wondering what is not working at Roe. Moving it to Black Bob would cause the loss of players that live in Missouri. Roe is centrally located. After further discussion, we do not see a benefit of moving it to Black Bob. Saturday will continue to be at Roe.
6. **Revisit the possibility of the previously proposed Wednesday 65+ Draft conference at Hartman Park, or north of the river at Pleasant Valley Park (Berger)** - Berger simply wants everyone to continue to consider our conference needs on the Missouri side of the state line.   Let’s revisit that need if/when it is felt appropriate.
7. **Update the 2022 draft conference registration form with new fees -- membership meeting deadline for this update (Draft Conference coordinators & Berger)** – Not sure what the draft player league fees will be at this time. Therefore, we will not be able to update the 2022 form until after the annual meeting.
8. **Searching for a better process of tracking payments for the dozens of softballs we sell (Board)** – The way we handled the payments on the purchasing of the balls has not worked well. Looking at adding the $50.00 on to the league fee, for the first dozen. Burkindine suggested we give the conference coordinators “X” number of dozen balls. At the end of the year the coordinators will be responsible for the return of the balls or the money for the ones that were purchased.
9. **Sponsorship for the KC Corporate Challenge Softball Tournament in 2022 (Hendrikse)** – Would we want Hendrikse to reach out to individuals with the Corporate Challenge to get our League name out there, during their tournament. Hendrikse will look into the cost of this.
   * **Window Logo stickers (Hendrikse) –** Hendrikse to see how much of a price break we could possibly get and look into making them larger than the 4” size. Let us hand them out for free at the managers meeting.
   * **Logo sleeve patches for tournament teams (Hendrikse)** – Do we purchase them and just have them, or do we let the teams look into it themselves. Suggestion was made to have the teams reach out on their own.
10. **Suggestions to resolving the increase in game forfeits?? (Gregg)** – Why are we having so many forfeits. Seems to be burn out, fall tournaments and the 20-person roster. Should we look at ending the season sooner. We will need to talk with the conference coordinators and have them look over and decide about the length of the season.
11. **Review the “Ball Rule” (Zimmerman)** – Hit their own ball. Have your pitcher look at the ball and determine if it is a legal ball or not.
    * **“Tie game” rule revision to consider (Berger)** – Suggestion made by Berger, to continue put the last batter at second, but then change the pitch count to Texas rules - one pitch per batter. Harlan suggested to change the unlimited inning to Texas rule, one pitch per batter.
    * **One 9-inning game versus two 7-inning games option. (Berger) This is current rule:**
      + **F. GAME LENGTH**

**1. Conference games will be scheduled for seven innings and 60 minutes maximum (except Sunday conference and others that choose to use a 9-inning or similar format instead of a double-header schedule). Teams are limited to scoring five runs per inning except for the final inning (Sunday conference excluded ??) –** It was decided that if any of the competitive conferences want to do this, they have it set up to begin with. So it sounds like we need to leave it as is, no change.

1. **Fall Swap Meet (Gordon)** – Fall Swap Meet for this season will be 10/23 at Roe Park, 10 -2pm. Gordon urges all coordinators to get with their managers and let them know.
2. **Homefield (Gordon) –** Gordon has a schedule of what slots are available. Get with him as the slots are filling up. Monthly fee is $35.00 per month, plus tax, or $10.00 each visit. Can start at any time.
3. **Manager’s survey – Clint –** Berger will get the survey sent out now that the season is over.
4. **Dinner for the Board – Clint –** Berger inquired if the board wished to do this again this year? No dinner.
5. **Recognition for Draft Managers** - Berger – Harre takes care of his managers. Gordon thinks all conference coordinators should get some sort of recognition for their time and efforts. Possibly bring it up at the managers meeting and acknowledge them.

Next meeting will be November 14, 2021, at Home Field at 1:00 pm.

1. **ADJOURNMENT –** Motion made by Burkindine to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Boos. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

**Board members and years terms expire:**

**2021                            2022**    **2023**

Tim Burkindine            Clint Berger Barry Gordon

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