**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball**

**Minutes, Board of Directors**

**November 14, 2021**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 1:00 pm, Sunday November 14, 2021, at Homefield in Olathe, KS. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Ann Willkett, Barry Gordon, Brad Uecker, Ray Harre, John Dehan, Dave Hendrikse, John Mondi, Susan Scholler, Tim Burkindine, Billy Boos, Chuck Tipton, Jeff Harlan & Bob Zimmerman.

1. **Call To Order –** Berger called the meeting to order at1:00 pm.
2. **Read / approve minutes from October 17th meeting** – Burkindine made the motion to accept the October 17th minutes, seconded by Harre. Passed 15-0-0
3. **Treasurer’s Report –** Per Tipton, $2,239.67 in checking, $41,001.81 in savings. Chuck compared this year’s current financial position (total for both accounts is $43,230.00) with last year’s financial position (total $26,891.00). However, we still have a $10,000.00 invoice still outstanding for softballs. Burkindine made a motion to approve the October report, seconded by Scholler. Passed 12-0-3.
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 –** Dave – thanked everyone for all the support and efforts. Our new logo, getting more people involved, our website and online store. **U. Tournaments**
15. **Membership Database / Dues V. Umpires**
16. **OLD BUSINESS:**
    1. **Finalize By-Laws revisions (Scholler/Burkindine/Board) –**  Zimmerman had a question about one person holding more than one position (Article 6.1). Scholler suggested to change the wording to, no director may hold more than one executive office. All were ok with this change. Tipton suggested to change (Article 11.1) from audit to review. Suggested to change to, an annual review of the league’s fund accounts shall be made by a third party who is not a member, director, or officer of the league, appointed by the president. Such review results shall be presented by the treasurer at the next annual meeting of the membership. All were ok with this change. Harre mentioned article (7.1) two signatures are required on all checks. Suggestion was made to change to, President and Treasurer will be the only authorized individuals to sign approval for disbursements from the leagues bank account. All were ok with this change. Motion made by Burkindine, to approve the new by-law revisions as presented. Seconded by Harlan. Passed 15-0-0.
    2. **Rainoutline.com update for KC Metro (Dehan) –** Everyone needs to call or text, do not email, rainouts to Dehan for the Rainoutline.com updates. It was decided to leave the rain outline as is. John Dehan will get the other Black Bob rain out set up on his phone, so that he will automatically get notified on those rain outs – which did not occur in 2021.
    3. **KCMSSL Veterans Day Event (Mondi) –** Total of forty-four people in attendance Saturday afternoon – November 13 @ 1:00 at Roe Park (20 were veterans). Went off without a hitch. Very cold, but went well. Sixteen people went over and played in a wood bat game afterwards.
       1. **KC Metro “Military Service Wall” (i.e., page on our website) –** The Service Wall is up on our website. About 107 currently on the wall. Mondi expects this to slowly grow. He will update monthly, or as needed.
    4. **Wes Weddle “Mid-America” tournament…..or otherwise – (Berger) --** We have not heard anything about the contract for the tournament, to be signed during November. Not actively looking to open that can of worms. Stipulation to look at is the weather delay or cancellation. If they decide it would be rained out, there is a possibility that we would not get our money back. Harre made a motion to not sign the contract with Mid-America. Seconded by Harlan. Passed 15-0-0. We will look at doing the tournament at Hartman and Black Bob. Hartman on Thursday and Friday (May 19 & 20). Black bob for Saturday and Sunday (May 21 & 22). If anyone has any other suggestions for locations, please let us know.
    5. **Sponsorship for the KC Corporate Challenge Softball Tournament in 2022 (Hendrikse) –** Nothing new on this.
    6. **Window Logo stickers (Hendrikse) -** 250 window stickers will cost us $166.00. Motion made by Hendrikse to purchase 250 window stickers for $166.00, seconded by Gregg. Passed 14-0-1.
       1. **Logo sleeve patches for tournament teams (Hendrikse) –** Nothing on this at this time.
    7. **Fall Swap Meet Recap (Gordon) –** Not a good turnout. Maybe did not have enough time to advertise. Looking at doing one in the spring, again, before the 2022 season starts.
17. **NEW BUSINESS**
18. **Manager’s Survey (Berger) –** Berger stated he is closing out the responses. The committee will get together to hash out the particulars. Received six pages of responses. Will get pertinent information out to the committees that will have something to look over. Motion made by Burkindine to allow Richard Hite to pass out a slip at the annual meeting about starting a Wednesday league, only to include Hartman Park or any other Missouri venue. It should also ask whether, or not, this new conference would take any of the respondents away from another night of play. Seconded by Uecker. Passed 15-0-0.
19. **Job Postings on our Facebook / Meta Page?? (Gordon) –** Do we allow people to post job postings on our Face book page? Does the person, or company, need to be a league team sponsor to be able to do so? What is the downside to this? Consensus is we do not see a problem with this. Mondi to scrutinize such situations.
20. **2021 New Player Skill Ratings (Berger) –** 188 new players this year. Player’s default player rating is either 5, or 6, depending upon the new member’s registration information. At the end of the season, Clint sends out a listing of the new members to each member in the conference, to get their ratings reviewed. Currently we need five responses to make a player skill rating change via any player’s appeal process. Do we lower the number of responses to three to legitimately change a new player’s player rating. Motion made by Burkindine to drop the responses from 5 to 3 to make the change in a players skill rating, seconded by Zimmerman. Passed 15-0-0.
21. **Pleasant Valley – North of the River – Draft (Berger) –** Not doing this at this time. Paul LaVine, who was the impetus behind making his happen, has moved to Kearney and is now too busy with his new home to be involved.
22. **December “All Members” Meeting items – Board**
    * **Charitable contributions?? –** We will hold off again this year on charitable contributions.
    * **Donuts, etc. -** Billy to bring donuts.
23. **Items desired to be included in November Newsletter email blast – BOARD preferences / suggestions**

Next meeting is set for December 4, 2021 (annual membership meeting) Meeting is at 9:00 am, all directors will need to be there at 8:00 am.

1. **ADJOURNMENT -** Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm. Motion made by Zimmerman, seconded by Burkindine. Passed 15-0-0.

**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