**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**July 8, 2022.**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 6:30 PM, Friday July 8, 2022, at 12326 Ash St, Overland Park, KS 66209. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Ann Willkett, Jeff Harlan, Gary Pycior, Ray Harre, Bob Zimmerman, Susan Scholler & Dave Hendrikse. Absent were John Mondi, John Dehan (proxy to Susan), Terry Cloutier, Brad Uecker & Billy Boos.

1. **Call To Order -** Berger called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.
2. **Read / approve minutes from June 12th meeting -** Motion made by Hendrikse seconded by Scholler. Passed 11-0-0.
3. **Treasurer’s Report -** Berger – Sent out the monthly statement on July 1st. We received a lot of invoices in June. Therefore, our current balance is around $60,000.00. Berger increased our credit card amount to $20,000.00 (due to the payment issues encountered with our annual softball order of over $13,000). Motion was made by Scholler to approve, seconded by Gregg. Passed 11-0-0.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS [**Default is “No Report” -- unless indicated with an “**R**”, for Report**]:**
5. **All Star Games / Picnic N. New Members / Welcoming R**
6. **Awards O. Operations Notebook**
7. **Board Nominations P. Player / Team Ratings**
8. **By Laws Q. Rules & Protests**
9. **Equipment / Safety / Health + Draft**
10. **Finance + Men’s Competitive**
11. **Legal / Risk Management + Women’s & Co-Ed**
12. **Long Range Planning R. Social Media**
13. **Manager’s / Player’s Survey S. Special Projects**
14. **Marketing T. Sportsmanship**
15. **Membership Database / Dues U. Tournaments**
16. **Military Service Wall V. Umpires**
17. **Mission Statement / Goals**

**B*.* Awards –**  Gordon – looking at the ¾ zip for the women Ambassador Award, in place of the jackets that the men have. The one he showed would be $62.50, which is $11.00 more than the men’s jackets. We will design them the same as men’s jackets as far as patch’s etc. Going to check on the pricing of the men’s cut.

1. **New Members/Welcoming –** Gordon - We currently have 927 members, which puts

 us ahead of last year’s pace.

**J. Long Range Planning –** Hendrikse reached out to Mammoth Sports Construction for possible joint venture relative to the building of fields for our use. Waiting on response.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
	1. **Sponsor updates -- Humana, Oak Street Health, Miracle Ear, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Delmar Gardens (Gordon, Berger) –** Gordon has not heard from Oak Street Health. He has reached out and waiting on a response. Per Scholler, Humana was out at Independence on Tuesday night and very pleased and received well by the players. Berger asked Dick’s if they would like to come to the all-star game and has not heard back.
	2. **Softball purchase for 2023 season (Berger) –** 184 dozen balls have again been ordered for 2023.
2. **NEW BUSINESS:**
3. **All-Star Games / Picnic / Raffle / Skills Contests – July 16 latest update?** Harre to get a trailer and have it ready to pick up items Friday afternoon. Board members will be able to participate in each of the contests, but not in the Raffle.
	* **What help / equipment is needed? Teams / Games -** Scholler and Mondi will work together on the pitching contest.
	* **Raffle ticket cost & sequence of raffling –** We currently have 42 prizes that are worth a significant amount of money. Willkett will coordinate with Cloutier on the raffle items and getting them set up. Willkett will be taking money and sell tickets. $5.00 per ticket or 5 tickets for $20.00.
	* **Food items / suggestions** – Berger and Gregg will begin getting items purchased on Friday afternoon. We will get Powerade instead of Gatorade. Humana will be paying for all the water and putting their sticker on each bottle, them\selves. The definitive plan to have enough food, drinks, etc., so that we do not run out of any such items this year – as occurred last year.
	* **Skills Contests guidelines - Pitching contest**. (field 3) – cost will be 5 pitches for $5.00. Individuals may enter multiple times at the 5 pitches for $5.00 each time. There will not be any age categories – winner takes all. The ball must stay in the 5-gallon bucket for it to count. Will pitch from the pitcher’s mound. Judge’s decision is final. Should a tie occur, there will be a 5 pitch, pitch-off. The prize is a glove, donated by Dick’s Sporting Goods.
	* **Home Run Hitting contest** (field 2) – In order to be considered for the winner, you must use the supplied Onyx bats. 10 pitches (not 10 swings) for $10.00. Batters must supply their own pitcher. There will be 3 age categories – 50-64, 65-69 and 70+ men and women. Each category will have 1 winner. Judge’s decision is final. In case of a tie, there will be a hit off. Winner will receive a new Onyx bat.
	* 50-64 category - will hit from home plate.
	* 65-69 category – will hit halfway between home plate and the pitcher’s mound.
	* 70+ men and all women category – will hit from the pitcher’s mound.
4. **Organizational acknowledgement of Gary Eager (Woolery / Bennett), Tom Moats (Bakian / Hart) and Clyde Jones (??) incidents (Harre) –** Showing recognition for those that helped assist with emergency situations. Harre to present this at our annual meeting**.**
5. **Safety concerns reported regarding placement of Humana banner on the pitching screens –** Have only had one complaint about the placement of the banner on the pitching screens. The board does not believe it is considered a safety issue.
6. **Summer session cost of dozen softballs included within each league fee?? If a team does not want/need another dozen for 2nd session, then their fee may be reduced by $50.00?? (Berger) –** Conference coordinators can decide what teams need balls for the second session. Gregg made a motion that the price of the balls will not be included in the league fees for the competitive conferences. If balls are needed, they can purchase them. $50.00 per dozen. Seconded by Gordon. Passed 10-1-0.
7. **Request from Randy Rowe to buy cases of softballs from us for his July Midwest Qualifier (Gregg / Gordon) –** There have been a couple of tournament coordinators (Randy Rowe-42 dozen and Will Rogers-21 dozen) that have approached us to purchase balls for their tournaments. Conversation ensued as to where that would leave our league on availability of balls. Bundles of $$ in our hands does no good, since the supply of balls is the problem. Berger and Gregg made an executive decision to “loan” 42 dozen balls to SSUSA (for their Midwest Championships in the St. Louis area), until their order came in. Otherwise, the tournament was going to have to be cancelled. The balls they ordered are supposedly in the states, just not unloaded and delivered. When they come in, SSUSA will re-imburse us the 42 dozen. They will not have our logo on them. We foresee some great PR as all the balls we loaned them have our logo and Humana’s logo on them. Willkett made a motion that we do not “sell” large quantities of balls without the approval of the board. Seconded by Harlan. Passed 10-0-1.
8. **Elite Sports shirts to replace, or support, Wes Weddle & Rookie of the Year trophies / plaques?? (Cloutier / Gordon) –** Cloutier came to Gordon and said he thinks he can get some nice shirts to replace trophies for the Wes Weddle awards. Gordon will let Cloutier know that we do still like the idea of the trophies / plaques.
9. **Memorial Tree?? ($29) – for Brent Pate, who passed away 6/23 (Berger)**
	* **Donald White – 6/26 also….? Clint -** We will do a donation to a specified organization or offer a memorial tree. We will do this on a case-by-case basis.
10. **Player rerating timeframe, and frequency (Harlan) –** Believes the player re-rating system is being abused by one specific coach. Should we allow individuals to be re-rated in the middle of a session? What this coach is doing is correct, however, the manner in which he is doing this is incorrect. Overall, it appears the rating system is working and at this time we will not be putting any restrictions on how often and when a coach can request a re-rate of a player.
11. **Treasurer’s position (Harre) –** Harre has decided to resign as treasurer. We will need to come up with an elected treasurer sooner rather than later.
12. **Committee vacancies needing to be filled (Berger) –** We have several committee openings. Berger will send out a listing of the vacancies and we need to get them filled**.**

**Items desired to be included in July Newsletter email blast (BOARD preferences / suggestions) –** Open Treasurer position, update on the All-star games and picnic.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** (suggestion….) August 12, 2022, at 6:30pm. Berger’s deck.

**Motion made by Hendrikse to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scholler. Passed 11-0-0.**

**Board members and years terms expire:**

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