**Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes**

**September 30, 2022**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 6:15 PM, September 30, 2022, at 12326 Ash St, Overland Park, KS 66209. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Ann Willkett, Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Jeff Harlan, John Mondi, Susan Scholler, Brad Uecker & Dave Hendrikse. Absent were John Dehan, Terry Cloutier, Ray Harre, Gary Pycior, Bob Zimmerman & Billy Boos. Proxies: Clint has Terry Cloutier, Bobby has Ray Harre’s, Barry has Bob Zimmerman and John Dehan’s)

1. **Call To Order –** Clint called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm.
2. **Read / approve minutes from August 21st meeting -** Motion made by Susan to approve minutes, seconded by Dave. Passed 13-0-0
3. **Treasurer’s Report –** Susan made a motion to approve the August reports, seconded by Jeff. Passed 13-0-0. We will cover the September reports in the October meeting.
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 R. Social Media**
13. **Manager’s / Player’s Survey S. Special Projects**
14. **Marketing R T. Sportsmanship**
15. **Membership Database / Dues U. Tournaments**
16. **Military Service Wall V. Umpires**
17. **Mission Statement / Goals**

(H) Hendrikse met with Kelce Ahern (Homefield…located in Olathe). Baseball / Softball fields that are being built where the previous Schlitterbahn Park was located. Plans indicate the complex will be complete by 2023. Something to look at for our Wes Weddle tournament, or otherwise. Should be 8 fields.

(J) Hendrikse has also been in touch with the Vice-President of corporate partnerships for the KC Monarchs – Independent League baseball team. The two of them are discussing the possibly of conducting a combined KCMSSL / KC Monarchs food drive, 24 hours of senior softball on their fields. Dave will continue to have discussions with them.

1. New Members – Gordon reported we currently have 958 members. Same time last year we had 977. The confusing question is why we are losing so many members, when (at the same time -- for 2022) we’ve added about 160 brand new members?
2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
	1. **Organizational acknowledgement of Gary Eager (Woolery / Bennett), Tom Moats (Bakian / Hart) and Clyde Jones (??) incidents – currently set to occur at December Membership Meeting (Harre) -**
	2. **Utilization of Elite Sports shirts offer by Terry (Gordon, Cloutier) –**  Gordon is trying to get Cloutier to get Elite Sports to provide shirts for the managers, especially in the draft league. The better possibly, due to the volume of shirts involved, is that we could get shirts for the board. Terry to talk to them at the Huntsman games this week(end).
	3. **Conference Championships, Awards, etc., …status / update (Gordon) -** waiting on the champions for each conference. Three-week turnaround from our supplier for the conference champions shirts. Possibly hand them out at the membership meeting.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
4. **Finalization of Board of Directors nominations, aside from Mike Koontz, Terry Jackson, Mark Kenney, Michelle Ciafullo, and Paul Heacock (EVERYONE)** – John Mondi nominated Candice Kissee. Need to have John get all the bios together for all the individuals that are running so the flyer can be completed for online, as well as mailed, voting ballots.
5. **Timeframe between how often a member’s skill rating can be reviewed (Berger) –** Someone can be reviewed as many times as someone requests a review. If someone wants to review the same person again, that is fine.
6. **Raffle Giveaway items for the December Membership meeting – other than $50 certificates (ALL) –** Berger has 7 Dick’s Sporting Goods gift certificates for the raffle, and will talk to Cloutier about the items left over from the picnic / raffle.
7. **Sportsmanship issues (Foote-Suber, Meder-Hamilton…) – Berger** – All involved feel the situation between Foote and Suber has died. Meder-Hamilton has died a quick death as well.
8. **Solution to communicating conference standings, etc. (i.e., due to Karen Riffle’s announcement) –** Having weekly update for each conference, in regard to schedules and scores. Willkett will get with Karen Riffle about alternate solution to the current situation of Karen simply not having the time to get the daily updating done on a regular basis.
9. **Conference coordinator openings for 2023? –** Conference coordinator openings for 2023? – Hendrikse is considering mentoring someone in 2023 for the Monday night draft conference coordinator position, with the intent for that person to take over in 2023, or soon after. Saturday at Roe Park needs a new coordinator for the draft and competitive conferences for 2023. This could be a combined coordinator position, as it is now, or it could be split (a coordinator for the Competitive conference, and a separate one for the draft). Possibly need someone for Thursdays at Heritage Park – Brad Uecker is still undecided as to what he will be doing in 2023.
10. **Swap Meet – Barry –** We have had a Swap Meet in the fall and spring, but the interest in one during the fall seems to be dwindling. There was talk about conducting just one in conjunction with one of John’s off-season non-sanctioned pickup games – but the relationship between the pick-up games and the KCMSSL is a no-no. Therefore, everyone agreed we just do one in the spring. More discussion to come as to when, and where.
11. **Address umpires not showing up – need to investigate change for 2023?** John Mondi – Tuesday nights had a couple of nights where only one umpire showed up and another had none. Independence and Hartman have had at least a couple of nights where there are no umpires. This problem is nation-wide…with stories being reported on several TV news broadcasts. We will need to continue to look for answers to this ongoing problem.
12. **Homefield –** Gordon plans to talk to Homefield management about conducting our Winter meetings there. He plans to also check with them about having our winter workouts there again. Barry to check with Kelce and the individual Barry has worked with in the past about having a meeting.
13. **Hall of Honor, Wes Weddle and Rookie of the Year voting –** Berger is going to give a Presidential Recognition award to Deborah Brown for starting up the Thursday night women’s 35+ conference at Hartman Park. Overwhelming agreement from all present. Gordon has the list of all individuals who will take the place of the conference coordinators (who are also board members) for the Hall of Honor voting process.

Voting for all 2022 Wes Weddle and Rookie of the Year awards was conducted.

**Items desired to be included in September Newsletter email blast (BOARD preferences / suggestions)**

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING –** 12 o’clock-noon onOctober 23, 2022 at Clint’s house.

**Board members and years terms expire:**

**2022**    **2023 2024**

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