

**Board Meeting Date: Sunday – October 27, @ 12:00 PM**

The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 12:00 pm, on October 27, 2024, at Clint’s Deck – 12326 Ash St. Overland Park, KS 66209. Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Bobby Gregg (arrived at 12:25), Susan Scholler, Paul Heacock, Barry Gordon, Mark Kenney, John Mondi (arrived at 1:14 pm), Ann Willkett, Jeff Harlan, Terry Jackson, Monte Johnson & Dave Hendrikse. Missing John Dehan (Susan has proxy), Billy Boos (Bobby has proxy) & Gary Pycior.

1. **Call To Order –** Berger called the meeting to order at 12:05.
2. **Read / approve minutes from September 22nd - 2024 meeting –** Motion was made by Scholler to approve the minutes, seconded by Harlan. Passed 11-0-0.
3. **Treasurer’s Report –** Heacock has worked very hard to make sure we are all informed. Gordon asked a question about what appeared to be an under payment, however, it is due to a credit from one of the parks. All conferences have been paid in full. There is also a credit on Sunday evenings due to Dehan figuring the season on 18 games and they only played 17. He will roll the credit into next year. Gordon made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Harlan. Passed 11-0-0.
4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** [Default is “No Report” -- unless indicated with an “**R**”, for Report]:
5. **All Star Games / Picnic I. Manager’s / Player’s Survey Q. Rules & Protests**
6. **Awards J. Marketing + Draft**
7. **Board Nominations K. Membership Database / Dues + Men’s Competitive**
8. **By Laws L. Military Service Wall + Women’s & Co-Ed**
9. **Equipment / Safety / Health M. Mission Statement / Goals R. Social Media**
10. **Finance N. New Members / Welcoming R S. Special Projects**
11. **Legal / Risk Management O. Operations Notebook T. Sportsmanship**
12. **Long Range Planning P. Player / Team Ratings U. Tournaments V. Umpires**

**N. New Members/Welcoming -** Barry we had 971 members in 2023, in 2024 we ended with 977.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
2. **Wes Weddle RFP update – tournament at the Homefield-Legends complex (Hendrikse) –** Hendrikse will get the RFP sent out for us to look over and get our responses back to him. We will have to wait until next year to solidify the tournament dates if SSUSA approves the dates we requested.
3. **“Day at the K” (Susan Enyeart recap)** – Enyeart was invited but was not here. We will plan on an update in our November meeting.
4. **Board Election Ballot Mailing (Mondi) –** John Mondi does have it ready. Ballot is already out there to vote. Berger will get with Karen Riffle to get it put on the website.
5. **Board Appreciation Event – $350 charitable donation? (Gordon)** – Gordon finally got ahold of the individual to get the charitable donation sent to. Heacock has already sent it to them.
6. **Wes Weddle, Rookie of the Year, Ambassador Awards (Gordon)** – All Wes Weddle and Rookie of the Year awards have been completed by our supplier. Hopefully will have the conference championship shirts in time for the December meeting. Our website will be updated to reflect all of these. Presidential Recognition awards have been received.
7. **League umpires after the 2025 season – options (ALL)** – Gordon has spoken with Tim Meder to possibly take over for John Dehan in order to take care of umpiring our senior softball games. Richard Hite would also be interested in being involved. Berger and Gordon have a meeting with the both of them to go over their plans going forward.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
9. **$500 charitable donation (per Tony Roberts in the name of KCMSSL) to** [**https://bgc-gkc.org/rbi/**](https://bgc-gkc.org/rbi/)- Heacock has paid a donation to RBI – Kansas City Boys and Girls club in Tony’s name.
   * **Frank White Complex survey – relative to “moving” Monday and/or Thursday Roe Park draft conferences (Heacock / Curley)** Heacock sent out 148 surveys to see about moving Monday and Thursday from Roe Park to Frank White Sports Complex in Lee’s Summit. The majority of the 47 that showed up for the open house said they would like to play at Frank White. There would be a higher cost (about $900.00 – over the entire season, which is less than $5 per player) for both venues to move to Frank White versus Roe Park. Before we make any decision to move, Gordon asked that we give him the time to talk to the city of Overland Park (Parks an Recreation) regarding the Saturday morning games and how it would affect them should we decide to move the Monday and Thursday to Frank White. The general consensus was that the decision as to whether to move, or not, should be made by the conference coordinators. A motion was made by Johnson to allow the conference coordinators to make the final decision on where to hold the Monday and Thursday conferences, and ultimately present their decision to the board. Seconded by Gregg. Passed 13-0-0.
   * **Saturday morning draft for 2025—change to, or add 50 / 60 / 70?? (Heacock, Berger, Gordon)** –
     + **Maple Hills Park - 8451 Switzer St, Overland Park, KS 66214 (Switzer & 85th) – alternate option for 60’s & 65’s competitive, if needed (4 miles, as the crow flies, NW of Roe…7 miles driving) – see insert below –** Gordon suggested we not cover this topic until he has time to talk to Gary Pycior about it, since he is Saturday morning’s draft coordinator.
10. **2025 conference updates – teams, coordinators, etc.??** – Conroy’s on Saturdays at Roe will not be coming back. Only other one that may not come back could be Double C on Wednesdays at Hartman. We will have new coordinators for the Tuesday night Independence Draft conference. Mike and Tom Reynolds will be taking over there as on-field coordinators, with their brother Tom Reynolds taking over the administrative duties.
    * **Double C Industries request to play in Tuesday-Ind. Draft (Pumphrey)** – The decision was made that no full teams will be allowed to enter any draft conference. The board does not support moving entire teams to a draft conference. All subject players should come in individually.
11. **Wounded Warrior tournament / game (Mike Thompson)** – Berger was approached by Mike Thompson about having the Wounded Warriors team come play a game at one of our tournaments. Thompson is waiting to get with the individual out of Fort Riley to gather the appropriate information and will update us. We will discuss further then.
12. **End-of-the-season “membership” survey (Berger) –** Berger has the survey ready to send out to all members.
13. **Replacing our Supplemental Insurance with a “Waiver” like SSUSA’s (Heacock, Curley, Soltz)** – Heacock received a text about an injured player. Broke his skull in 8 places and now his teeth do not meet, and he is unable to eat. He has inquired with us about our insurance through SSUSA. Heacock has requested a claim form from SSUSA, and/or the insurance company. Paul is working with AG Insurance to obtain a quote for the liability portion of our 2025 coverage. He and Mike Curley are also looking into a waiver similar to what SSUSA uses for their tournaments. Heacock is waiting for responses on all of this.
14. **Revising of our Hall of Honor requirements, qualifications and process (Berger) –** Berger does not think we will ever add any other individuals to this (we currently have only 3), due to our current requirements and guidelines. Gordon will send out the current requirements and would like some feedback on how this can be changed.
15. **Revised, and Simplified Equalizer Suggestion from Lee Tenold (Berger) –** Lee Tenold’s suggestion is for the team rating equalizer to be a moving differential scale, instead of our current one—which corresponds with the Gold, Silver, Bronze team rating classification. Berger shared Lee’s suggestion with everyone. Equalizers would be based off the team rating differential of the two teams. It was felt the proposed number of levels of equalizers was too much. The motion was made by Willkett to have three levels of equalizers, similar to what we have now, based on the team level differentials. Seconded by Kenney. Passed 14-0-0.
    * John Mondi made another motion that each team’s rating be changed from including the top 10 rated players on the roster, to the top 12 players. That motion was seconded by Gregg. Passed 10- 3 -1.
16. **December Membership Meeting agenda – to be reviewed** – Berger will be gone for this meeting, and Gordon will be in charge. Please look over the agenda and give your feedback. Sponsors, RFB and Center Well, will be at the meeting. Humana has been invited, but has not yet responded. The Stretch zone has been invited as well.
17. **Veterans’ celebration – John Mondi proposes we have a veteran’s celebration on 11/9/24 from 10:00 – 11:00 and then from 11:00 – 12:00 have a game at Roe Park. Berger will add it to the October newsletter.**
18. **Terry inquired about winter workouts at Homefield. Gordon said we again have the Monday thru Friday 9-11 timeframe open for us. Registration will be only by email, paid for by the month. Pricing should be close to the same.**

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

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** (suggestion….) November 17, 2024, noon at Susan’s office.

Ann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:08. Passed 14-0-0.

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Dave Hendrikse Clint Berger Barry Gordon

Jeff Harlan Bill Boos Bobby Gregg

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Gary Pycior Paul Heacock Susan Scholler

Terry Jackson Mark Kenney Monte Johnson





