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| **Quick recap** | |
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| The meeting covered various administrative and logistical matters, including committee reports and financial updates. Discussions focused on organizing upcoming events such as tournaments, an All-Star Game/Picnic, and a fundraiser for wounded veterans. The board also addressed policy updates, safety measures, and future meeting arrangements while reviewing recent conference experiences and promotional strategies. | |
| **Meeting Summary** | |
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| 1. **Call to Order:**     1. The virtual meeting was called to order on the Zoom platform at 1:07 PM.    2. The KCMSSL Board members present were Clint Berger, Bill Boos, Bob Fama, Bobby Gregg, Barry Gordon, Jeff Harlan, Paul Heacock, Monte Johnson, Mark Kenney, John Mondi, Susan Scholler, and Ed Soltz.    3. Susan Scholler had John Dehan’s proxy.    4. Susan Enyeart and Ann Willkett were not present.    5. Paul Heacock acted as secretary in Ann Willkett’s absence.    6. Denny Williams, Assistant Treasurer, Mike Curley, and Mike Thompson were also present. 2. **Read/approve minutes from the February 12, 2025, meeting:** 3. Paul Heacock suggested the following changes.    1. i. Under Old Business, item C. c should read: “Per Paul, Thursday night draft is drawing higher-rated players”.    2. Under Old Business, item D remove “this is to cover Paul or Clint should they take money” and replace with “this is to cover KCMSSL for any volunteer dishonesty.” 4. Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Paul Heacock and seconded by Monte Johnson. Passed 13 in favor, zero against. 5. **Treasurer’s Report**    1. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted was made by Barry Gordon and seconded by Jeff Harlan. Passed 13 in favor, zero against. 6. **Committee Reports** | |
| 1. Mark Kenney reported that paid memberships as of April 26, 2024, were 887. As of April 26, 2025, paid memberships are 869, a decrease of 18 memberships. 2. **Old Business:**     1. The board also discussed the ongoing **Wes Weddle RFP by Dave Hendrikse**, with Barry Gordon suggesting they continue the conversation if Dave Hendrikse has something to share.    2. Monte Johnson and Clint Berger discussed the challenges of making the bidding process competitive due to limited field availability. Clint Berger mentioned that they have gone through all the other field complexes and found no openings.    3. Paul Heacock suggested that the projected benefit numbers used in the RFP were hard to believe.    4. Clint Berger decided to leave the item on the agenda until Dave Hendrikse comes back with something.    5. Clint Berger also updated the board about the Wes Weddell tournament, explaining that they had to split the groups due to the change in venue. He mentioned that they have a standing invite with Scott Hall for any openings at Frank White on the weekend.    6. Bob Fama noticed that additional parking spots had been added at Black Bob, but Clint Berger clarified that it was not enough to satisfy their needs for the Wes Weddell tournament and the city of Olathe citizens utilizing the pool at the same time during the summer months. 3. 2025 “Day at the K” update (Susan Enyeart)    1. Nothing to report. 4. Revising of our Hall of Honor requirements, qualifications, and process (Gordon, Berger)    1. Barry Gordon is to report back next month. 5. Additional pitcher protection screens (frames, netting) and strike mats – for Frank White    1. All finished and good to go. Thanks were given to Clint Berger and Bob Fama for getting this done. 6. Committee responsibility proposal from Mike Curley    1. Mike Curley indicated that this was just a suggestion that the board consider having some or all the committees be led by non-board members. The benefit would be to reduce the burden on the board members and to get more people involved in operating the league.    2. Paul Heacock asked if there is any by-law requirement that committees be led by board members. Susan Scholler will investigate this. 7. Wes Weddle Tournament … going forward (Bobby Gregg, Susan Scholler)    1. Food truck (Rosina Graves)       1. Rosina Graves has operated a food truck at previous Wes Weddle Tournaments. The City of Lee’s Summit will charge her a $100 per day license to operate her food truck in 2025. She is unable to afford this $100 fee for the four days. After discussions, the board agreed to ask Rosina Graves to provide the food truck service just on the two Saturdays, and that we would cover the $200 fee. Clint Berger to communicate this to Rosina Graves. 8. Purchase of 96 dozen softballs for $40 /dozen for the Wes Weddle    1. Clint Berger reported that this board-approved purchase was completed. 9. Endowment Fund? (Finance Committee)    1. Paul Heacock discussed the investigation of an endowment fund, which is being assisted by John Dehan. However, the person John Dehan recommended did not respond. An endowment fund was discussed as a potential source of funds for the organization. Mark Kenney asked about the parameters for using the endowment fund, and Paul Heacock explained that it would depend on the terms set by the person(s) who establish and support the endowment. The board decided to make membership aware of the endowment fund option once it is set up. The Finance Committee will carry this project forward.    2. Clint Berger reported that the late Larry Krull had left $500 to the league and that a family member would match the gift. KCMSSL should soon be receiving $1,000. Instructions for the use of these funds are not known at this time. 10. **New Business**     1. Full and Partial Draft conference refunds (Heacock)        1. I. The new draft refund and partial payment policies, as approved by the board in March, were summarized.        2. Paul Heacock reported that the cancelled Happy Rock conference fees have been refunded. The final refund will be processed on May 1, 2025, via Stripe payment.     2. Safety & Health Guidelines update suggestions (Paul Heacock and Mike Curley)        1. Paul Heacock and Mike Curley discussed the new safety and health guidelines, which will be published on the league website. They also reported that Curley is creating a first-aid kit for the Monday and Thursday draft conferences. Susan Scholler mentioned she has a first-aid kit for Monday's Hartman Park conference.     3. 2025 All-Star Games / Picnic location (Susan Scholler, Bobby Gregg)        1. I. The board discussed the logistics of the 2025 All-Star Game / Picnic event, including the venue, date, and catering options. We will use Black Bob Park on September 6th. Clint Berger presented three catering options: Hy-Vee, Infinite Catering KC, and 2 Guys and a Grill. The board agreed to go with 2 Guys and a Grill, with an estimated cost of up to $4,000 for 275 attendees.     4. Wounded Warrior Tournament (Mike Thompson)        1. Mike Thompson discussed organizing a wounded warrior tournament, with dates in September or October. He discussed securing fields in Kansas City, Gardner, Olathe, Shawnee, or Lawrence. The tournament would have a 3-game guarantee, with teams paying an entry fee of $200. Mike Thompson also discussed the possibility of a women's or co-ed bracket. The tournament would be advertised through the KCMSSL Facebook page, website and monthly newsletters. Mike Thompson agreed that the first step is for him to secure the fields. 11. **Other Business**     1. Mike Curley mentioned the need for a concussion policy to ensure insurance coverage. He will develop a draft policy for board consideration.     2. Clint Berger will purchase a lighting detector for Jeff Harlan.     3. The coordinators shared their first week of play experiences, with most reporting successful openings.     4. Items desired to be included in the April Newsletter included a link to the new safety and health guidelines, a sponsors-based article by Barry Gordon, and information about the change in timing, location, and format of the All-Star Games and Picnic.     5. **Next meeting was set for Saturday, May 17, 2025, beginning at 2:00 PM**. This will be a Teams virtual meeting hosted by Susan. 12. **Adjournment**     1. Bob Fama moved, and Bobby Gregg seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 PM. The motion passed 14 to zero. | |
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