

**The Kansas City Metro Senior Softball League Board of Directors met at 2:00 pm, on June 14, 2025 via a Microsoft Teams meeting. Meeting ID: 280 657 014 189 4 Passcode: wM6Mo9pj**

**Present at the meeting were Clint Berger, Susan Scholler, Paul Heacock, Bobby Gregg, Ann Willkett, Ed Stolz, Bob Fama, Mark Kenney, Barry Gordon, John Dehan, Susan Enyeart. Missing were Monte Johnson, John Mondi, Billy Boos & Jeff Harlan (Clint has his proxy)**

**Call To Order -** Clint called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

**Read / approve minutes from May 17th - 2025 meeting -** Scholler made motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ed Stolz. Passed 12-0-0.

1. **Treasurer’s Report –** Paul Heacock sent out the written reports that included the current budget. He would just like to have the budget accepted. Clint Berger made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Bobby. Passed 12-0-0.
2. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** [Default is “No Report” -- unless indicated with an “**R**,” for Report]:
3. **All Star Games / Picnic I. Manager’s / Player’s Survey Q. Rules & Protests**
4. **Awards J. Marketing + Draft**
5. **Board Nominations K. Membership Database / Dues + Men’s Competitive**
6. **By Laws L. Military Service Wall + Women’s & Co-Ed**
7. **Equipment / Safety / Health M. Mission Statement / Goals R. Social Media**
8. **Finance N. New Members / Welcoming R S. Special Projects**
9. **Legal / Risk Management O. Operations Notebook T. Sportsmanship**
10. **Long Range Planning P. Player / Team Ratings U. Tournaments V. Umpires**

**N. New Members/Welcoming – Mark Kenney –** We currently have 901 members, of which 104 are new members. This time last year we had 907**.**

**V.** **Umpires -** Complaints regarding Tim Meder - Thursday nights regarding a gentleman wearing his hat backwards. John Dehan will send out a blanket notice to his umpires that hats being worn backwards will be ok.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
2. **Wes Weddle RFP update – tournament at the Homefield-Legends complex (Hendrikse)** – No Update
3. **2025 “Day at the K” update (Enyeart) -** Susan spoke with the Royals and her contact has left, but she does have another individual she is now going to be dealing with. Proposing we do it in August (5 dates possible). All the same benefits as did last year as far as purchasing tickets. We would also get to have a message on the scoreboard in the sixth inning and possibly have some members on the field during batting practice. We could do the QT fountain deck, but we would have to purchase 150 tickets, and the tickets would be 115.00 and would include all you can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer, and water. The dates in August are 15, 18, 21, 29 & 30. Friday the 29th is looking good so far, with the tickets on the left side, Susan will get with her contact on Monday. Susan will also formulate an email for Clint to send out, just regarding the Royals game.
4. **Revising of our Hall of Honor requirements, qualifications, and process (Gordon, Berger) –** Barry sent out an email with an attachment showing suggestions on how to restructure the award. Barry can think of three individuals that are deserving of the award; however, they did not come close to the requirements needed, which is crazy. Comment was made about the entire membership voting and stated that we have a hard enough time getting them to vote on regular items. John Dehan made a motion that we reinstate the Hall of Fame moving forward with the board and coordinators vote, seconded by Susan Scholler. Passed 12-0-0.
5. **Wounded Warrior tournament (Mike Thompson) –** No update from Mike Thompson. Clint has spoken to him about this and has told him that he would need to come present it to the board.
6. **Ordering additional pitcher protection screens (frames & netting). We have no back-ups currently (Berger)** - The disappearing pitching screen is back. Clint ordered two additional screens. They are in the attic above the garage at Bob Fama’s residence. Per Clint he went by Tony’s to look at the stuff we have stored in his garage and noticed a lot of mice droppings. Everything looks fine and not destroyed.
	1. Frame = $160 each
	2. Netting = $114 each
7. **Women’s division for the Wes Weddle tournament - -** Per Clint, Deb has stated that we have seven teams. The majority of the women’s teams will be exhibition as they are not registered with SSUSA. Bev Allen will not play without a pitching screen. Clint will provide his screens that he uses with his teams. Clint would like to come up and see the venue as he has had to turn away teams for the tournament because we cannot accommodate all the teams.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
9. **Draft Conference’s partial payment, and refund, policies (Draft Conference personnel) –** Paul has made the following suggestion regarding the draft conference partial fee payment and refund policy. John Dehan made a motion to accept the Partial Fee payment and Refund policy as listed below. Mark seconded. Passed 12-0-0

**Partial Fee Payment Policy: The partial registration fee for joining the KCMSSL draft conferences is structured as follows:**

* **Players** who sign up before the conference seasons originally scheduled halfway point must pay the full registration fee.
* Players signing up after the conference seasons originally scheduled halfway point must pay half the full registration fee.

**Refund Policy: The KCMSSL budget and team formation are determined based on the number of players who register before the season begins. Therefore, refund requests will be handled as follows:**

* If a player withdraws within the first three (3) weeks of the conference originally scheduled season, they are eligible for a full refund of their registration fee if requested.
* No refunds will be issued after the first three (3) weeks of the conference originally scheduled season, regardless of the timing of the payment or the reason for withdrawal.
1. **2025 Swap Meet (Gordon) -** Should we do the swap meet at the picnic at Blackbob, since it is later in the year? We are going to try it again. Barry will talk to the bat reps and Kyle to get it ok’d.
2. **Update to Skill Rating Review Results Chart (Berger) -** Clint has had one member that did not like the results that were sent in on one of his players. The member was able to figure out which players submitted their ratings and called and chastised them for doing so. In the future, we will not be putting the age and conference they are in on the information listing.
3. **Board Appreciation Event – Wiffle Ball again?? Date? (Gordon) -** Do we want to do this again? If so, what dates would work? Looking at September 13 & September 14. Barry will check into it.
4. **Mark mentioned a situation with a member -** Ronnie Lipps passed away (his Wive Kathy passed away a few years ago - also a member) and his daughter has stated that they are having a hard time coming up with the funds to have him cremated. Would we be interested in adding a link to our Facebook page to see if any members would like to donate?

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

**SET DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** (suggestion….) Sunday July 13, 2025, at 1:00, via Teams

Motion was made by Ann to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Susan Enyeart at 3:32 pm. Passed 12-0-0.

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