

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

December 10, 2018

Present: L. DUNLAP, S. WARNER, S. DUNLAP, GEHOSKI, DOMINOWSKI, STEWART, LANGLOIS, McPEAK, HANSON, K. WARNER, and CHICHESTER.

Guest: Dave Coffey

Call to order: President S. Warner called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of September 10, 2018 were distributed and read. Dominowski made a motion to approve the minutes. Hanson seconded. Motion approved.

Protest Committee Update: S. Warner announced a pending protest is being worked out with the individual.

Treasurer's Report: Gehoski gave an update.

1. Fiscal year balance will be reported at the next meeting.
2. All bills are paid once Jerry Hanson is paid and the non-sufficient funds issues are resolved.
3. Gehoski asked for clarification of the bylaw 1.5 under Article III for umpires about umpire-in-chief pay. Presently, the bylaw states the pay will be equivalent to the fast pitch/modified pay rate but there is a different pay rate for fast pitch and modified. S. Dunlap made a motion to make the pay the average of fast pitch and modified. K. Warner seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained. Bylaws will need to be updated to include this approved motion.
4. MSA needs to be thinking about tournament hosting because we are spending more than we are taking in. The goal is to break even. MSA lost approximately \$5000 in 2018.

Umpire-in-chief: Gehoski reported:

1. Had five new summer umpires registered. Two worked and one wanted to work but got injured. Gehoski hopes they all return.
2. Michigan hosting region umpires meeting in Holland.
3. Umpire trainings have been set for February, March and April.
4. Randy Moe, a long-time umpire, passed away a week ago. Umpires will be making a donation in his name.

New Business:

1. Dave Coffey representing the senior league voiced his concerns. He is looking for ways to brainstorm to help the league be more competitive. The senior league proposes and adopts their own rules. MSA doesn't make decisions regarding the senior league but does have final authority. After much discussion a committee was set up to help address the concerns. The committee will consist of the commissioner, a MSA senior league representative (McPeak) who will chair the committee, the MSA Vice President (S. Dunlap) and Jerry Hanson.
2. Warner announced we are down in numbers of players.
3. Tournament bids for 2019 have already been submitted.
4. Discussion on 2019 fees is tabled until January.
5. Men's modified is considering doing what fast pitch did which is traveling to Bay City and Saginaw for games.
6. Some women's teams like the 1-1 count while others don't. L. Dunlap will email the teams to inquire if the league wants to continue the 1-1 count.
7. Tuesday, April 30, 2019 is the annual meeting.
8. Boarder Battle is scheduled for July 26-28, 2019. Two women's and two men's teams each from the United States and Canada will compete and, possibly, coed teams.
9. Mike Kozuch is trying to get the US women's national fast pitch here to play on the road tour to the Olympics in 2020.

Old Business:

1. MSA strategic planning is looking at ways to attract more individuals to the women's league. Need to look at different techniques to promote the league. Post would be a good person to talk to about advertising networking.
2. Steve Summers was approved for the Honorary Life Membership.

Adjournment: The meeting of the MSA adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2019.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 