

## MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

June 12, 2017

Present: CHICHESTER, SENTZ, BOULTON, ENSZER, K. WARNER, WILLIAMS, LANGLOIS, S.WARNER, RAPANOS, GEHOSKI, DUNLAP, MOE, HANSON, STEWART and CURRIE.

Call to order: President Steve Warner called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of May 8, 2017 were distributed and read. Rapanos made a motion to approve the minutes. Langlois seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gehoski reported that all individuals needed are now on the account. Gehoski had some questions answered about player fee refunds using Pay Pal. To sign up on on-line a \$3 charge is added so the total fee for a player is \$40. The player is refunded \$37.

Ervie Ward blew out his knee before season started but was hoping to play. He will not be able to play this season. His team has played eight games but Ward hasn't played any games. Ward is now asking for a refund of his player fee. Enszer made a motion to refund the player fee. Williams seconded. Motion approved. Dunlap abstained.

UIC update: Gehoski announced that some games have been cancelled due to lack of umpires but not to the extent Gehoski thought it would be. Things are rolling and some new umpires are training. We are using some out-of-town umpires for fast pitch.

### New Business:

1. S. Warner inquired about the umpire pay. He feels that in the two-man umpire system leagues the one umpire who is assigned should get both pay checks as he is doing double duty. Midland doesn't have many fast pitch umpires; thus, umpires from Flint, Detroit and the thumb area are helping. As an incentive to get more umpires, Rapanos made a motion to raise the umpire's pay from time and a half pay to double pay for the one umpire assigned to modified and fast pitch games. Dunlap seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained.
2. Looking for incentives to encourage managers of teams knowing before game time that their team will be forfeiting to notify by letter/email ahead of time to Stewart and Stewart would inform the other team. This would help alleviate game time forfeits. Gehoski made

a motion that the board not count the forfeit if notified in advance to count against the forfeit totals. Dunlap seconded. Motion approved.

3. Dunlap is interested in volunteering as tournament director for the 2018 slow pitch class F qualifier. The dates are June 2 and June 9 but due to high school districts June 2, the June 9 date would be better. If Midland can't furnish enough umpires, the state will help. Dunlap will get more information to determine the cost to the MSA.
4. Hanson and Rapp are gifting a great deal of their time to bat testing. To show the board's appreciation, Currie made a motion to get generic gift cards of \$50 each to be given to Hanson and Rapp. Williams seconded. After much discussion Currie amended the amount from \$50 to \$75 per individual to be given in cash or generic gift card. Williams seconded. Motion approved. Currie will bring a card for board members to sign at the July meeting.

Old Business:

1. S. Warner announced the approval of a grant of \$1458 for strategic planning from the Community Advancement Network. The first meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be Thursday, June 15. LeAnn Rouse from Omni Tech will facilitate.
2. S. Warner has the manager awareness letter ready and wants to have each manager in each division be given this letter. This is a good way for the MSA division representatives to meet the teams he/she represents.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next MSA meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2017.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 