

## MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

March 13, 2017

Present: RAPANOS, MEYERS, WALLACE, ENSZER, MOE, HANSON, DUNLOP, ROWE, POST, CHICHESTER, RAPP, WARNER, GEHOSKI, and STEWART.

Call to order: President Mike Rapanos called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2017 were distributed and read. Warner made a motion to approve the minutes. Hanson seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: A report was distributed. This was Kevin Schunk's final report as treasurer. Questions were answered by Post. One item noted in the report was \$1675 spent in 2016 for the website. Warner moved to accept the report. Enszer seconded. Report was accepted.

Protest Committee Update: Moe shared that he went to the city attorney because he felt the protest committee was holding private meetings and not letting anyone in. Warner explained the committee's process when hearing a protest. Moe thinks the meetings should be opened to all and let all talk. Others on the committee stated the process the committee uses is the best. All individuals involved are contacted to obtain all the information necessary to make a decision. Moe then announced his resignation from the board as he stated he can no longer belong to something, in which, he doesn't have trust.

### New Business:

1. Post announced Kevin Schunk has resigned and moved. He can no longer act as the treasurer. Stewart has included the treasurer's vacancy in the information on the website as the MSA will be looking for a treasurer. Post and Rapanos are approved check signers.
2. Hanson gave Post a \$425 bill for the 2017 holograms. Post will see that a check is written for the amount.
3. Warner announced that Jason Gehoski is planning to step down as UIC. Gehoski would like to remain on the MSA board in another capacity.
4. Hanson reported that there is a new bat approved list including new bats.
5. Warner, Rapp and Hanson have performed most of the bat testing in the past. Warner asked if anyone else was available to help. Warner stated he will be calling on others more often.

6. Warner reported that the umpires pay their treasurer a fee and was inquiring whether the MSA could do the same for the treasurer. The treasurer should be the one doing the analysis to determine whether fees should increase or remain the same. A bylaw will be written up with a new description and expectations for the treasurer's position. A fee has been recommended with the amount to be determined.
7. Rapanos suggested having a budget committee. This committee would be a sub committee appointed by the president. This committee will include Stewart, the treasurer and an at large person to be determined.
8. Rapanos asked Gehoski if he would be interested in the treasurer's position. Gehoski will consider it.

Umpire-in-chief Report: Gehoski reported:

1. Chuck Birch has resigned his role as VP on the umpires' board.
2. Jason Harper was appointed to VP for one month before being elected for the position. John VanHolstyn will serve as umpire-in-chief, Viv Schaff was elected for treasurer/secretary and Andy Reyes is the member at large. They will all serve a two-year term.
3. First state clinic was held in Eaton Rapids. Three people from our local area attended, two of which were Jason Gehoski and Viv Schaff. There is another clinic in Flint March 18 where people from around here are more likely to attend.
4. Umpire registration has begun and more individuals have registered than expected. Presently, sixteen individuals have registered. Most wait until just before the season starts. Of four new persons who came to the meeting, one has registered and the other three plan to register.
5. State rule change for 50 and over men's softball—pitchers allowed to go back 6-10 feet behind the pitcher's plate.
6. JO fast pitch and modified can use either on-deck circles.
7. All umpires nationally will be required to wear the USA uniforms by 2020. Only new USA approved uniforms can be purchased. Until then the present ASA uniforms can be worn.
8. After Gehoski gave his report, Warner announced that Jason Gehoski has been assigned to work the Junior Women's World tournament in Clearwater, Florida the end of July.  
CONGRATULATIONS, Jason.

Old Business: Survey was sent out and results have been returned.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:13p.m. The next MSA meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2017. All bylaws are due by this date for review. The annual managers' meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 

