

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

December 12, 2016

Present: LANGLOIS, MEYERS, CHICHESTER, MOE, HANSON, WARNER, GEHOSKI, POST, CURRIE, WALLACE, SCHUNK, and STEWART.

Guest: Jim Fitrakis

Call to order: Vice President Steve Warner called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Public Comments: Fitrakis appeared before the board to ask if he could host some tournaments in 2017. The two tournaments would be: Men's Fast pitch C August 12-13, 2017 and Ten Man Modified A and B July 21-23, 2017. After getting information the board decided to address this topic under new business.

Minutes: Currie made a motion to table the approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Hanson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: A report was distributed. Schunk reported there wasn't anything to highlight. Post announced that the city had not billed the big bill yet so the balance will be less when that bill is filed. Hanson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Currie seconded. Motion approved.

Umpire-in-chief Report: Gehoski had nothing new to report.

Protest Committee: Warner reported that there were no problems in fall coed.

New Business:

1. Fall coed went smoothly. Good participation. Up in number of teams. There was some movement of teams who were vastly wrongly rated.
2. Post reported the kick ball league has been a success.
3. Hanson announced that the 7-3 coed (seven males and three females) has been played successfully in other parts of the country. Meeting to discuss whether to offer it here in Midland. There are several different options looked at for the lineup. Catcher and pitcher required to be one of each (male and female). Game is played with two sizes of ball.
4. Hanson recommended doing away with classification.

5. Hanson suggested having teams sign up with choosing the limit on how many homeruns can be allowed.
6. More discussion on the state tournaments request from Fitrakis occurred. Currie made a motion to authorize \$1000 per tournament to subsidize the expenditures. Hanson seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained.
7. Meyers will contact smaller churches to give information about the softball league. Possible to have the smaller churches with fewer members combine to form a team.
8. Langlois inquired whether teams can pick up players within league to prevent forfeits. A bylaw change would be needed for this to be allowed.
9. Warner reported that the first year for the courtesy runner in slow-pitch worked great.
10. Annual meeting of the MSA is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the library.

Old Business:

1. Moe submitted in writing some suggestions for the protest committee. Warner explained the procedure the committee uses. Gehoski charged the MSA board to come up with policies and rules for the committee to follow. Hanson suggested that individuals filing a protest to write everything down so the committee has a clear picture of what happened. Minutes need to be taken so the MSA secretary can file with other MSA committee minutes.
2. The MSA committee has to do a better job as a committee to promote softball.
3. Warner suggested that a survey needs to go out obtaining input from the association. From that input the committee can begin to establish goals for the MSA. Email question ideas for the survey to Jesse.

At this time Gehoski gave the UIC duties to Fitrakis as Gehoski had to leave.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting of the MSA will be January 9, 2017. Need to have a discussion on fees. Warner and Rapanos will get with Post about an agenda for the January 9th meeting. Post will email Warner and Rapanos one week before.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary

