

## MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

December 8, 2014

Present: LANGLOIS, SCHUNK, WALLACE, RAPP, CURRIE, MOE, HANSON, ROWE, RAPANOS, GEHOSKI, CHICHESTER, STEWART, and BOULTON.

Call to order: The meeting of the MSA was called to order by President Mike Rapanos at 5:32 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of November 10, 2014 were distributed and read. Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes. Langlois seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was distributed. Schunk answered questions concerning the report. Hanson made the motion to accept. Rapp seconded. Report approved. Gehoski made a motion to rescind our acceptance of the treasurer's report until we get some figures corrected. Currie seconded. Motion approved.

Public Comments: Bill Humphrey, ASA Event Coordinator, appeared before the MSA board requesting financial support to host the 2015 ASA/USA Border Battle scheduled for August 18, 19 and 20, 2015 in Midland. This is an internationally sanctioned Men's Slow Pitch event featuring two international teams: The USA Men's Slow Pitch National Team vs Team Canada which will be held at Dow Diamond. The request is \$10,000. The total event proposed budget is \$55,330.31. This is an estimate based on figures from the 2012 event hosted by Oklahoma City. After much discussion Hanson made a motion to give \$5000 toward the expenses for the event. Wallace seconded. Motion approved. Currie abstained. This event aligns with our bylaws for promoting softball.

### Old Business:

1. MSA goals and objectives should be documented in the bylaws.
2. There is a possibility the city will raise fees in 2016. The board requested that Karen Murphy be at the next meeting to give the MSA insight and understanding of what the city's objectives are and what their expectation of the MSA is. Stewart will invite Murphy to attend the next meeting. The board agreed to table further discussion of having Todd

Rivard facilitate a meeting to develop a MSA five-year plan until after the MSA is clear about the city's objectives and expectations.

3. After much discussion about fees for 2015 Rowe made a motion to keep the team and player fees the same as 2014. Hanson seconded. Motion approved.
4. Stewart announced that the surveys will be sent out to the membership this month.
5. The MSA needs to have a plan for promoting advertising at the fields. The city can't solicit so there needs to be a way to get the membership to get advertisers. Stewart will get cost and then once we have a plan we can decide fee structure.

New Business:

1. Need to address concessions for 2015 after MSA gets information from surveys what the membership wants. One suggestion was to have machines put in rooms which can be locked at the end of the night. A key can be given to the company that fills the machines.
2. Hanson proposed having the MSA run a state tournament. The state sets the fee and the expenses usually are more than the income generated. The loss has to be covered. Is the city or the MSA responsible? City needs to break even. Gehoski made a motion to table a decision to run a state tournament until the MSA is able to find out from the City of Midland what they would like us to cover from running a tournament. Hanson seconded. Motion approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015 at 5:30 pm.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 