

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

November 13, 2017

Present: SWEEBE, RAPP, GEHOSKI, LANGLOIS, ENSZER, STEWART, HANSON, S.WARNER, DUNLAP, SENTZ, CHICHESTER and BOULTON.

Guest: John McPeak

Call to order: President Steve Warner called the meeting to order at 5:26 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gehoski reported the following:

1. In the checking account there is \$87,472.69 and \$44,167.45 in the savings account.
2. Gehoski had some concerns about the date deposits and postings are listed. There are some questions as to how some deposits and withdrawals are made in December but not posted until after the first of the year causing confusion as to which year the expense or income should be reported.
3. Announced that the 2016 taxes were not filed and there was an extension granted but the payment is due November 15, 2017. Gehoski requested for a copy of the 2016 and 2017 annual meeting minutes which lists the names of the MSA board members elected.
4. Asked for permission to stop getting paper copies of the bank statements as Chemical Bank charges \$3 a month to receive a paper copy. Hanson made a motion to give permission to stop receiving a paper copy of the monthly statements. Enszer seconded. Motion approved.
5. Gehoski expressed his desire to change MSA banking from Chemical Bank to Wildfire Credit Union as Chemical Bank has made mistakes and is difficult to work with. Hanson made a motion to accept the change of banking from Chemical Bank to Wildfire Credit Union. Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Umpire in Chief: Gehoski reported:

1. Gary Evans was inducted into the National Softball Hall of Fame.

2. Dates of meetings and state clinics have been set and communicated (first Wednesdays of February, March and April).

3. Hanson announced that at the USA softball convention changes were made that will be financially beneficial. There will be an increase of \$5 in fees per team but the owner's field insurance and tournament insurance has been eliminated. The team's liability insurance will now be in effect. Gehoski will notify Bone of the change. There is no medical insurance involved with this.

4. Rule changes will be communicated at the annual meeting. Women's class E, coed class E and 19 and under have been created.

New Business:

1. The year-end report was distributed giving a breakdown of the number of teams and players over the past seven years. Midland Softball was down seven teams in 2017 but number of players increased.
2. Lightbulbs have arrived and Parks and Rec will start changing the bulbs out this winter.
3. George Rapp is retiring as Grand Masters representative immediately. President Warner appointed John McPeak as the new representative replacing Rapp immediately.

Old Business:

1. President Warner gave an overview of the 2017-2020 strategic plan developed by the planning team of Rapanos, Currie, Stewart, Gehoski, S. Warner and Langlois. Vision and mission statements were written. There were three focus areas: Sustainability, Quality Softball and Highly Engaged Players/Teams with objectives and goals identified for each focus area.
2. The strategic planning committee prioritized a wish list for 2017-2018.
3. Volunteers are needed to help complete the tasks/activities to meet the objectives for each focus area.
4. The committee would like to develop and implement a long term strategic fund development plan. This will be a start to giving MSA direction.
5. Contact Stewart with any questions to be included in the survey as the survey should go out ASAP.
6. Don Lamb would like to return on Sundays and Mondays selling gourmet hotdogs.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting of the MSA will be Monday, December 11, 2017.

Jody Chichester, Secretary *JAC*