

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

March 12, 2018

Present: HANSON, LANGLOIS, McVEAK, BOULTON, DUNLAP, WILLIAMS, SENTZ, ENSZER, STEWART, CHICHESTER, GEHOSKI.

Guest: Bob Moe

Call to order: Vice President Dunlap called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of January 8, 2018 were distributed and read. Langlois made the motion to approve the minutes. Hanson seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed. There were some questions about the report. Hanson made a motion to table the report until Gehoski arrives. McVeak seconded. Motion approved.

Umpire in Chief: Tabled

New Business:

1. All bylaws must be submitted by March 29, 2018 so the bylaw committee can review.
2. Rosters with twelve signatures are due April 12, 2018.
3. 2018 season begins April 29, 2018.
4. The question was asked if the MSA was willing to pay for another field improvement. The cost would be approximately \$8000. The field would be done like field 13. Field 9 was suggested to be the next field done as it is the wettest field. It is best to do the field improvements in the spring before the season begins. Will table decision until we can look at the strategic plan.
5. MSA meetings will remain on the second Monday of each month.
6. Sentz would like an email sent to all women's leagues on Tuesday and Wednesday to inquire which night teams prefer to play.
7. Grandmaster Gold League has folded.

Old Business:

1. Light bulbs have arrived and are in storage. As soon as the required truck can get out to the complex, the replacement will begin, hopefully before the start of the season.

Treasurer's Report: Gehoski explained and answered questions regarding the report.

1. A new format will be used and meets the criteria agreed in the strategic plan.
2. Gehoski will count revenues and expenses on the date they are received and paid. City players fee for 2016 of \$78,886 were paid in December, 2017 along with 2017 player's fee for a total of \$160,724. The new format will require city players fee to be paid in the year charged.
3. The balance sheets will show money in and money out which meets the requirement of creating some sort of budget plan and try to show a trend of what we have been doing.
4. Have some money budgeted for capital improvements.

Hanson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Boulton seconded. Report approved.

Umpire-in-chief:

1. Jason Gehoski was voted in again as umpire-in-chief on March 10, 2018. Gehoski agreed to remain in the position as other changes were occurring.
2. Viv Schaff has stepped down and umpires will now be paid through Arbiterpay with direct deposit bi weekly instead of weekly. Using Arbiterpay should save the umpires' association money.
3. Five new individuals attended the first meeting for umpires. One returned to second meeting and went to state clinic. Three additional persons will be going to another state clinic in two weeks. Next meeting is in April to go over test.
4. Still pushing for new umpires. Prefer to have players be umpires because they know and understand the game. Deadline for sign up is March 31 as after that date the fees increase.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:29pm. The next meeting of the MSA will be Monday, April 9, 2018.

Jody Chichester, Secretary 