

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

October 12, 2015

Present: HANSON, MOE, MEYERS, ROWE, TANNER, LANGLOIS, CHICHESTER, STEWART, POST, O'KEEFE, WARNER, CURRIE, GEHOSKI, and RAPP.

Guest: Andy Clark

Call to order: Vice President Steve Warner called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Public Comments: The protest committee issued a one-year suspension to Andy Clark for using an illegal player. Clark appealed the suspension and the protest committee denied the appeal. Clark appeared before the MSA board and apologized and would like to play next year. He hasn't sat out any games as the incident occurred during the last tournament game of 2015. Warner explained the protest and appeal process. Clark was dismissed as no further information was needed from him concerning the incident. Hanson made a motion to uphold the decision of the one-year suspension and deny the appeal. Rowe seconded. Motion approved. Currie abstained. The protest committee needs to take minutes and submit a copy to Post and Chichester. Hanson suggested updating our bylaws regarding the protest committee.

Minutes: The minutes of July 13, 2015 were distributed and read. Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended (correction of the spelling of Justin Gallihugh's name). O'Keefe seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Schunk submitted a report. Currie moved to accept the report. O'Keefe seconded. Report accepted.

Umpire-in-chief report: Gehoski announced that state board umpire-in-chief, Gary Evans, retired and Brian Smith is replacing Evans. There is an opening on the state board.

New Business:

1. Having an early bird discount for teams registering early is not advantageous to the MSA.
2. Feedback from the tournament format was mostly positive. Less forfeits. Langlois suggested highlighting the two tournaments games more clearly on the schedule to avoid confusion. Printing it at the top of the schedule was a suggestion.

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3. Surveys are going out ASAP. Langlois reported the strategic planning committee will have a few questions for the survey. The committee hopes to meet next week.
4. The grand masters board met and changed some of the 60 and over rules. There will be a one and one count and upper and lower brackets.
5. The MSA meeting dates will remain the second Monday of each month for 2016.

Hanson began to preside over the meeting at 6:16 p.m. as Warner had to leave.

6. Todd Meyers voiced his concern about the church league. Some of the teams are very competitive and others are playing for fun. Stewart announced that North Point Ministries and Eagle Ridge Church of God will be moved up to the higher bracket next season. Meyers suggested a coed church league as the numbers of church teams has dwindled.

Adjournment: Currie made a motion to adjourn. Rapp seconded. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m. The next meeting of the MSA will be Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary