



MSA BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 10TH, 2022

President S. Warner called the Zoom meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

Present were Board members S. Warner, J. Gehoski, J. Harper, J. Stewart, L. Sentz, L. Currie, J. McPeak, M. Enszer

Public comment: none

Minutes: Motion by Gehoski, second by Currie, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, Board meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Gehoski presented the final financial report for 2021, a copy will be sent to each Board member. Net loss for 2022 was about \$9,000. Motion by McPeak, second by Stewart, to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

UIC update: no report

Ejection/Appeals/Protest Committee Update: no report

Old Business

- a. Refunds: Fall season was severely shortened for some teams due to unplayable weather/field conditions. Committee of Gehoski/Stewart/Warner presented Information re: how many teams were affected and how many games each team was unable to play (2 to 5 games per team).

Motion by Gehoski, second by Sentz, to refund \$28/lost game for each lost game over two games. Eight teams lost four games, seven teams lost five games. Motion approved. Warner will compose a letter which will accompany the payments, explaining the Board action. Discussion re: the effect this precedent may have for future situations was tabled until a later Board meeting.

New Business

- a. 2021 Financial Review: Gehoski presented information re: past several year's history of number of players, number of teams, and income from team fees and player fees. The City of Midland has increased the player fee for 2022 that MSA remits to the City by \$2/player.
- b. Umpire fees: Harper presented information re: umpire fees for MSA games - remuneration is at low end of scale for comparative leagues, high school games, and tournaments.

Motion by Harper, second by Currie, to increase the individual umpire fees by \$5/game - \$28 to \$33 for slowpitch; \$35 to \$40 for modified; \$40 to \$45 for fastpitch. Motion approved.

Motion by Sentz, second by Currie, to increase the summer season team fees to cover the increased umpire fees – slowpitch (12 games), increase by \$30; slowpitch (18 games), increase by \$45; modified, increase by \$70; fastpitch, increase by \$60. Motion approved.

- c. Karen Murphy's City of Midland discussion with Board members at December 13, 2021 meeting: Murphy presented information that MSA payments for use of ball diamonds only covered about 30% of the City's costs to maintain the fields for adult softball. There is no immediate schedule to force MSA to cover 100% of those costs, but the City will continue to raise fees and look for ways to minimize costs. Commissioner Stewart's time and efforts are changing, and he will not be able to devote as much time/effort to softball in 2022 and beyond.

Discussion re: ways to reduce City costs attributed to adult softball, suggestions to minimize use of fields other than those in the complex (consolidate active fields); Board needs to plan on ways to reduce costs significantly for 2023; for 2022, Commissioner was directed to schedule as many games as possible on diamonds #9 - #13, and minimize/eliminate use of all other fields.

- d. Board composition going forward: Motion by McPeak, second by Currie, to table to next Board meeting. Motion approved.
- e. Bat testing: Motion by McPeak, second by Currie, to table to next Board meeting. Motion approved.
- f. Player fees: In light of the City's action to raise player fees, discussion was to at least cover that amount by increasing the fee that MSA charges to each player. Motion by Harper, second by Sentz, to increase 2021 player fees by \$2/player for both the summer season and the fall season in 2022. Motion passed.

Additional public comment: none

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14th, at 5:45 p.m. via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned by President Warner at 7:25.

Submitted by John McPeak

Acting Secretary