

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

March 10, 2014

Present: LANGLOIS, ROWE, HANSON, CHICHESTER, POST, STEWART, CURRIE, RAPANOS, BOULTON and WARNER.

Guests: Bob Moe, Bill Humphrey, and Shawn Dunlap

Call to order: President Mike Rapanos called the meeting of the MSA to order at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes of February 10, 2014 were distributed and read. Hanson made a motion to accept the February 10, 2014 minutes. Warner seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Langlois submitted highlights of January and February account activities. MSA has \$21,771.25 in checking and \$44,074.62 in savings. Langlois inquired about the savings account and the account is actually a money market fund. Warner made motion to accept the report. Hanson seconded. Report approved.

Public Comments: Bill Humphrey appeared before the MSA board requesting the MSA not to schedule any games to be played on Monday, July 21, 2014 as the USA men's slow pitch team will be playing a doubleheader at the completion of the Great Lake Loon's game scheduled for 12:15 pm that day at the Dow Diamond. Team USA will play Future team in the first game and a team made up of players from the surrounding area the second game. Humphrey would like to see all slow pitch players interested to attend this event to promote softball. A sponsor has been found to pay the expenses. Currie made a motion to not have softball games played on Monday, July 21 2014 and the MSA promote the event. Rowe seconded. Motion approved. Humphrey thanked the board and would like us to do a "bang up job" and make it an annual event. A suggestion for the MSA to promote this event would to have t-shirts made with the slogan "MSA for USA". The board needs to look at advertising strategies. Post would like this to be an opportunity for the MSA to give back to the association and say "thank you". The board will brainstorm ideas.

Umpire in Chief: Warner announced there were 20 umpires at the second meeting and more were at the field meeting. Gehoski shared with the umpires in attendance the board's decision for a future pay scale of paying umpires attending clinics more money per game. Gehoski also shared and addressed the results of the survey related to umpire issues.

Old Business:

1. Post, Hanson and Gehoski will be writing up two bylaws: a.) defining divisional representatives and b.) defining what is a refundable and non-refundable deposit.
2. Post announced Jesse Stewart is now a full-time employee as he has been hired to be the recreation coordinator.
3. Boulton reported the concession committee has met and received two individuals interested in providing concessions at Red Coats Complex: Weiner Wagon and TT's Snack Shack. The committee will update us with the final decision.

New Business:

1. Langlois reported that Citizens Insurance will no longer offer softball liability insurance. Rapanos and Hanson will meet with Bailey Insurance to inquire what policies they offer.
2. A letter was received from Residence Inn inquiring about advertising. The City of Midland has approved advertising at the ball diamonds. A committee of Currie, Warner, Rapanos and Stewart will set guidelines regarding advertisements.
3. Warner would like the MSA secretary and treasurer to get paid. Warner made a motion to pay the MSA treasurer and secretary \$150 each a year with the calendar year beginning the day after the annual meeting and to have a job description. Bylaws 6.3 and 6.4 cover the job descriptions. Hanson seconded. Chichester thanked Warner for his motion but declined salary. Langlois declined salary too but did state it may be an incentive for future individuals to take over the positions. Chichester explained that in the past the MSA minutes have been audited each year and asked if that needs to be continued. Post will inquire whether those entities with a 501C4 status can pay individuals and if the audit needs to continue. Warner decided to table the motion until questions can be answered.
4. Rapanos announced the Strosacker Foundation has given the MSA \$20,000 towards paving the parking lot at Red Coats. The cost of the parking lot is approximately \$124,000 so Rapanos will submit a grant request to the Strosacker Foundation.
5. Next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2014. April's meeting will be the first Monday (April 7, 2014) instead of the second Monday so board can review submitted bylaws before the annual meeting Thursday, April 10, 2014.

Public Comments: Bob Moe stated that every year Diamond 4 gets washed out due to flooding and inquired if something could be done. Stewart told Moe a concrete abutment is being installed once the snow melts.

Adjournment: Warner made a motion to adjourn. Currie seconded. Motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary *JLC*