

## MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MANAGERS' MEETING

April 18, 2017

The annual meeting of the Midland Softball Association was called to order by Vice President Steve Warner at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes of the April 27, 2015 annual managers' meeting were read by Secretary Jody Chichester. Bob David made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony Reader seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

Warner announced Kevin Schunk had to resign as treasurer as he has moved. Warner gave a summary of the 2016 budget and reported that revenue for 2016 was \$165,494.50 and expenses were \$145,806.95. There was \$44,145.39 in the checking account and \$19,687.55 in savings. Commissioner Jesse Stewart has been doing the bookkeeping. Until the final information is obtained, Warner tabled the acceptance of the report.

Umpire-in-chief Jason Gehoski reported he was appointed district Umpire-in-chief. ASA is being renamed to USA Softball and the MASA will be renamed to USA softball of Michigan. There will be a variety of uniforms during the transition period for the umpires but all umpires will be registered the same and under the same umbrella. Gehoski announced some rule changes that will affect us locally. The time limit will begin with the first warm up pitch. Senior leagues will allow the pitchers to go 6-10 feet behind pitchers plate. Gehoski stated there is always a need for umpires. He is out promoting and training the umpires organization and pleaded to each player to give one night a week to umpire. Games have been canceled due to lack of umpires and this has been embarrassing.

Vice President Warner gave an explanation of the 2017 proposed board and player bylaw changes. Each bylaw needs 60% to pass. Warner answered all questions regarding each submitted bylaw change. Warner asked the association if anyone wanted to make any amendments.

*ack Stewart Dan Jesson*

1. ????Made a motion to have stealing allowed in the men's church league on Monday nights. O'keefe seconded. Discussion. Amendment failed.
2. Warner made a motion to let all non-playing rules be determined by the committee of the Midland Softball Association Board rather than the whole association vote. Enszer seconded. Amendment passed.
3. Warner made a motion to have the Wednesday men's municipal league play by the USA of Michigan rules. Enszer seconded. Warner withdrew the motion.
4. Warner made a motion to have the men's municipal league stay at 1-1 count regardless of the outcome of bylaw change #9. Enszer seconded. Amendment passed.

All proposed bylaw changes ballots were due at the end of the meeting.

Stewart will put information regarding grandmasters meeting dates on the website. All amendments or bylaw changes pertaining to grandmasters need to be put in writing. Warner encouraged the association members to use the website as all information is posted there including rainout information.

Warner proposed the 2017 slate of officers. He explained that Mike Rapanos is stepping down as president. Warner nominated himself for the president position. Jim Wallace seconded. Motion passed. Laura Currie and Shawn Dunlap would like to run for Vice President. A vote was taken and Shawn Dunlap received more votes and was approved vice president. There being no opposition, the following persons were approved by acclamation vote:

Secretary-----Jody Chichester

Treasurer-----Jason Gehoski

Historian-----Jerry Hanson

The executive board of the MSA will be:

President—Steve Warner      Vice President—Shawn Dunlap

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Individuals agreeing to serve as division representatives on the MSA board were nominated and approved. Coed-Marissa Boulton and Kailey Warner      Grand Masters-George Rapp      Men's fast pitch-J.D. Williams      Men's modified-Jim Wallace      Men's slow pitch-Donavin Sweebe      Men's church slow pitch-Bob David      Women's slow pitch-Lisa Sentz      At large--???? *Kenfolds, Currier*

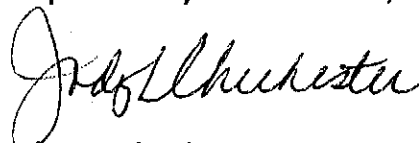
*Shawn Rapp - Asst. Rapp*  
?????A question was raised about having an audit done as there will be a new treasurer. Post said an audit will be performed.

Mark Enszer thanked Shawn Dunlap and Bob David for arranging the details of the "Strong Like Seth" tournament and all those who are participating in the tournament. The tournament is set for April 29-30, 2017. Volunteers are needed. All proceeds will go to purchasing a headstone and the remainder to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

Warner announced the dates for the bat testing have been set and a list of those dates are available in the lobby. There will be some random bat testing done. Field reservations for practices are being taken.

There being no further business to conduct, Tony Reader made a motion to adjourn. Boulton seconded. Motion approved. The annual meeting of the MSA was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jody L. Chichester, Secretary