

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

April 25, 2016

Present: WARNER, ROWE, CHICHESTER, LANGLOIS, SCHUNK, STEWART, POST, ENSZER, RAPANOS, DUNLOP and MOE. (RAPP and HANSON were doing bat testing.)

Call to order: President Mike Rapanos called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of March 14, 2016 were distributed and read. Enszer made a motion to approve the minutes. Dunlop seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: A report was distributed. Schunk gave an update and reported that deposits are coming in. Enszer moved to accept the report. Rowe seconded. Report accepted.

Protest Committee: Warner gave a report from the meeting of March 14, 2016. Steven Aviles and Peter Jerome will be suspended retroactive from the date of incident, October 12, 2015, through October 12, 2016. Both men will have the opportunity to ask for reinstatement after the suspension has been completed.

New Business:

1. Post announced there will be a shortage of umpires and that the beginning of the season could be rough. One possibility is to use umpires from other districts to help with the shortage. The gentlemen who does the umpire scheduling for the fast pitch travel in the thumb league has passed away and this could cause a wrench in scheduling umpires. Post has advertised for umpires on many social media outlets.
2. Post suggested having an incentive using billboards for marketing softball. Businesses can see what they are getting for sponsoring a team and this may allow for a relationship between players and the advertising businesses.
3. Annual meeting is April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the library. An agenda for the meeting with the slate of officers for 2016 is included in tonight's meeting packet.
4. Post gave an overview of the bylaws submitted for 2016. These bylaws will be voted on at the annual meeting.

5. Warner wants every manager to be aware of the responsibilities of knowing and abiding by rules 17 and 18 of the MSA bylaws. An e-mail will go out to managers reminding them to refresh themselves of the bylaws.

Old Business:

1. Rowe announced the hot dog concessionaire will sell hotdogs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The popcorn concessionaire will sell popcorn and sandwiches on Sundays and Mondays.
2. Rapanos reported that the board does need officers and directors insurance. Warner made a motion to go with Bone and Bailey Insurance Company for the officers and directors insurance. Enszer seconded. Motion approved.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m. The next meeting of the MSA will be the annual meeting April 27, 2016. The next scheduled MSA board meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 