

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

May 8, 2017

Present: BOULTON, SENTZ, WILLIAMS, WALLACE, K.WARNER, ENSZER, DAVID, DUNLAP, CHICHESTER, S.WARNER and STEWART.

Guest: Kara (new rec attendant)

Call to order: President Steve Warner called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of April 11, 2017 were distributed and read. Boulton made a motion to approve the minutes. Dunlap seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was tabled until the new treasurer, Jason Gehoski, has time to get information sorted out. This should be done by the June meeting.

New Business:

1. S. Warner announced moving forward with a strategic planning. Omni Tech is a consulting firm we could use charging the MSA \$2,430.00. This company would perform an internal review, find strengths and weaknesses, review missions, board and committees, and help develop a 3-5 year plan. There is a possibility the MSA could be awarded a grant for \$1,458.00. That would leave the MSA a balance of \$972.00. The MSA should know by the end of the week if it will receive the grant. K. Warner made a motion to approve moving forward with the strategic planning and approving the cost up to \$2,430.00. Dunlap seconded. Motion approved. S. Warner appointed the following persons to the strategic planning committee: Currie, Langlois, Stewart, S. Warner, Gehoski and Rapanos.
2. President Warner explained he would like all the league representatives on the MSA board to go to every single team in his/her league introducing him/herself, give each manager a flier explaining managers' expectations and highlighting bylaws, get input on how the board can improve and to watch each team at least once (at least a partial game).
3. S. Warner would like to see more individuals involved performing random bat testing.
4. Let office know if you cannot attend a meeting.
5. The President distributed the updated bylaws. This booklet reflects recent changes except for the bylaw referring to the board's new responsibility for determining all non-playing rules as approved at the annual managers' meeting in April.

6. Dunlap made a motion to accept the revision of bylaw 15.3. Williams seconded. Motion approved.
7. President Warner assigned board members to two new committees.
 - A. The fast and modified pitch Committee: Wallace, Williams, Stewart and Currie. This committee will work on the game time limit (1 hour 45 minute) and fees so the fees will be comparable to the other leagues. Presently, slow pitch helps subsidize (90%) fast and modified pitch.
 - B. Grandmasters Committee: Dunlap, Hanson, Enszer, Stewart, Gehoski and Rapp.
9. Dunlap would like to know how many forfeits there have been at the 6:15 pm game time.
10. The senior league needs to have a meeting to make sure the board is on par with all rules.
11. Protest Committee: S. Warner, Boulton, Dunlap, Sentz, Williams, Sweebe, and a representative from the league involved.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m. The next MSA meeting will be Monday, June 12, 2017.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 