

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

July 14, 2014

Present: BOULTON, ROWE, POST, CHICHESTER, RAPANOS, TANNER, HANSON, WARNER, CURRIE, LANGLOIS, DUNLOP, SCHUNK, GEHOSKI and MOE.

Call to order: President Mike Rapanos called the meeting of the MSA to order at 5:33 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Langlois will be turning over the duties of treasurer to Kevin Schunk giving him all the information after the meeting.

Umpire in Chief: Gehoski inquired whether there was any money for umpire payroll. Langlois will drop off a check for payroll.

Old Business:

1. Hanson and Rapanos met with Randy Tarzwell of Bailey Insurance. Tarzwell stated that the insurance we have with the ASA is adequate so no additional insurance is required thus saving the MSA \$1100 a year. Tarzwell did recommend the association purchase directors' and officers' liability insurance at the cost of \$450 per year. Currie made a motion to purchase the directors' and officers' liability insurance. Dunlop seconded. Motion approved.

New Business:

1. Post announced she needs some parameters established regarding fall coed. Warner and Gehoski met to discuss possible ideas for 2014. After much discussion about what changes to implement Warner made a motion to keep the fall coed rules the same, have a 10-player minimum roster, charge a \$35 player fee, introduce the mat behind home plate and keep umpire fees the same. Dunlop seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained. Stewart will order some mats.
2. Gehoski asked what role do we as board members have while on the field? Are players allowed to go to board members for questions? Should board members answer questions to correct situations? The board agreed that all of us should abide by the rules and that board members are **players** during the game.

3. A protest committee appointed by Rapanos consisting of 6 board members met to discuss protest filed during the Auburn Dairy/One Eyed Bill game. The team started game with 11 players and then two left for Bay City to play leaving nine players. Two illegal players were used. Protest committee recommended a forfeit. Warner made a motion to forfeit game on the shorthanded rule and pay umpire fee. Dunlop seconded. Motion approved.
4. Ryan Cay was ejected June 30, 2014 from a game. Cay used colorful words to the umpire, Vic Finch, after the ejection. Parks and Rec office sent Cay a certified letter July 1, 2014 stating Cay had to sit out the next game his team played. Cay maintains he didn't receive the letter and continued to play. According to bylaw 10.5 Cay's team will forfeit the game he played in and Cay's one-game suspension will be doubled to two games.
5. Post announced that there will be no league games played Monday, July 21, 2014 so all can attend the USA men's slow pitch team which will be playing a doubleheader at the completion of the Great Lake Loon's game scheduled at 12:15 pm. Team USA will play Future team and then a team made up of players from the surrounding area in the second game.
6. Moe inquired who was named to be the four extra representatives to the MSA board. Rapanos appointed Bob Moe, Carolyn Langlois and Brett O'Keefe. There is one vacant representative yet to be named.

Adjournment: The MSA meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 