

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

November 10, 2014

Present: MOE, ROWE, O'KEEFE, POST, BOULTON, STEWART, GEHOSKI, CURRIE, CHICHESTER, RAPP, LANGLOIS, ENSZER and RAPANOS.

Call to order: Secretary Jody Chichester called the meeting of the MSA to order at 5:40p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of September 8, 2014 were distributed and read. Enszer made a motion to approve the minutes. Rowe seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Post reported that she has received a treasurer's report but has questions and will hold off sharing the report until questions are answered.

Umpire in chief update:

1. Gehoski announced meetings have been set for the first Wednesday of February, March and April. Chuck Burch has been inducted into the MASA Hall of Fame.
2. Joe Beagle passed away.
3. Gehoski requested we visit again the payment for the MSUA treasurer. The treasurer has been doing the umpire payroll which is a MSA responsibility. Gehoski has been doing the 1099's but the MSA treasurer should be doing them. Currie made a motion for the MSA to pay the MSUA for their check paying duties to the umpires beginning with the 2015 season at \$520 for the season. Rowe seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained.
4. Noah Ponte contacted Gehoski to appeal his suspension. Gehoski told him to contact the MSA board.

President Rapanos began to preside over the meeting at this time.

Old Business:

1. Stewart inquired at the meeting on September 10, 2014 about getting concessions at the Red Coats Complex. The health department turned down the request.
2. Gehoski asked if 11:30 pm was late enough for the bathrooms to be locked. Stewart replied the time is now 12:30 am.

3. No one has been arrested for the damage to the coke machines at Red Coats Complex. The machines are now gone and haven't been replaced.
4. Concessions didn't go well for 2014.

New Business:

1. Post announced that the number of players and teams were down for 2014. The association needs to brainstorm some ideas of ways we can attract players. Dow Chemical has put fliers in the health and wellness center to make individuals aware of the program.
2. Gehoski inquired about MSA revenues and what the MSA paid the City of Midland. Post told the MSA we took a hit in revenues—about \$6000—due to the difference in team fees versus player fees.
3. Post announced the city isn't making any changes for 2015 but will in 2016. She hopes to have some figures by December so the MSA can begin to have a conversation regarding possible fee changes. Bret O'Keefe expressed his opinion of fast pitch players paying more as that league has two umpires and uses more balls. Gehoski stated the MSA needs a master plan on what to do in the future. He told the board the city isn't doing their job and the association is. Gehoski suggested leaving fees alone until there is a master plan in place. Currie would like board to start addressing a master plan. The board needs to make a list from the survey pertaining to projects. Post suggested having an individual come in and facilitate a meeting of prioritizing goals and do some brainstorming. Langlois will forward information to individuals at Dow Corning and O'Keefe will do the same at Dow Chemical to put on website hoping to find a volunteer to get us started. Fee discussion is tabled until we have the figures from the city.
4. Stewart announced the league tournament tried in the lower league of Sunday coed went well. Not as many forfeits. Teams are getting the same amount of games—10 league and 2 tournament games. Double elimination added a spark at the end of the season. The MSA board gave Stewart discretion to try it in other leagues in 2015.
5. Stewart told the board that the MSA got approval to advertise on the fields using banners. The money will go to the city not the MSA but will go towards improvements and not the general fund. Post will dictate what the money will be used for but suggestions will come from the MSA. The advertising time frame each year will be April 15-October 15. The MSA reserves the right to decide appropriateness. Post suggested an incentive and the

information to be included in the sponsorship packets. Suggestions of how to get the advertising information to the masses needs to be addressed at the December meeting.

6. Contact Stewart with any suggestions for survey.

7. Annual manager's meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7 pm. at the library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2014 at 5:30 pm.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 