

MARION SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monday, March 7th, 2022
Tri-Rivers Multi Purpose Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Marion Senior Softball Association was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, Gene Smithberger.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioners in attendance were: Bill Finnegan, Don Bentley, Ed Slone, Buddy Lyles, Mike Winders, Jeff Crummel, Steve Romshe, Keith Thrush, Jerry Fagan, Roger Smith and Gene Smithberger. Gene welcomed Jerry Fagan as a new member of the board of commissioners.

Excused Absences: Steve Zonnevylle.

Guests: None

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Bill Finnegan moved to accept the minutes of the 1/30/22 meeting Jeff Crummel seconded. Motion passed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Roger Smith reported \$3,507.28 in the treasury as of 3/7/2022. This includes sponsor fees from Fisher Excavating, Mike's Roofing, and Peacock Water. There were no expenses since last meeting. Don Bentley moved to accept the financial report and Buddy Lyles seconded. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Tabled - Don Bentley will contact Al Fever who has played in our league in the past would do the work for us. Increasing the infield size to 25 feet from the bases and also leveling the grass area so there is no hump between the infield and outfield is what needs to be done.

Tabled – Jeff Crummel is waiting to hear from Northmor schools if we can purchase their old Spike Drag that is used to prepare the field. Northmor has gone to an AstroTurf type field.

Tabled Item – Concession stand duties still need to be filled. Ed and Sandy Thompson can work on a limited basis. Roger Smith said he will help on Tuesdays. Gene asked us all to try to find someone to “head up” the concession.

Tabled Item – The upcoming draft was discussed and we agreed to finalize a compatible procedure at our next meeting, on April 11th, as the coaches will be there with their input and concerns.

Tabled Item – Hybrid Substitution Rule for the 50 league. This will be pursued after the draft and adjusted as needed. Ed Slone discussed using players ranked 6-9 in the draft for the sub list. It was suggested we use dedicated subs for the 60 and 65 leagues and use the 6-9 players if there are not enough dedicated subs

Steve Zonneville has placed an order for the new scoreboard from Electro-Mech. Buddy reported that it should arrive around the end of March. Gene has contacted Harbolt Electric for installing the scoreboard and re-wiring. Phil Harbolt will do it. He said he installed the old one years ago. He will need the electrical schematic. Gene checked with the Marion Parks department, Mike Cheney. They will remove the old board when the weather allows and secure the electric wiring for reconnection. Keith will check with daughter, Kelly Marsh, for details for us to hang a Whirlpool banner for their donation.

Barb Allen has the website up and running. The cost is \$6.99 a month thru GoDaddy with a 4 year contract. Also every April, we would pay \$18 to keep our domain name of Marion Senior Softball Association. <http://www.marionseniorsoftballassociation.com>

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Gene stated that we need to develop an efficient group communication method or system so we can better communicate to our members all at once. Steve Romshe and Gene will work on this.

Jerry Fagan brought 6 new player registrations and fees to the meeting. Five for the 50 league and one for the 65 league. He said there is a possibility of about 20 more.

As far as player sign ups for this season, currently there are 47 for the 50+ league, 46 for the 60+, and 47 for the 65+. There are still a few players that have not responded or are maybes. For coaches, we have Ed Slone, Jeff Crummel, Tim Stockmaster, and a maybe from Randy

Smith for the 50+ league. Ed Slone, Jeff Crummel, Bill Barger, and Tim Stockmaster for the 60+. Don Bentley, Larry Webster, Tom Shirk, and Jeff Crummel for the 65+. We may need one more coach for the 50+ if at least 13 more sign up and one more coach for the 60+ league. And another sponsor for the 50+ ???

Tabled Item – Discussion on fielding 12 players when games are played at Garfield. We will check with coaches at our next meeting.

Gene reported we have received sponsor fees from three sponsors. We need to get these fees in soon.

Bill Finnegan will handle player fees again this season. Gene will get Bill the rosters and list of players that have previously paid.

Keith discussed tournaments stating that the Modern Woodman to be around mid-August and that the All League should be at mid-season and not end of season.

Mike Winders said that field “clean up” day is scheduled for Saturday, April 23th, with April 30th being the rain out day.

Don Bentley talked about MSSA doing the field prep and mowing verses relying on the parks dept. This could result in lower game fees. Gene will check on this.

Gene stated that the draft is planned for April 18th and the 1st league game will be May 9th

Gene thanked all for attending and for their service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Ed Slone was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM and Don Bentley seconded. Motion passed.

Gene stated that our next meeting, with coaches invited, would be Monday, April 11th at Tri Rivers at 6 PM.

Minutes taken by Keith Thrush. Typed and submitted by Gene Smithberger.

MSSA Commissioner Duties

President – Gene Smithberger

- Schedule & Preside over meetings
- Contact new players & collect fees
- Notify MSSA webmaster of cancellations
- Update Information Line as needed
- Oversee Selection Committee

Vice President – Bill Finnegan

- Assume president's duties as required
- Serve as member of all committees
- Compile player names & evaluations
- Maintain player data base & emails
- Coordinate post draft player selections

Secretary – Steve Zonneville

- Keeps MSSA records & information
- Maintains parliamentary procedures
- Help schedule meetings
- Write meeting agenda & take minutes
- Distribute meeting minutes and add to web site
- Maintain MSSA rules and add to website

Treasurer – Roger Smith

- Pay bills for league & tournament play
- Pay ASA fee for both leagues
- Distribute scorebooks, rule books and roster to coaches
- Work with Reps to collect Player fees
- Oversee Scholarship fee

Facilities Director – Mike Winders

- Maintain concession/Scorers Bldg
- Purchase concession supplies
- Maintain record for concession monies
- Maintain field for league & tournaments
- ~~Coordinate with the Parks Dept to decide when to cancel games & notify Pres~~
- Notify league coordinator of cancellation

Personnel Director – Mike Winders

Verify Umpire Credentials

Schedule Umpire & Scorekeeper classes

Schedule Umpires, Scorekeepers and Announcers for games

Helps Maintain MSSA website

Furnish all game results to Marion Star

Furnish all game results for Website

Furnish all game results to WMRN

Keep Player Liability Forms

Procurement & Equipment – Mike Winders

Provide all Physical Equipment

Purchase softballs for both leagues

Monitor list of legal bats

Have Rule Books printed & distributed

Arrange for league & playoff awards

Buy scorebooks for two leagues

Provide game results forms to scorers

Furnish Coordinators with bat stickers

50+ League Coordinator – Ed Slone

Coordinate all league activities

Ensure current players are contacted

Find new coaches when needed

Work with coaches for sponsors

Oversee collection of 55+ Player Fees

Create a 55+ league schedule

Distribute any schedule revisions

Set up 55+ Playoff tournament

Apply for scholarships if needed

Validate bats for league use

Decide due to field conditions when to cancel 50 league games & notify Pres

60+ League Coordinator – Jeff Crummel

Coordinate all league activities

Ensure current players are contacted

Find new coaches when needed

Work with coaches for sponsors

Oversee collection of 60+ Player Fees

Create a 60+ league schedule

Distribute any schedule revisions

Set up 60+ Playoff tournament

Apply for scholarships if needed

Validate bats for league use

Decide due to field conditions when to cancel 60 league games & notify Pres

65+ League Coordinator – Don Bentley

Coordinate all league activities

Ensure current players are contacted

Find new coaches when needed

Work with coaches for sponsors

Oversee collection of 65+ Player Fees

Create a 65+ league schedule

Distribute any schedule revisions

Set up 65+ Playoff tournament

Apply for scholarships if needed

Validate bats for league use

Decide due to field conditions when to cancel 65 league games & notify Pres

Public Relations Director – Steve Romshe

MSSA Promotion Director

Publicize MSSA in a variety of ways

Take team pictures and edit them

Contact other leagues to find players

Furnish MSSA website with pictures

Tournament Director – Keith Thrush

Tournaments Director

Contact point for any other Ohio teams

Help coordinate MWA tournament

Popcorn Festival Tournament Director

Any other tournaments

Purchase Tournament awards

League Substitution Coordinator – Buddy Lyles

Contact potential substitute players
Coordinate player schedule per league
Maintain substitute player statistics

Recruiter At Large Coordinator – Jerry Fagan

Find new players to play in various leagues
Send potential new players enrollment and liability forms
Direct players to MSSA website
Other Duties as assigned – i.e. Assist other commissioners