

MARION SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monday, April 11th, 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, Jeff Crummel, Steve Romshe, Jerry Fagan, Roger Smith, Steve Zonneville and Gene Smithberger.

Excused Absences: Keith Thrush, Mike Winders

Guests: Tim Stockmaster, Larry Webster, Tom Shirk, Bill Barger

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jerry Fagan moved to accept the minutes of the 03/07/22 meeting and Steve Romshe seconded. Motion passed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Roger Smith reported \$3,826.60 in the treasury as of 4/11/2022. This includes new sponsor fees from Josh Daniels, Harbolt Electric, Perkins and Knights of Columbus and \$100 donation from the Winders for the concessions. Roger stated that we will need to raise the prices on some concession items such as Gatorade due to the increase in prices at the store. We still need sponsor fees from Ohio Neck and Back, Ralphies, Parr Insurance, Ron's Tree Service, Mike Ward and Herr Insurance. An expense for the Website was paid to Go Daddy for \$80.68. We also need to work with Barb Allen on the monthly charge for her maintaining our website. Bill Finnegan moved to accept the financial report and Ed Slone seconded. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Al Feaver is no longer able to help level the area between the infield and outfield however Buddy Lyles worked with Tri Rivers to build our league a new spike drag and has been bringing his tractor to try and level the area between the infield and outfield. Thank you Buddy and Tri

Rivers. Buddy Lyles tried to get the Spike Drag from Northmor schools however it was already gone when he went to pick it up.

Tabled Item – Concession stand duties to purchase, stock items and to come early to get things set up still need to be filled. Roger Smith said he will help on Tuesdays. Gene asked us all to try to find someone to “head up” the concession.

Coaches attended this meeting and provided their input and concerns. It was agreed by the coaches to decide how the draft would be accomplished. With 4 teams in each league it turns out the league coaches all agreed to draft the top 16 outfielders, top 16 infielders then the remaining players. In addition, the 65 league will also include a draft round for pitchers. Coaches will draft themselves for the 1st time in the league history based on their performance rating. A performance rating was set up this year for each player based on Batting, Speed, Fielding and Attendance and was turned in by the coaches for each player from the 2021 leagues. In the 50 and 60 league performance of coaches are equal and they will all draft themselves at the same time. In the 65 league the coach’s performance is different and will draft themselves at different stages in the draft. This is a step to help make teams equal in their performance. Buddy also reviewed a different method to draft so that all coaches will get a 1st round pick to also try and make teams more equal. The coaches were reluctant to try that method this year. The draft is set for April 18th at Tri Rivers.

50 league at 5:30 PM

60 league at 6:30 PM

65 league at 7:30 PM

Tabled Item – Going forward in 2023 we need to have a cutoff date and a list of committed players and possibly money paid weeks before the draft is done. Gene said 2 years ago 18 players wanted to be added after the draft and last year several players. Steve Romshe suggested that players that want to play after the draft can possibly be put on the sub list.

Buddy said the list of subs is small this year. We will use dedicated subs in the leagues and use the 6-9 players if there are not enough dedicated subs. We will have 4 teams in each league and as of April 11th there are 60 players in the 50 league, 55 players in the 60 league and 54 players in the 65 league.

The new scoreboard from Electro-Mech was received by Buddy Lyles. Gene has worked with Harbolt Electric to have them remove the existing scoreboard and install and wire in the new scoreboard. Thanks to Phil Harbolt and Harbolt Electric for their support.

The city will pick up the old scoreboard once it is on the ground. Phil Harbolt will review the wiring and pick up the scoreboard from Buddy Lyles in the near future.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Gene stated that we should make the MSSA website our main form of communication. After discussion about other means of communication Steve Romshe said he will come up with some alternative ideas. Gene said he gets multiple requests from ex-players not to receive emails and texts which is very time consuming. *(Email Note from Mike Winders on 4/14/22 that facebook is another option)* <http://www.marionseniorsoftballassociation.com>

For coaches, we have Ed Slone, Jeff Crummel, Tim Stockmaster, and Terry Morgan for the 50+ league, Ed Slone, Jeff Crummel, Bill Barger, and Terry Morgan for the 60+ league and Don Bentley, Larry Webster, Tom Shirk, and Jeff Crummel for the 65+ league. We plan on playing the 50 league at Garfield and the 60 and 65 leagues at Kennedy (Bigford field). The 50 league will play with 5 outfielders.

(Note Change – On April 13th 2022 due to circumstances beyond our control the 50 league is no longer playing at Garfield and is now going to play at Kennedy with 4 outfielders.)

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

Field “clean up” day is scheduled for Saturday, April 23th, with April 30th being the rain out day.

Gene checked with the Marion parks department on what they will charge us if we prep the field.

If we continue letting the Parks dept. do everything the league is charged \$45/ night.

If we prep the field (Drag infield and Line the field) the league is charged \$20/ night.

The city will still mow the grass once per week and will provide lime for lining the field.

Buddy Lyles has agreed to drag the field before games.

Steve Zonnevylle asked that all coaches rotate players so that players don't sit on the bench the whole game. The coaches were in agreement.

Gene thanked all for attending and for their service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Ed Slone was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM and Buddy Lyles seconded. Motion passed.

Gene stated that our next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Minutes by Steve Zonnevylle - Revised 04/14/22