

MARION SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Monday, July 11th, 2022
Kennedy Park Pavilion

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Marion Senior Softball Association was called to order at 5:00 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, Mike Winders, Keith Thrush, Steve Zonneville and Gene Smithberger.

Excused Absences: Roger Smith

Guests: none

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Keith Thrush made a motion to accept the minutes of the 04/11/22 meeting and Buddy Lyles seconded. Motion passed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Gene Smithberger reported \$5,973.47 in the treasury as of 7/11/2022. All players have paid their fees except for 1 player. Gene stated that the concession stand has grossed \$1850 dollars. The Net amount hasn't been determined yet.

Jeff Crummel moved to accept the financial report and Don Bentley seconded. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None Discussed

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.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

Gene called the meeting to discuss 5 items.

1. **Placement of the MSSA sign.** Our current sign mounted on the scorekeepers building is out of date and Don Bentley worked to get the sign revised. We had several suggestions that the current location isn't the best for visibility and suggestions to move it to the right field fence or the south side of the scorekeepers building. After discussion Ed Slone made a motion to keep the sign in the existing location – Don Bentley seconded and the motion passed with one no vote. Don will check the cost to make an additional sign and we will discuss at the next meeting.
2. **All League Tournament** Keith Thrush discussed that 4 teams are in the tournament which starts at 8 am on July 30th. 2 coaches are still needed for the tourney. The team that has the best record wins the tourney and if the 2 top team records are the same there will be a head to head playoff game. Senior bats can be used by all players.
3. **Modern Woodman Tournament** Keith Thrush discussed that 4 teams Marion teams and 2 out of town teams will be in the tournament on August 20th and will be the same as in the past years.
4. **Tabled Item - Players not being allowed to play defense** Discussion on why this happens and we decided to discuss and possibly make a rule change in the next meeting to allow all players to play defense for several innings. One of the commissioners shared his experience when it happened to him.
5. **Coaches getting upset at players** – We discussed this item and agreed some coaches are much more competitive than other coaches. We want all players to have fun and enjoy playing and coaches need to be respectful to players and fans and we will reinforce this to all.

Tabled Item - Ed Slone mentioned that at the next meeting we need to revise the rules that teams can play with 9 players if no subs are available. We agreed if it happens this season it would be okay.

Gene thanked all for attending and for their service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Bill Finnegan was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM and Jerry Fagan seconded. Motion passed. Gene stated that our next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Minutes by Steve Zonneville – 07/11/22