

CENTRAL ILLINOIS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes

March 10, 2024

Fred McNeeley provide a fish dinner. He was assisted by Darren, Isaiah, Andy, Greg, Bryan and Ron.

Roger called the meeting to order in the absence of President Joey Richardson. The roll was called and new members Scot Wright, Michael Kolman, Ben Trentmon and Tom Tarr were welcomed. A total of thirty seven members were present. Roger indicated that the Assignor's position is up for renewal. Interested members need to apply prior to the April 7 meeting. Interviews will be conducted by May 15. A decision will be announced at the May 19 meeting.

Secretary Nick Scibona called for approval of the minutes, which can be found on the CISA website. Nick mentioned future meeting dates. They are 4/7, 4/28 and 5/19. Rocky made a motion to accept the minutes. Bruce seconded. The minutes were approved without correction.

Bryan made a motion that Fred be thanked and given \$100 for his fish fry efforts. Fred protested, but Rich F. seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer Ron Helgeson reported on the financials. It is anticipated that we will have expenses for the rest of the year, totaling around \$5,000. Ron explained that of the \$40 dues amount, \$15 goes to the Tim Smith Scholarship Fund. The remaining \$25 goes to general operating expenses. The amount of scholarship money has been raised from \$500 to \$750. It is anticipated that three scholarships will be awarded this year. Rocky motioned to accept the financials. Dennis seconded. The motion passed.

Vice President Isaiah Doty requested that we need volunteers for the upcoming State Finals. Ron explained to the new members the role of hosts for the participating teams. Volunteers are needed in other areas as well.

Bryan Devine spoke on behalf of Tom Huntsman regarding the awarding of scholarships. Deadlines for applications will be Friday, April 19. A meeting is scheduled later in April to review those applications. Scholarship Committee members are needed. Tom is revising the application. Tom's work on the website was praised.

Bryan reported that over 500 games have been assigned. There will obviously be a number of changes as weather can play havoc with the schedule. Bryan reiterated the need to keep our Arbiters up to date.

Jon Carls and Fred McNeeley reported on the nominations

recieved for Board elections. Open positions are President, External V.P. and Secretary. It was suggested that, in addition to Board members, we may wish to have Chairmen to lead the Scholarship Committe, Training and the State Finals.

Roger conducted a training session. Discussed were run rules (15 after 3 1/2 and 10 after 5 innings), Courtesy Runners (for either the pitcher or catcher - not both), a Suspended game, and the number of Offensive Conferences (1 per inning) and the number of Defensive Conferences (3 per game).

With no further business, Dave made a motion to adjourn.
Brett seconded. The meeting adjourned.