

MIDLAND SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

January 9, 2017

Present: RAPANOS, ENSZER, LANGLOIS, MOE, HANSON, ROWE, CURRIE, POST, CHICHESTER, WARNER, GEHOSKI, and STEWART.

Call to order: President Mike Rapanos called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes: The minutes of July 11, 2016 and December 12, 2016 were distributed and read. Enszer made a motion to approve the minutes. Warner seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: A report was distributed. The big bill from the City of Midland was received and paid. \$35,721.94 was transferred from the PayPal account to the MSA account. Langlois moved to accept the report. Motion seconded by Warner. Report accepted.

Umpire-in-chief Report: Gehoski reported that the umpire meetings are set for the first Wednesday of February, March and April. An email was sent out to all who have expressed an interest in umpiring in the past. Gehoski announced he doesn't know if there will be enough umpires to cover leagues and this information was included in the bottom of the email. Three umpires who worked a lot last year won't be returning. All levels are hurting for umpires. The MSA board discussed the factors of why individuals may not be signing up to be umpires and what can the MSA do to recruit umpires. Gehoski suggested getting something out to every player using social media. Post responded there is a press release ready to go out. After much discussion at ways we could increase the number of umpires, Warner made a motion to raise the umpire fees \$3 per game for slow pitch and \$5 per game for modified and fast pitch. Currie seconded. Motion approved. Gehoski abstained. Gehoski thanked the board for the raise hoping it will help recruit more umpires.

New Business:

1. Since ASA is changing its name to USA, Gehoski inquired whether the MSA needs to have a bylaw change for this name change. Hanson has legislation written that will allow us in our bylaws to let us change it. The bylaw committee (Post, Hanson and Gehoski) will write up and submit a bylaw that allows the board to make any changes without voting on each bylaw governed by USA not ASA.

2. The board made the decision to keep all team and player fees the same for 2017.

Old Business:

1. Stewart has not sent out surveys but will do so soon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:43p.m. The board decided to only hold February's meeting if something comes up that needs to be addressed. Otherwise, the next meeting will be March 13, 2017.

Jody L. Chichester, Secretary 