



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2019**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Robertson called to order the November board meeting of the Mounds View Softball Association on December 05, 2019 at 7:03p.m. The meeting was held at Shoreview Community Center.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Board Members:**

Mike Robertson  
Mark O'Connell  
Angie Branco  
Charlie Tretter  
Amy Morphew  
Jim Morphew  
Scott Louder  
Brian Olson  
Nate Urfer

#### **Guests:**

Sarah Corbin  
Terry Helmer  
Shelly Wymer  
Mark Rust  
Paul Bosneag  
Marc Bergman

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

- Attendees reviewed November Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Mike Robertson to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nate Urfer, none opposed, approved unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Cancelled unused domain email addresses.
- Mike Robertson and Ted Labey have been having transition conversations.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- Shoreview Community Center reservations have been cancelled, at no penalty, for January, May, June, July and August 2020.
- Motion way made by Brian Olson to recognize outgoing board member via MVSA board appreciation dinner in January 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robertson, none opposed, approved unanimously.
- January MVSA board meeting canceled in lieu of board appreciation dinner.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Mark O'Connell working on closing 2019 books and 2020 budget. MVSA is predicted to end 2019 with ~\$10-12k surplus mainly due to increased concession stand profits and increased registrations.



- In January, will have Ted Labey (previous MVSA Board President) removed from bank account and have Mike Robertson added. Lora Hanks is also on account and will be removed at this time.

### **VP, TRAVELING TEAMS REPORT**

- Nate Urfer provided updates from Tri-County meeting.
- Nate Urfer confirmed Complete Game is booked January 4 – April 18.
- Charlie Tretter will be reaching out to previous season coaches to acquire feedback and will communicate to board recommendations for team formation later this month once feedback has been received.
- Charlie Tretter looking at 8U tournaments with local league.
- Nate Urfer to provide Charlie Tretter with previous coaches contact information.

### **VP, 8U AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

- 8U will be moving away from Tri-County this upcoming season. This will allow for the 8U players to play locally.

### **COACHES**

- No update.

### **EQUIPMENT**

- New standards for catchers gear for 2021 is applicable to baseball, not softball. New catchers gear is not required at this time.

### **FIELDS**

- No update.

### **MVSA TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS**

- Researching 8U/10U tournaments for upcoming season.
- Potential to co-op with other associations to ensure placement in tournaments, potentially at a reduced cost, while increasing number of tournaments.
- Pitching clinic at Chippewa is confirmed, need to communicate to MVSA families.

### **UMPIRES**

- Becoming increasingly competitive to obtain high quality umpires, fees have not increased in 5+ years. In order to retain the high-quality umpires, we need to consider increased fees for umpires.
- Motion was made by Brian Olson to increase the umpire fees \$10/double header, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Branco, no opposed, approved unanimously.
- Youth umpire clinic will be held in February, more details to be provided.

### **UNIFORMS**

- Cost of new jerseys will be around \$35 per jersey, \$70 for both required jerseys.
- Working with vendor on a potential fitting day in February/March timeframe.
- Looking into options for pants; considering implementing new pant requirement in following year as families will be purchasing new jerseys this year.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

- Plan to continue the \$200 deposit on volunteer hours for upcoming season, number of hours to be determined.

### **NEW BUSINESS & DISCUSSION**



1. Open Board Member Positions
  - Coaches Coordinator: Motion was made by Mike Robertson to elect Mark Rust as Coaches Coordinator, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Bergman, no opposed, approved unanimously.
  - Field Coordinator: Motion was made by Mark O'Connell to elect Mark Bergman as Field Coordinator position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robertson, no opposed, approved unanimously.
2. Board Member Position Descriptions
  - Board members are asked to provide a job description of their role, including a month-by-month overview and 1-2 sentence overview for website to be provided to Secretary at the February meeting.
3. By-Laws Review
  - No update.
4. Shoreview Agreement Renewal for Use of Rice Creek Fields
  - Mike Robertson, David Van House and Mark Bergman met with City of Shoreview to discuss contract renewal:
    - Draft agreement provided for review
    - City of Shoreview does not have any intentions on creating a Shoreview softball association
    - No record of 2009 renewal of Field Usage Agreement, City of Shoreview does not intend to maintain the terms of previous agreement as drafted
    - City of Shoreview committed to paying some maintenance and upkeep expenses currently being paid by MVSA (i.e., bases)
    - City of Shoreview considering funding closed dugouts at Rice Creek Fields, no commitment at this time
    - City of Shoreview will not charge a concession stand fee for weekdays, will be limited to weekends
    - Garbage and restroom fees will continue to be applied; need to discuss with MVHS a split fee payment arrangement for these accommodations
    - City of Shoreview is considering installing security cameras at Rice Creek Fields
    - City of Shoreview will continue to access tournament fees
    - City of Shoreview will be implementing a usage fee of \$7.00 per Shoreview resident/\$9.00 per non-Shoreview participant
    - MVSA considering increasing registration fees this upcoming season to cover increased costs from City of Shoreview
    - Field Usage Agreement will need to be signed in January to confirm use of field for upcoming season
5. Website Page Owners
  - Discussion tables for later meeting.
  - Motion was made by Amy Morphew to remove all non-MVSA board members from Sports Engine administration capabilities, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Robertson, none opposed, approved unanimously.
6. Advertising/Communication to District
  - Will need to explore the usage of Peachtree for district communications
  - MVSA signs need to be put out throughout the district
  - Emails, Facebook and website updates needed once details are finalized

A motion was made by Mike Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angie Branco to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:06p.m.