

Minutes of MSSL Board of Directors Meeting April 18, 2024

Meeting called to order by Speaker Dan Krepich at 1:48 pm

Bob Fuhrmann, Commissioner, present. All Board members present. Ron Martel and Brian Crozier attended as guests

Senior Softball Picnic

- 1) **Wild West Arena-New Locale**-Ron Martel presented the Board with an opportunity to move our year ending picnic to the Wild West Arena in Winchester.
- 2) **Cost**-15% surcharge for any food brought in and \$4 per beverage cost. It was suggested that Bill Olsen could provide pizzas for \$7 each.
- 3) **Entertainment**-Ron and some MSSL members have a band which will perform at no cost.
- 4) **Date/Time**-Tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 27 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.
- 5) **Funds/Vote**-Bill French confirmed that funds are available. **Board voted unanimously to go with this for the 2024 picnic.**

Commissioner's Report

- 1) **Playing Fields Update**-City of Menifee has approved us to play in the Summer at Centennial Park. We just need to get the insurance paperwork in their hands. Also, Bob is working with the City to get screens placed in certain Outfield fence locations
- 2) **Softballs**-It has been determined that Baden Fire balls are "hotter" than the Stote balls currently used. We will use existing balls for the Summer Season
- 3) **Board Elections**-4 Members are up for election in May. Dan Krepich committed at the last meeting he would run again. Randy Schaaf has declined to run again. Both Jeff Millard and Ted Bennett were non-committal. Bob was going to follow up with them after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- 1) **Budget Status**-Currently have \$5606 in bank

2) Diamond Valley-Valleywide has been paid through March

Old Business

- 1) Umpire Stipends-**Frank White recommended the umpires be paid \$5/game retroactive to the start of the Spring Season and through the rest of the season. There are 2 umpires per game. **The Board voted unanimously to distribute these stipends as funds are available.** The Board will revisit this for next Season.
- 2) Pitching Screens-**Discussion initiated by Dan Krepich to move Pitching Screen from 3.5 feet to 4.5 feet from the pitching rubber. **The Board voted unanimously to make this change.** Randy Schaaf will update rules to note this change.

New Business

- 1) Scoring Line-**It was discussed that most players wanted to go back to SSUSA line. **The Board voted unanimously to return to this.** Randy Schaaf will remove the MSSL line used now from the Rules.
- 2) Infield Fly Rule-**Brief discussion on this and it was determined that we leave the rule as is and stress that the umpires need to not call this unless a catch would be a certainty.
- 3) Playoff Proposal-**Brian Crozier presented a proposal relating to the number of substitutions required when major out of town tournaments are happening. During the April Vegas tournament 45% of the rosters had to have substitutions. The Board will discuss at a future meeting whether we will make schedule revisions to avoid playing these dates.

Next Board Meeting-May 16, 1:30 pm at Archibalds

Meeting Adjourned at 3:14 pm