

Minutes of Meeting
Missouri ASA Board of Directors
October 8, 2014 • Rolla, Missouri

State Commissioner Joey Rich called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

In attendance were Joey Rich, Kristy Rich, Bob Garner, Ken Kwantes, Rick Petty, Jack McCracken, Mark Nelson, Chuck Kempf, Robert Davis, Terry Beas and Tim Glascock. Unable to attend was Bobby Chick

Mr. Rich passed out Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Agreements for board members to sign. He also passed around an article on Branson’s new baseball complex which will be built at the Red Roof mall.

Student Scholarships: There were two (2) student scholarship applications submitted this year and neither of the players played on a Missouri ASA team in 2014. The board denied both scholarship applications. Additional criteria were discussed and will be added to the scholarship form.

1. Applicants must have played on a Missouri ASA team during that year.
2. The board will consider ASA play only.

Consent Agenda

Prior to the board meeting, Commissioner Rich e-mailed out a number of consent agenda items for review. Below are the items approved by the board prior to the meeting:

#1B UMPIRE PAY

GAME/LEVEL	CURRENT	NEW
SLOW PITCH	\$23.00	\$24.00
JO (ALL BRACKET GAMES 1:15)	\$26/\$30	\$31.00
JO (POOL PLAY ONE HOUR)	n/a	\$27.00

#1C SCOREKEEPERS

GAME/LEVEL	CURRENT	NEW
SLOW PITCH	\$8.50	\$9.00
JO (ALL BRACKET GAMES)	\$9.00/\$10.00	\$10.50
JO (POOL PLAY ONE HOUR)	n/a	\$9.00

A motion to approve these two items was made by Robert Davis, seconded by Tim Glascock; Motion approved unanimously. Mr. Rich commented that he will set the entry fees for state

tournaments, as stated in the MASA Code, and increase those fees \$5-\$10 to cover these expenses.

The following agenda items were discussed and voted on by the board.

Item #1A JO Tournament Play

Our state tournaments grew this year and the pool play games make it hard to get very far into the tournament on Saturday and/or it necessitates playing on Friday night. All age divisions at one location using the 1:15 time limits will allow us to schedule every 1:20, making all schedules run at the same game times. The board discussed the pros and cons of the pool play games and decreasing the time limit for those games to one hour.

MOTION: All pool play games at the J.O. State Championships will be a one hour time limit. The umpire pay for these games will be one hour. Bracket games for all divisions will be one hour fifteen minutes. Motion made by Tim Glascock, seconded by Rick Petty, approved by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Rich spoke briefly about the Girls "A" program. He has approached KC Metro and St. Louis Metro about combining the tournaments and rotating the tournaments between the three associations. He plans to talk to both of those associations again during the National meeting in Reno. Commissioner Rich also suggested having only a "B" and "C" state championships and making the "A" more of a qualifier.

#2A Adult Rosters

Proposal: While overall the roster process has gotten, better, it is still a thorn in our side. Prior to the deadline, each manager will go on line to enter the members of his/her team. There will be a fee to enter the names and addresses, such as \$2.00 per player. The software we develop will allow us to PRINT out a roster with these names and addresses, and when the team arrives at the tournament check in, they will sign the roster at that time. Sign in sheets will not be necessary, as each player will actually sign the official roster at check in. We will have the names in plenty of time to check classification.

Though it would be additional revenue for Missouri ASA, board members were not in favor in charging teams to submit their rosters. The board did like the idea of having teams submit rosters on-line and having teams sign it when they check in at the tournament site.

MOTION: Prior to the tournament entry deadline, each adult team manager will go on line to enter the members of his/her team. Each player will sign the official roster at tournament check in. Motion to approve Rick Petty, seconded by Ken Kwantes, approved by unanimous vote.

#2B Adult Bat Testing

Proposal: By NOT using the bat testers at Men's Slow Pitch, we are hurt as to our credibility as the leader in softball, the National Governing Body. This proposal is to allow all bats to be

tested. If the bat has the ASA mark on it, there is no charge. If the bat DOES NOT have the ASA mark on it, we will test it and IF APPROVED, there will be a \$1.00 fee to mark the bat legal. Though it would be additional revenue for Missouri ASA, board members were not in favor of charging players to use non-ASA bats the men's state championships. The board did agree we needed to go back to testing the bats at all of the adult tournaments.

MOTION: All bats will be tested prior to use at the Men's State Championships. No fee will be charged and non-ASA marked bats that pass the test will be allowed. Motion to approve by Mark Nelson, seconded by Ken Kwantes. Approved by a 9-1 vote.

ITEM 3 – JUNIOR OLYMPIC STATE TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments were awarded for the Junior Olympic State Championships June 26-28, 2015:

- "B" Championships – Jefferson City
- "C" North Championships – Kirksville
- "C" South Championships – Rolla
- 10U Modified State Tournament – Springfield (Date TBA)

The "A" tournament was also awarded to Rolla and will be played on an earlier weekend, which will be announced soon. Motion to approved this plan made by Chuck Kempf, seconded by Mark Nelson, approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 – ADULT STATE TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments were awarded for the Adult State Championships:

- Women's State – June 13 – Rolla
- Church State – July 11 – Sedalia
- Coed "C" & "D" State – July 18 & 19 – Jefferson City
- Men's "C" State – August 1 & 2 – Rolla
- Men's "D" State – August 1 & 2 – Jefferson City
- Men's "E" State – August 1 & 2 – Rolla
- A D South tournament may be placed in Cape Girardeau if the city does not get a girls national in 2015.

Motion to approve these locations and dates made by Mark Nelson, seconded by Ken Kwantes, approved by unanimous vote.

ITEM 5 – COED CLASSIFICATION

Commissioner Rich discussed the coed classification for state tournaments. We have been following the men's classification rule, which has allowed D teams to have up to three (3) C level players (both men and women). This is not what the National code for Coed classification reads (D Coed teams can have 2 "C" men and 2 "C" women). By continuing with normal practices, it becomes very stressful to try to get D teams correct so they can move on to the national tournament.

Motion: The Missouri ASA will use the National ASA Code for Coed Classification. Motion made by Ken Kwantes, seconded by Bob Garner

ITEM 5 – 2015 STATE CONVENTION

The Missouri ASA 30th Annual State Convention is scheduled for February 20-22 at Lakewood Resort. Since we do not have any Hall of Fame, Hall of Blue or student scholarship recipients, we will not have a banquet. Julie Bartel, with the National ASA staff, was scheduled to be the guest speaker. The board would like Julie to attend the convention to speak on various items on the national level.

Southwest District will provide Lunch on Saturday. Central and Mid-State districts will provide breakfast Saturday morning. Board members agreed to go to dinner Saturday evening as it would allow for more team building and socializing. Commissioner Rich will look for a place to accommodate the board and their spouses.

Mark Nelson spoke briefly about designing a ring for Hall of Fame members. The Hall of Blue ring cost \$245. This will be discussed further at the convention.

Executive Session

A motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues was made by Rick Petty, seconded by Bob Garner and approved by unanimous vote. Entered into Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 2:04. A motion to approve an item for yearly expense fees for the State UIC and the State J.O. Commissioner was made by Robert Davis, seconded by Bob Garner, and approved unanimously.

State Commissioner Rich requested that the Board reaffirm the Per Diem and Mileage policies for the state commissioner expenses, originally approved in 2006. Motion to approve was made by Ken Kwantes, seconded by Tim Glascock and approved by unanimous vote.

Robert Davis asked how we could market the Hall of Fame, Hall of Blue and the student scholarships better. A session will be added to the convention to discuss ways of getting more applications.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

***Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Kristy Rich
Corporate Secretary***