

USA SOFTBALL MISSOURI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Rolla, Missouri

The annual fall meeting of the USA Softball Missouri Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 9 at Denny's Restaurant in Rolla. Those present were State Commissioner Joey Rich, Board President Terry Beas, Melvin Respress, Ken Kwantes, David Carroll, Jack McCracken, Mark Nelson, Steve Evers, George Sutphin, Deputy State Commissioner Kristy Rich, Tim Glascock, Keith Townsend, Bob Garner and State UIC Rick Petty. Board members not in attendance was David Cavin.

State Commissioner Rich opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. He then announced his retirement from USA Softball effective January 20, 2020, which marks his 17th anniversary as commissioner. He has also sent out a news release on his Hall of Fame induction in Sparks, Nevada next month.

Olympic Team Tour Stop

Mark Nelson spoke about the Olympic team tour stop in Springfield Wednesday, June 3. The cost to bring in the team is \$35,000. They will play against a combined team from Missouri State, Evangel and Drury. The event will be a doubleheader with a 2-hour signing is part of the ticket package. Ticket prices will range from \$10 to \$30 depending on where they want to be in the stadium. The total seats available will be around 2,040. The team will fly in on Tuesday and will have a 2-hour practice Wednesday.

Financial update

Joey received the 2018 Form 990 from the accountant. Kristy will get it on the website this week. Joey also handed out a generic financial report and said it is an estimate for the end of the year.

Umpire Report

State UIC Rick Petty reported we had 211 registered umpires this year, which was up from 2018 (189 registered). He also congratulated umpires who were selected to work national tournaments.

A goal for next year will be to have a one-day state umpire clinic in Jefferson City in either January or February. Rick has also been asked to put an at-large list together for the 2020 nationals.

Melvin Respress submitted his paperwork for his Elite umpire status which was accepted and approved by the national office.

This past year, Rick ordered equipment from USA Properties to have on hand for our state umpires. He said we purchased at least \$7,000 worth of equipment and apparel.

Junior Olympic/Adult Update

Kristy Rich reviewed 2019 registration/tournament numbers for both JO and adults.

Code Changes

Proposed code change – Kristy

Rick – 1st

Terry – 2nd

Approved

Increase individual registration to \$16 and all rule books and scorebooks will be mailed from the state office. Motion made by Rick Petty and seconded by Ken Kwantes. Motion approved unanimously.

Increase slow pitch umpire pay for state tournaments to \$26 (currently \$25). Motion made by Mark Nelson made a motion to increase the fee to \$28 and Tim Glascock seconded.. Motion approved unanimously.

Increase all adult state tournament entry fees to \$295. Ken Kwantes made a motion to increase the entry fees to \$300 and Terry Beas seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Remove Women's Slow Pitch from the state tournament listing and created a Women's Invitational State event. Motion was made by Mark Nelson and seconded by Jack McCracken. Motion approved unanimously.

Umpire registration fees

Rick Petty discussed adding the background check into the registration fee, which would increase the fee to \$62. A few board members felt they would lose umpires if they are told they needed to pay a higher fee. A few already have their umpires background checked through their city as part of their league requirements.

State Convention

The state convention will be held Saturday, February 15 in Rolla. The location is still to be determined.

State Tournament site selections

All adult slow pitch state (Men C, D, E & Women) – Columbia (August 8 & 9)

Coed State – July 11 & 12 (Cape)

Coed State – August 1 & 2 (Site TBD – possibly St. Joseph)

A motion was made by Keith Townsend and Ken Kwantes seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Terry Beas will work with Sedalia to determine a date to host the Church Invitational.

JO State Tournaments

10U Modified – June 20 & 21 (Springfield)

June 12-14 – Jefferson City (A, B & C)

June 19-21 – Moberly (B & C)

A motion was made by Ken Kwantes and seconded by Tim Glascock. Motion approved unanimously.

Weather Policy

The board discussed the weather policy and adding an administrative fee clause. An administrative fee up to \$50 may be charged if no games are played due to weather. A motion was made by Rick Petty and seconded by Kristy Rich. Motion approved unanimously.

Tournament Passes

The board discussed changing the tournament passes for the girls state tournaments to the following:

Weekend Pass -- \$10

Friday & Sunday -- \$4

Saturday -- \$6

A motion was made by Mark Nelson to put this aside until February meeting and Ken Kwantes seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Hall of Fame

The board discussed the following nominations for the Hall of Fame:

Slow Pitch Impact Award

- Joe Gay

Hall of Blue

- Randy Lock
- Dave Schneider

Hall of Fame

- Allen Young

Deny the nominations for Mike Eason and Steve Eason for this year and go back to Allen Miller (nominator) for more documentation and resubmit next year. Motion was made by Ken Kwantes and Bob Garner seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Deny the nominations for Beau Robinson and Kelly Whitaker for this year and go back to Bonus Frost (nominator) for more documentation and resubmit next year. Motion was made by Rick Petty and Terry Beas seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Terry Beas made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel Rick Petty second. The board went into executive session at 2:29 pm.

Motion to come out of executive session at 2:54 pm.

All Slow Pitch Impact, Hall of Blue, and Allen Young (Hall of Fame) were approved.

Mark Nelson motioned to adjourn. Jack McCracken seconded. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.