

USA Softball Missouri Board of Directors Meeting October 10, 2018 • Jefferson City, MO

State Commissioner Joey Rich opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Report

- **Safe Sport** – Commissioner Rich went over the reasons USA Softball implemented Safe Sport. The program takes a little over an hour to complete and it is good for two years.
- **Adult classification list** – The adult classification list is now on the national website. If staff finds someone who isn't on the list we need to get them added.
- **Staff Changes** – The following officer changes will take place January 1, 2019: Terry Beas, President; Rick Petty, Vice-President; Kristy Rich, Deputy State Commissioner and Ken Kwantes, Treasurer.
- **Award Receipts** – Nominations for the 2019 Hall of Fame were reviewed. Cindy Snead and Terry Luster (Playing Ability); Bob Garner, Terry Beas, Rick Berry & Kristy Rich (Meritorious Service); Jim Earl (Hall of Blue) and Mel Bradford, Les Beasley & Rick McDonald (Slow Pitch Impact). Deb Wehr was also nominated for the Slow Pitch Impact award but there was not a lot of background information included with the form. ***Rick Petty made a motion to table Deb Wehr's nomination until more information could be submitted. Terry Beas seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*** Commissioner Rich passed out voting ballots.
- **Softball Reunion Update** – Commissioner Rich gave an update about the softball reunion which was held in Springfield in September.
- **National Council Meeting** – The National Council meeting will be October 27-November 2 in Oklahoma City. Those attending include Joey Rich, Mark Nelson, Kristy Rich, Ken Kwantes, Jack McCracken and Rick Petty.
- **2019 National Tournaments** – Commissioner Rich reviewed 2019 Nationals in Missouri. Columbia has Coed; St. Joseph has the Men's Major Fast Pitch and Cape Girardeau has Men's D.
- **National Tournament Bids** – Commissioner Rich said St. Joseph has submitted bids for 2020 for the Girls USA/ASA 18A, Men's Major and the Girls 14A Northern National. Rolla has submitted bids for Coed and for Women's.
- **State Convention** – The state convention will be February 15 & 16 at Lakewood. There will be no meetings Friday night. One possibility is to have our meetings at Lakewood and then have the banquet in Jefferson City at the new Special Olympics building. Commissioner Rich is going to contact Seven Springs to see if you can have the banquet there so we can keep everything at the Lake of the Ozarks. Proceeds from the 50/50 drawing at the banquet will go to the umpires fund to help with costs of the umpire clinic. Silent auction proceeds will also help with costs of the umpire clinic.

Tim Glascock made a motion to go into executive session. Mark Nelson seconded.

Board went into executive session at 10:52 a.m. Came out of executive session at 11:05 a.m.

- Commissioner Rich wants to invite Eric Lewis to the awards banquet in February and give him a certificate of achievement for everything he has done for boys/men's fast pitch.
- Jefferson City Parks & Recreation and Cape Girardeau Parks & Recreation were both named Facilities of the Year. Awards will be presented at the awards banquet in February.
- Commissioner Rich would like to give Kermit Daniel a Lifetime Achievement Award and asked the opinion of the board. Several board members talked about Kermit's achievements and things he had done for them and what he was still doing with softball. Commissioner Rich will move forward to giving Kermit the award.

Umpire in Chief Report

- UIC Rick Petty reviewed the two nationals Missouri had this year (Springfield - 18B Northern and Rolla – Coed). He congratulated George Sutphin on his first national UIC job in Rolla.
- Talked about umpire recruitment and ways we could get new umpires involved. We need to use social media more to help with umpire recruitment and we need to concentrate on getting more slow pitch umpires.
- At the national tournament level with slow pitch, there is a proposal to increase the umpire per game fee by \$5.
- Rick passed out the evaluations for the umpires who worked national tournaments.
- Rick is going to try to host another state umpire clinic in 2019. He plans to spread it out and go other places to have clinics. He feels we need to concentrate on our new umpires and get them to the state tournaments. We also need to get umpires to national events. There was discussion on having a tiered umpire payment system for state tournaments.

Junior Olympic Report

- JO Commissioner Kristy Rich reviewed the numbers for the year in both individual registration and state tournaments. To date for 2018, there have been 4,024 individual registrations from 297 teams (3,857 from 276 teams in 2017). The number of sanctioned events for the year was 37 (31 in 2017). Everyone was encouraged to get their tournament dates turned in by December 1 so we could get them on TournamentUSASoftball.com.
- Ballparks of American (Branson) and Bledsoe Ferry Sports Complex (Warsaw) were new tournament locations who hosted sanctioned events this year.
- Jefferson City & St. Joseph both held 14A national qualifiers.
- Mrs. Rich reviewed the new individual registration platform with Sports Engine. The platform we had been using with Active.com has been discontinued.

The Board took a break for lunch at 12:30 pm. Meeting started again at 1:03 pm

Code Changes

- Housekeeping to changing references of Missouri ASA to USA Softball Missouri. Commissioner Rich asked for everyone to look through the old code to find references to Missouri ASA or MASA.

- Article 4.03b – change from a 4-game to a 3-game guarantee (JO). Change wording to a 3-game bracket, not a guarantee. *Rick Petty made a motion to change the wording to a 3-game bracket. Ken Kwantes seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*
- Article 4.03I – Official Rain Policy. This policy will be listed on all state tournament information on TournamentUSA Softball.com as well as the website. *Tim Glascock made a motion to accept the Official Rain Policy as written. Terry Beas seconded. Motion approved unanimously.*

Adult Slow Pitch Cash Awards

- Commissioner Rich passed around his suggestions for the 2019 adult slow pitch cash awards. It was discussed how managers were having a hard time cashing checks from this year's state tournaments which were made out to the team even with the manager's names on them. In 2019, tournament directors will make the checks out to the manager and then put the team name in the Memo line.

2019 State Tournaments

- Bob Garner suggested having a set of adult tournaments on one weekend and another set of tournaments on another weekend. He also suggested sending out e-mails to the state tournament teams reminding them to do their classification appeals early.
- JO State Tournament Dates & Sites:
 - Girls C State
 - June 15 & 16 – Kirksville
 - July 22 & 23 – Rolla
 - July 6 & 7 – Jefferson City
 - Girls B State
 - June 21-23 – Jefferson City
 - June 29 & 30 – Palmyra
 - Girls A State
 - June 21-23 – Jefferson City
 - Girls 10U Modified
 - June 21 – Springfield
- Adult State Tournament Dates & Sites
 - Church Invitational – July 6 – Springfield
 - Coed – July 13 & 14 -- Rolla
 - Women's State – August 3 – Rolla
 - Men's C State – August 3 & 4 – Jefferson City
 - Men's D State – August 3 & 4 – Cape Girardeau
 - Men's E State – August 3 & 4 – Jefferson City

Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.