

## Minutes of MSSL Board of Directors Meeting August 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:26 AM by Speaker Dan Krepich.

Bob Fuhrmann, Commissioner, and all board members except for Ted Bennett. Bill French is participating by telephone.

1. Bob gave his commissioner's report.
  - Commissioner's Newsletter. Bob has not yet published his newsletter for this month. Has been busy with the draft.
  - The Commissioner's Newsletter will continue on a monthly basis.
  - Bob Fuhrmann is scheduled to meet with General Manager at BLD on Fri, Aug 19.
2. Treasurers Report. Robb brought us up to date with current budget and presented the fiscal year 2023 budget (Sept 2022-Aug 2023). As of August, we have a cash balance of approximately \$4,000. We anticipate that for FY 2023 expenses will exceed income by approximately \$1,800. Therefore, at the end of the FY we anticipate having a cash balance of approximately \$2,000. The Board discussed the league fees for the Fall. The league fees will remain at \$50 for 2023. Robb left the meeting after his presentation.
3. The Board discussed the idea of paying a \$5 per day stipend to umpires who do not play and are there for the sole purpose of umpiring. In order to be paid the stipend, the umpire would need to have their names recorded on the game cards for those days.
4. Jeff Millard discussed the problem of base runners running thru the batter's box. The Board concluded that we would ask the field preparers to leave 1-2 feet between the batter's box and the end of the scoring line as shown in the rule book

### **Old Business**

1. The Fall season draft scheduled is scheduled to be held at Wheatfield Park at 0900 on Tuesday, August 23,2022.
2. Fall season is set to begin September 6, 2022; and will run through December 10, 2022.

3. The Board discussed Dan's proposed changes to the rules in response to the concerns raised by MSSL member, Joe Hansell. The Board thanks Joe for his suggestions. In addition, the Board discussed Dan's proposed changes to Article XV (Grievance Process) of the MSSL Procedures. Dan put forward a motion to accept the changes to the MSSL Rules and Procedures as proposed. Frank seconded the motion. The Board voted 4 to 1 in favor of accepting the changes. Motion passed. Bill will update the official Rules and Procedures.
4. Beginning this Fall binders with copies of the Rules and the Procedures will be kept at each field during all games.
5. Frank White to hold umpire clinic right after last game of the summer season on August 18, 2022. Frank also put forward a motion that the league provide jackets for those umpires who are not playing for those chilly winter days. Jeff seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion (5 to 0). Motion passed.
6. The board deferred the discussion on the Status of defibrillator to next meeting.
7. The board agreed to schedule the next meeting for September 13, 2022.
8. At this point Dan motioned to adjourn. Bill seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously (5 to 0) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

### **Outstanding Action Items**

#### **Previous Items (4/26/2022)**

1. Solicit ideas from managers on how to make the manager's job more appealing. *Board*

#### **New Items (8/16/2022)**

1. Prepare binders with Copies of the Rules and the Procedures to be kept at each field during all games. *Robb*
2. Update the official Rules and Procedures. *Bill*

**Bill French**

**MSSL League Secretary**