

# **Marion Christian Softball Association Meeting Minutes**

03/24/2008

## **I. Opening Prayer – 7:12 PM**

- Kevin Graham, President, opened the regular meeting of the Marion Christian Softball Association with prayer at 7:12 PM on 03/24/2008 at New Vision Community Church.

## **II. Agenda – 7:13 PM**

- Kevin Graham reviewed agenda

## **III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes – 7:14 PM**

- Read by Justin Price
- Motion – 2<sup>nd</sup>- Passed

## **IV. League Fees – 7:15 PM**

- Kevin Graham reviewed league fees.
- A deposit of \$200 was due today.
- \$410 – League Fee
- \$20 – ASA Registration Fee (\$10 of which is paid by MCSA)
- Balance of fees due at next meeting.
- Teams will be given a week from next meeting to fill out team rosters.

## **V. Helmet Rule – 7:18 PM**

- Kevin Graham reviewed ASA policy stating that anyone under the age of 18 must wear a batting helmet while batting or on the bases.
- 4 ASA certified helmets will be provided on each league night for teams to share.
- Anyone wishing to use their own helmet must use an ASA certified helmet.

## **VI. Age Rule – 7:19 PM**

- Open discussion took place concerning the age or grade level a player must be in to participate in the league.
- A motion was made that a player must be fourteen years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the season starts in order to participate in the league. Motion made – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Passed.

## **VII. Waiver – 7:29 PM**

- The Marion City Council is requiring that every player who plays at a city-run park must sign a participation waiver.
- The league is requiring that every player sign this waiver regardless of where they are playing because of the possibility that you might end up playing on a city park.
- This waiver will be posted on the website.

## **VIII. Finalization of League Nights – 7:32 PM**

- Kevin Graham addressed each team and finalized what night that team would be playing.

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## **IX. Discussion of Balls – 7:39 PM**

- Kevin Graham discussed what options we have for balls to use.
- It was determined that we would use:
- Trump Stote Synthetic Yellow Balls
  - .44 core / .400 compression
  - SKU: AK-EZ-NSA-400-Y
  - \$30 per dozen at anacondasports.com
- Each team will be provided with 16 balls at the beginning of the season.
- Each team will provide balls for their games.

## **X. Sub Committees – 7:45 PM**

- Kevin Graham discussed and took volunteers for sub committees

## **XI. Nightly League Representatives – 7:50 PM**

- Kevin Graham discussed and took volunteers for nightly league representatives.
- Monday – Steve Marshall, Jon Kelly
- Tuesday – Kevin Graham, Jimmy Taylor
- Thursday – Mike Winders, Jerry Votaw
- Friday – Jim Kelly, Jim Lavery

## **XII. Advertisement – 7:55 PM**

- Steve Marshall presented his idea of having banners made for sponsors of each night. These banners would be hung from the backstop with a maximum of two banners, one on each side.
- Based on the price donated by the sponsor, they also would receive website advertisement and possibly trophy inclusion.

## **XIII. Right the Ship Fund – 8:05 PM**

- Allen Douce presented his idea of having each player in the league fast for one meal, the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>, and donated \$5 to the MCSA to help offset current debt. Also, during this time players are asked to pray for the league, league board, and league representatives.
- The money is requested to be turned in at the next league meeting.

## **XIV. Cost Analysis – 8:10 PM**

- Kevin Graham discussed our forecasted cost breakdown
- The idea of getting rid of scorekeepers was tabled until the next meeting in order to determine if our fund raising efforts were/are successful.

## **XV. Next Meeting – 8:16 PM**

- The next league meeting will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall at New Vision Community Church.

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## **XVI. Number of Games and Locations – 8:20 PM**

- Allen Douce made a motion to keep the number of games at 12 and keep the league fees at \$410 plus \$20 ASA registration, and discard \$50 discount for Fellowship Tournament. The motion was not seconded. Motion failed.
- Games on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be played at Sawyer Ludwig Park.
- Games on Monday and Fridays will be played on Morbit Field at Lincoln Park.

## **XVII. Next Meeting – 8:36 PM**

- Kevin Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:36 PM with Jerry Votaw having prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Justin Price