

MSWHL
June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attendees for the meeting: Birdie Ball, President; Tracy Cosenza (Detroit Revolution); Sarah Jacobsen, Treasurer (Freeze); Kerri Kelly (Bombshells); Michelle Reeve (Hammerheads); Beth Silvis, Secretary (Spittin' Chicklets);
Absent: Ann McManamon (Swarm)

1. Pres. Birdie Ball called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
2. Treasurers Report, Sarah Jacobsen

Beginning balance	\$4,104.13
Payment to SportNGIN	<u>1,380.00</u>
Current balance	\$2,724.13

- a. Payment to NGIN was discussed. Annual invoice includes Tier 3 hosting charges, data back up, unlimited support, ongoing updates, and recurring annual fee. S. Jacobsen was recently informed that the invoices were being sent to an inactive spam email box so she was contacted directly by NGIN finance controller Jared Oasheim. Sarah Jacobsen will update the account settings for monthly invoices to be received.

3. Board of Directors 2013-14

- a. A. Results: Sarah Jacobsen- 88; Beth Silvis-78; Michelle Reeve-73; Ann McManamon- 62; Kerri Kelly- 59; Tracy Cosenza- 57; Jennifer Czajkowski- 57; Renee LeBlanc- 56; Brenda Adams- 25
 - b. Positions assigned: President: Sarah Jacobsen; Treasurer: Tracy Cosenza; Secretary: Beth Silvis; General board members: Jennifer Czajkowski, Kerri Kelly, Ann McManamon, Michelle Reeve
 - c. Positive feedback was received on the ease of using the online voting ballot and survey through Googledocs.
 - d. **Improvements for next year's election will include more time for voting** (e.g. two-week period instead of four days)
4. Michelle Reeve is working on developing job descriptions for new board members. She will distribute it for review by our July meeting.
 5. Survey results
 - a. We had a total of 109 responses to the vote/survey, up from approximately 82 responders last year. We are happy for the increase in voting, but with 700 players in our league, we would like to see even greater involvement next year. With this in mind, this season league minutes will go directly to players via the web site email delivery system, as this seem to be a more efficient means of communication rather than relying on managers to forward all relevant emails to their players. Because of this, players will need to update their emails if they change during the season.

- b. **Stipend response:** 39% of respondents supported the provision of a small stipend and 33% voted “maybe”. In light of comments received and maintaining financially sound practices, a gas card was discussed as the most logical and ethical option to be granted to board members, with the expectation that they will attend at least two games for each team in the first half of the season and two in the second half of the season for their assigned division.
 - c. **Over-40 league response:** 36% of respondents said they would be interested in playing in the over-40 league and 30% respondents said they would continue to play in the MSWHL travel league. The Board discussed concerns about running two leagues (house and travel) and the fact that there are several house leagues during the winter in which others can also play (e.g. MACHRL, Kensington, A2Ice Cube, various drop-ins in Royal Oak and Southgate), which does not make starting an entirely separate house league appealing or potentially viable at this point in time.
 - d. **Full-face masks:** 78% of respondents supported this recommendation. As a result, the Board will mandate it for 2013-14 and update it in the revised handbook for next year as well.
 - e. Board discussed and decided to post the results of the survey with summaries of comments and suggestions, as well as election results on the MSWHL website.
- 6. Website updates
 - a. The website will be updated soon to reflect the 2013-2014 board positions.
- 7. The Board thinks it would be wise to have a representative of our league attend some MAHA meetings to be better informed. Discussed having board members rotate attendance at meetings or even inquiring if Renee LeBlanc would be interested as she indicated that although she was not re-elected to the Board for 2013-14, she would still like to help out in certain capacities. S. Jacobsen will inquire with Renee.
- 8. Sarah Jacobsen has been working on updating the handbook. She will have the latest version for the Board to review and discuss at the July meeting. She would like to have the final update done by August for the managers to review and sign by the September meeting. Much of the update will be in response to our move to “going digital” over the last couple of seasons.
- 9. New teams
 - a. There is a team out of Flint that would like to join the league. Their play is comparable to D2, based on recent scrimmages. Michelle Reeve will be helping to make the connection with the correct teams in order to discuss their joining.
 - b. The board once again discusses Canadians, and other foreign players in general, playing in the league. Michelle Reeve, having significant experience herself with immigration issues, will review the issues pertaining to this rule.

- c. S. Jacobsen will be reaching out to former D1 teams and to see if any of them have interest in playing in the league in the coming season.
 - d. There was further discussion of how best to divide up teams and manage issues of conflict in the upper divisions depending on if and/or how many D1 and/or D2 teams return to play next season.
10. Pres. Ball adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.