



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
 February 24, 2020  
 7:00 pm  
 Location: Center on Halsted  
 3656 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60613

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Matt Herek	President	Yes
Jay Gonnam	Vice President	Yes
Lindsay Frounfelkner	Vice President	Yes
Brandon Knop	Secretary	Yes
Michael Rice	Treasurer	Yes
Christina Federighi	Director at Large	Yes
Matthew Graham	Director at Large	Yes
Paul Johnson	Director at Large	Yes
Myles Lawter	Director at Large	No
Chris Rinere	Director at Large	No
Zack Zusag	Director at Large	Yes

**Call to Order**

**PRIOR MEETINGS:**

1. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. **Approved.**
2. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. **Approved, with comment.**

**OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. President

- a. CMSA is beginning to have initial discussions that will lead up to the contract renegotiation with the Chicago Parks District
- b. We received a complaint from a member regarding a private event that was posted to a sport's Facebook page which has been handled directly with the individual
2. Vice President – Athletics (Marketing Committee)
  - a. Softball, outdoor soccer and flag football are all working on permitting for the spring. We have been able to secure Cricket Hill for the spring season.
  - b. Kickball will be at Clarendon again this year, but we will not have access to the large field with lights again.
  - c. Open/Women's basketball game was well attended and a success.
  - d. The Marketing committee is looking into software to allow for a monthly/weekly CMSA newsletter.
  - e. Marketing committee is also in the process of updating the commissioner's handbook and planning a "social media takeover" of the CMSA accounts.
3. Vice President – Operations (Events Committee)
  - a. The pool league is small, but off and running fine.
  - b. Badminton is running and is up to 7 courts. They have t-shirts this year and are having a party and are performing well financially. Next year we will probably have to cap the number of teams at 34 due to space considerations.
  - c. Self-defense class is coming up. We are looking at dates in April, such as April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM. We will likely provide the venue and the class will be free. Matt Herek will look into Urban Athlete as a potential location to host.
4. Secretary
  - a. Women's flag elections will start soon—we have reached out to the prior commissioners for feedback on process and will reach out to the league for nominations shortly.
  - b. Soccer is off to a good start and the season is going well.
5. Treasurer
  - a. There will be changes to the budget for volleyball, including the rollover mechanics, due to the refund received from the parks district.
  - b. Michael Rice discussed with US Bank whether additional protections could be put in place to reduce the potential for fraud in the future, but the administrative expense is too great, considering the low risk as of now.
  - c. Typically our audit is completed by now, but our accounting firm was bought out in November 2019 which has led to response issues. We have an extension with both IL and the federal government. The audit will now take place after tax season.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. eSports
  - a. We are finalizing two tournaments to take place in mid-March and mid-April at Ignite.
  - b. Registration will open as soon as we can confirm the dates.
2. Website

- a. Development is still underway. We will be able to share design with the board in March.
3. Financial Policy Update
  - a. Additional updates to this policy will come later in writing.
4. Annual Party
  - a. We are gearing up for the CMSA annual party at the end of the next week.
  - b. Marketing
    - i. Posters being hung throughout the city
    - ii. Games and activities will be in the atrium, second floor will have food and vendors and bags
    - iii. VIPs will get special tickets for drinks
    - iv. We will send e-mails, text messages this week and next week
    - v. Banners and gear will be brought by Jonathan
  - c. Board should wear their CMSA jacket if possible
5. Hall of Fame
  - a. Will now be at Sidetrack on April 25, 2020 from 6–9 PM
6. Open Basketball
  - a. Estimated that Open Basketball is currently \$2,000 short of an even budget. \$290 in outstanding player fees still need to be collected.
  - b. The board discussed ways to get the league back in budget for future seasons
    - i. Elam endings to improve games
    - ii. Changes to officials
  - c. The league is attempting to take steps to reduce the budget deficit and may try additional fundraising measures, other than sponsorships, to cure the budget issues.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Sports Leader Spring Social
  - a. The board discussed ideas for a spring social for sports leaders and commissioners, including Cubs/White Sox games, Bulls game, rooftop event, etc.
2. CMSA “Swag”
  - a. The board discussed potential items that can be purchased for marketing, including: webcam covers, pop sockets, luggage tags, air pod cases, seltzer koozies, etc.
3. Annual Party
  - a. Party will be at 7 PM at the Cubby Bear; band and drag show are set as entertainment (T Rex and Mystery Machine); ends at 1 AM
  - b. Blue Ballers team will be working check-in for \$500 to cover future tournament fees (we had typically paid an outside group for this)
  - c. Fliers are being prepared by committee and will be on social media

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. We will need a new volleyball commissioner in the fall. All should be thinking about potential targets for the league.

**Adjourned at 8:22 PM.**