

**2011 – 2012**

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Board of Directors – MINUTES

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Nookies

1100 W Bryn Mawr Ave.

Chicago, IL 60660

**ATTENDEES:**

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| **Name** | **Board Position** | **Attended?** |
| Shawn Albritton | President | Yes |
| Mark Sakalares | Vice President | Yes |
| Brian Kupersmit | Vice President | Yes |
| Matt Simpson | Secretary | Yes |
| Marcia Hill | Treasurer | Yes |
| Jaz Aguilar | Director | No |
| Jason Kallen | Director | Yes |
| Michael O. Rice II | Director | Yes |
| Andrew Burke | Director | Yes |
| Chris Jessup | Director | Yes |
| Brian Lopez | Director | Yes |

Shawn A. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRIOR MEETINGS:

1. Mark S. motioned to approve the prior minutes with the following corrections:
2. The budget for the women’s party is $4,400.
3. The GSWS donated $25,000 to CMSA to be earmarked as follows:
4. $10,000 – Youth Outreach
5. $5,000 – 2012 GSWS in Washington DC
6. $2,500 – COADY Classic
7. $7,500 – CMSA Tournaments
8. Matt S. 2nd. Motion to accept minutes carried.

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1. The agenda was changed as follows. The discussion of bylaws was moved to the end. Michael R. motioned to accept agenda as amended. Chris J. 2nd. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. Jack Neilson presented a new system for rain out notification
2. The rain out phone number gets overloaded during softball.
3. Proposed system is called One-Call Now
4. Commissioner has call in number. They call in, leave message, then system calls or text messages everyone in the system. Calls would go to manager and one alternate. If it’s a phone message it keeps calling until there’s an answer.
5. Text messages can be sent online.
6. 10,000 call package can have 50 groups and 99 sub groups.
7. 10,000 call package is $713/year. We currently pay $160/year
8. The system was used at the 2011 GSWS and worked well.
9. Jack Neilson can administer it.
10. Mark S. motioned to proceed with implementation of system. Brian L. 2nd. Motion carried.
11. Women’s Fall Soccer:
12. Shawn A. replied to teams request denying request for return of fees. Only Raw Energy was refunded their money.
13. Marcia H. noted that she and the Sports Committee worked with the commissioner for the league and it was still poorly run.
14. How does CMSA prevent this from happening in the future?
15. More oversight of new commissioners
16. Have a commissioner and vice-commissioner?
17. Sports Oversight Committee needs to identify vulnerable leagues.
18. Bylaws don’t allow CMSA Board to remove poor commissioners. This needs to be added to the bylaws that the Board can remove commissioners for cause.
19. Website Redesign:
20. Brian K. has a volunteer that would redesign CMSA’s website and Sports Management system. (To replace Thriva)
21. Brian K. will pursue website redesign. Database management system appears to be too large of an undertaking for one person.
22. Jack N. is talking to Thriva about simplifying credit card transaction

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1. Storage Unit
2. We have a storage unit at Howard & McCormick.
3. 15’ x 10’, $160/month with a 15 month contract
4. Shelving units are being delivered on 1/25/12. They need to be assembled.
5. This is for out of season storage only. CMSA will no longer pay for individual sports out of season storage.
6. Only CMSA Board member officers will have keys/access and must be present when the commissioner loads/unloads unit.
7. We need a lockable, fire proof cabinet for documents.
8. Insurance:
9. Start with a claimed value of $75,000
10. Our current insurance doesn’t cover the storage unit.
11. We need to take an inventory of what we have.
12. Mark S. to talk with Joe Green about insurance.
13. PR Representation
14. Matt Levine was determined to not be the right fit for the position.
15. Mark S. got a proposal from Aaron Brost. There’s a one-time initial set up fee of $750. (This is heavily discounted) The fee after this is $125/hour. This could potentially be brought down to $75/hour.
16. Jason K. suggested Kevin Cherrier. Jason to contact him regarding this.
17. In 2011 there were 3 incidents that warranted PR representation. It’s needed for crisis management

STANDARD BUSINESS:

1. Treasurer’s Report: (Marcia Hill)
2. Marcia e-mailed the bank statements and a summary to all Board members.
3. Mark S. motioned to accept the treasurer’s report. Brian K. 2nd. Motion carried.
4. Annual Budget:
5. $80,000
6. Almost identical to 2010-11. The marketing budget was raised from $5,000 to $10,000
7. Michael R. motioned to accept budget. Andrew B. 2nd. Motion carried.
8. Audit:
9. It was recommended that we reduce the money market fund to about $80,000. This is a reduction of about $50,000.
10. How do we spend $50,000? Temporarily reducing fees was rejected, they will have to raised or reinstated in the near future.
11. We will discuss how to spend the money at the next meeting.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Advertising & Marketing: (Jason Kallen)
2. Ads were placed for Dodgeball and women’s basketball.
3. Deadline for Spring ads is one month before start of registration.
4. No ads will be placed for softball.
5. Jason is updating the website with sponsors. About half of the commissioners have responded and about half of the responses have been posted.
6. Sponsorship: (Mark Sakalares)
7. No update
8. Women’s’ Social Committee/Open Social Committee: (Marcia Hill)
9. The annual party is at Jo’s on 1/28/12. CMSA paid Jo’s $6,000.
10. Open Social: (Chris Jessup & Mark Sakalares)
11. No update. Will be discussed further at next meeting.
12. Park District & Tournament: (Brian Kupersmit & Mark Sakalares)
13. Park District contract is up at the end of the year.
14. Jack N. is negotiating.
15. There will be no preference given to non-profit organizations. Mark S. and Brian K. will attend the next meeting with Jack.
16. The Park District is starting to use Thriva.
17. There’s no word yet on how much of a fee increase there will be with the new contract. Our current contract calls for 5% per year.
18. Hall of Fame: (Marcia Hill)
19. No update
20. Ways & Means: (Michael Rice)
21. Bylaw changes discussed at end of meeting.
22. Membership Committee. (Andrew Burke & Jason Kallen)
23. No update
24. Youth Outreach: (Mark Sakalares & Chris Jessup)
25. Four people involved (Jaz A. and Steve Whitley). Will meet within the next 2 weeks.

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1. Sports & Tournaments: (Andrew Burke)
2. Probably won’t add it this year but will aggressively pursue next year.

EXISTING BUSINESS:

1. Complaints/Disciplinary:
2. Jack N. had to eject Eric Dawson from a Dodgeball game. He was suspended for one week. The suspension was deemed sufficient.
3. Jack sent an e-mail to all captains about lack of decorum at Dodgeball games.
4. Complimentary Memberships:
5. No update

LEAGUES: (Commissioner)

1. Badminton (Lucas Wonn)
2. Just started play.
3. Basketball – Men’s (Mark Sakalares)
4. Play has started and is going well.
5. Basketball – Women’s (Marcia Hill)
6. Play has started and is going well.
7. Dodgeball – Open (Jack Neilsen)
8. At maximum capacity
9. Dodgeball – Women’s (Jack Neilsen)
10. 150 women playing
11. Flag Football – Men’s (Brian Kupersmit)
12. Budget needs to be closed out. Brian K. and Matt Simpson to complete and send to Marcia.
13. Flag Football – Women’s (Marcia Hill)
14. Complete, budget closed out.
15. Kickball (Doug Malm)
16. No update.
17. Soccer – Indoor – Open (Paul Homan/Katie Hathaway)
18. At maximum capacity
19. Soccer – Outdoor – Open (Paul Homan/Katie Hathaway)
20. No update.
21. Soccer – Outdoor – Women’s (TBD)
22. No update.

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1. Softball – Summer – Open (Jack Neilsen)
2. 52 teams.
3. Field payment is due 2 weeks before season
4. Softball – Summer – Women’s (TBD)
5. Courtney Roberts is interested in taking over as commissioner. This will be pending the outcome of the disciplinary action involving her.
6. Softball – Fall Ball – Open (Michael Rice)
7. No update
8. Softball – Fall Ball – Women’s (Marcela Haber-Bishop)
9. No update.
10. Softball – Over 50 League – (Doug Malm)
11. No update.
12. Tennis – Summer Singles (Jeff Book)
13. No update.
14. Tennis – Summer Doubles (Max Heveston)
15. No update.
16. Tennis – Winter Doubles (Bob Hendrick)
17. Under capacity.
18. Volleyball – Open
19. There have been some complaints on the number of bye weeks. This is due to using 2 facilities instead of 3. There is the same # of games as previous years.
20. Volleyball – Beach (Rich Riddle)
21. No updates.
22. Volleyball – Women’s (Jessica Andrasko)
23. 20 teams total.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Bylaw Changes: (Michael Rice)

* Members vote on in the June/July open meeting
* Most changes are modernizing the terminology.

Amendment #:

1. No discussion
2. No discussion
3. Jason K. – Wording should be changed to “up to 6 members”
4. Leave chart as is in bylaws
5. Change to “the elected” instead of “5 elected”

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1. No discussion
2. No discussion
3. Should be phrased “most modern form”. Eliminate the requirement for public notice. We only need to notify members. We need to add an item that a person must be a current member of CMSA to run for the board.
4. Add “at time of completion of next election”.
5. Change to “corporate officer”
6. No discussion
7. No discussion
8. No discussion
9. No discussion
10. Add “performance of commissioner”.
11. This needs to remain in bylaws. Need to clarify that its Athletic Director/Commissioner
12. Age requirement will align with insurance. Age should be 19, not 18.
13. No discussion
14. No discussion
15. No discussion

* Mark S. made a blanket motion to accept changes 1-20 as amended above. Marcia H 2nd. Motion carried. (2/3 majority needed to carry)
* Proposed changes must be distributed to members at large. Chris will post on the Facebook page.

Discussion Topics:

1. Strike references to specific activities.
2. Strike noting specific months for meetings. Board must meet at least 4 times a year and must be at least quarterly.
3. Policy says sport must be closed out in 30-45 days. Bylaws says 2 weeks for sports and 1 week for tournaments/special events. Both should be changed to 45 days
4. Board is required to approve all individual rules/regulations
5. Board must have ability to overturn rules deemed unacceptable.
6. Review & amend by sports committee
7. Strike subsection 8
8. Election of Officers
9. Requires even/odd years. We aren’t adhering to that now.
10. People don’t run for specific offices
11. Don’t specify which offices are in even/odd years

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Commissioners Dinner: February 22, 2012 at 7:00 at Halsted’s

NEXT MEETING:

1. Wednesday, March 21 2012 at 7:00 pm. Place: Nookies/Edgewater.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1. Michael R. motioned to adjourn.
2. Chris J. 2nd.
3. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:30