



Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association  
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Board of Directors – MINUTES

Monday, July 30, 2012

6:31 pm – 9:36 pm

Nookies

1100 W Bryn Mawr Ave.  
 Chicago, IL 60660

**ATTENDEES:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Brian Kupersmit	President	Yes
Mark Sakalares	Vice President	Yes
Jessica Andrasko	Vice President	Yes
Matt Simpson	Secretary	Yes
Michael O. Rice II	Treasurer	Yes

Brian K. called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

The following prospective board members were in attendance: Chris Jessup, Michael Erwin, Lindsay Frounfelkner, Jack Neilsen, Henry Gorecki, C.J. Winke, Julie Colwell, Jason Kallen, Brian Lopez, Jackie Schmidt.

**PRIOR MEETINGS:**

1. Mark S. motioned to approve the prior minutes. Michael O. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
2. Michael O. motioned to discuss the agenda. Matt S. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
  - a) Treasurer's report was added to the agenda

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

1. Brian K. explained the process of appointing the 6 directors
  - a) 17 people applied
  - b) The elected members had a conference call last night and narrowed it to 10 finalists.

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- c) Each candidate will have an individual question and answer session with the elected members. There will be no time limit.
2. Question and Answer Session:
- a) Lindsay Frounfalkner
    - Interested in community involvement
    - On Open Softball Board
  - b) Brian Lopez
    - Interested in community involvement and creating a database of players
    - Partner with Equality Illinois
    - Was brought onto previous board late, there was a learning curve
  - c) Michael Erwin
    - Looking to join a board that could utilize his skills
    - Suggested better website and more involvement in social media to improve communication
  - d) Jackie Schmidt
    - Previously served on board as treasurer
    - Familiar with Thriva
  - e) Henry Gorecki
    - Co-founded University of Michigan/Chicago Alumni Association
    - Wants to give back to CMSA after 13 years as a member
    - Helped with Horizon Program in the early '90's
  - f) Jack Neilsen
    - Is giving up commissioner post for Thursday Softball and Dodgeball to focus on board matters
    - Would like to focus on national corporate sponsorships
    - Increase visibility and transparency
  - g) C.J. Winke
    - Project manager for AT&T. Takes projects from inception to completion
    - Would like to get involved with other sports, facilitate communication
  - h) Julie Colwell
    - Considerable board experience, local and national
    - Considerable player and umpiring experience, local and national
    - Would like to get involved in social media
  - i) Chris Jessup
    - Wants to increase CMSA visibility in community
    - Involved with Youth Outreach and Ride for AIDS
  - j) Jason Kallen
    - Would like a stronger board to give clearer direction on objectives
    - Oversee effort with PR representation and marketing plan

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3. Appointment of directors
  - a) Candidates were discussed and voted on.
  - b) Brian K motioned, Matt S. 2<sup>nd</sup> to appoint Brian Lopez, Michael Erwin, Jack Neilsen. Jackie Schmidt, Jason Kallen, and Julie Colwell to the board.
4. Introduction to new members
  - a) Term ends at nomination meeting in June, 2013
  - b) Meetings are monthly. If you miss 3 consecutive you will be removed from the board
  - c) Each will have a board e-mail address
  - d) All 11 members have equal voting rights
  - e) Only 5 elected have check signing rights
5. The board discussed ideas for effective meetings
6. The board discussed meeting expectations
7. Out at Wrigley
  - a) As of today we still do not have details on the event. Mark has requested this on several occasions
  - b) There are other people we can reach out to in the future if we want to work with the Cubs.
  - c) CMSA will back out of this event.
8. Park District Contract
  - a) We should know within 30 days when we will meet to negotiate this contract.
  - b) Brian K. and Jack N. will negotiate with the Park District
  - c) Our 5 year contract expires in December. We are looking to maintain our current contract terms.
9. Women's Softball
  - a) Brian K. gave background of the issue.
  - b) Jess is assisting the remaining board to finish out the season
  - c) Jess will take nominations and assist them with holding an election for commissioner for next season.
  - d) At this time the vote will be by the captains, not the members of women's softball.

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10. Kickball

- a) Didn't play last year because fields were under construction
- b) Brian K. will facilitate an election of its commissioner

11. Fall Sports

- An e-mail blast went out for Men's and Women's Flag Football, Thursday Open Softball, and Women's Fall Softball
- Ads were placed for Men's Flag Football. No other sport requested them.

12. Thriva

- a) Fall sports will be turned on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b) We would like to set up some type of Thriva training for the board.

13. Open Soccer

- a) There are 3 commissioners and 4 board members
- b) Last weekend they allowed an unregistered player to play. This jeopardizes our contract with the park district and exposes to potential liability if there's an injury involving the unregistered player.
- c) Soccer needs to e-mail the league and clarify this and set penalties and accountability if its violated.
- d) An e-mail needs to go out to all members regarding this policy, before Fall sports start.

14. Action Items: See attached document.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. Goals:

- a) Identify initiatives for the year
- b) Establish protocol for communication with leagues and members
- c) Discuss Surplus funds
- d) Review Treasurer's report

2. Board Meeting: 8/6/12 at 7:00, at Nookies

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- 1. Jack N. motioned to adjourn.
- 2. Matt S. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 9:36