



Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association
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Board of Directors – MINUTES
 Wednesday January 30, 2014
 7:00 pm – 9:45 pm
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ATTENDEES:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Board Position</u> | <u>Attended?</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Brian Kupersmit | President | Yes |
| Mark Sakalares | Vice President | Yes |
| Grete Hornstrom | Vice President | Yes |
| Michael Erwin | Secretary | Yes |
| Michael Rice | Treasurer | Yes |
| Jason Kallen | Director | Yes |
| Elizabeth Grewenig | Director | Yes |
| Todd Paulson | Director | Yes |
| Ryne Inman | Director | Yes |
| Scott Quinn | Director | Yes |
| Matt Simpson | Director | Yes |

Guests: Elizabeth Grewenig, Illinois Safe School Alliance

Brian Kupersmit called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PRIOR MEETINGS:

1. Mike motioned to approve the prior minutes. Matt 2nd. Motion to accept prior minutes were accepted.
2. Mark motioned to accept the Agenda with slight changes to the order from Michael Erwin. Grete second. Motion to accept agenda with changes was accepted.
3. Scott motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Todd second. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was accepted.

STANDARD BUSINESS: (160 Minutes)

1. Treasurer's report/final audit – 15 minutes
 - a. CMSA membership is up 175 memberships year over year
 - i. Badminton membership is higher than last year
 - ii. Women's basketball membership is up year over year
 - b. Annual party budget slightly over budget
 - c. 1099s went out to everyone in the league that were due one
 - d. Audit final report will be available at the Feb CMSA board meeting
2. Filling vacant board spot – 15 minutes
 - a. Board met with Elizabeth Grewenig
 - b. Grete motioned to accept Elizabeth as a board member, JK seconded. Motion carried.
3. Bowling charity event – 15 minutes (guests)
 - a. Illinois Safe Schools Alliance approached CMSA about reaching out to our membership to help with a sports related fundraiser. The following members from the Alliance presented to the board:
 - i. Lawrence - Gay Straight Alliance coordinator
 - ii. Alexia - Development Coordinator plays summer and fall CMSA softball
 - b. Bowl-a-thon is a fundraiser to raise money for dances, meetings, transportation, etc.
 - i. 14 lanes of bowlers – raised \$14,000 last year and only spent \$1,000
 - c. Looking for lane captain to raise \$1,500
 - d. Goal of 10 GSAs participating this year.
 - i. Program open State wide
 - e. Scott motioned to engage our membership to support this event. Matt seconded. Motioned passed.
4. Branding update – 15 minutes
 - a. Branding committee report to the board focused on new logo and commissioner communication tools.
 - b. Branding timeline TBD at the next meeting
5. College outreach – 5 minutes
 - a. Goal is to bring LGBT college students together with the CMSA membership for an open gym (volleyball, soccer, Badminton, Basketball, etc)
 - b. Brian is working with the Loyola campus LGBT group to organize
 - c. 19+ LGBT youth to Broadway Armory
 - d. Date – March 10
6. Commissioner liaison proposal – 10 minutes
 - a. Grete presented a detailed proposal to the group with the end goal of having a board resource for commissioners who need/want help. This will improve the communication between the board and individual sports.
 - i. Focus on full board member involvement with different sports
 1. Board members will take two sports
 - b. Only four board members have been commissioners
 - c. Board members' role will be a sounding board not a micro-manager

- d. Grete and BK to develop survey monkey get feedback from commissioners
- 7. Code of conduct review – 10 minutes (tabled to Feb meeting)
- 8. Softball discussion – 25 minutes
 - a. Scott motioned to go into executive session, MOR2 second.
- 9. Recap of annual party - what's next – 10 minutes
 - a. Sam Hamilton is already moving forward with the 2015 party
 - b. Positive overall feedback to the party
 - c. Board to forward Brian feedback ASAP.
 - i. Liked/Hated/Has to change
- 10. Constant contact shift – 5 minutes
 - a. Will begin using Constant Contact when they receive payment from CMSA
- 11. Self defense – 5 minutes (tabled to Feb board meeting)
- 12. Pool update – 5 minutes
 - a. Begins next week
 - b. Response to CMSA pool has been very positive
- 13. Badminton update – 5 minutes
 - a. 39 teams as of January 30th
 - i. Season kicks off in February

Two-minute updates:

- 14. Charity application –
 - a. Scott made motion to post and move along. Mark second.
- 15. Email
 - a. We have now switched over to a new Google platform and have unlimited emails
- 16. Website
 - a. Continue to tweak site and address concerns as they arise.
 - i. Leagues button changed to play, leagues that are in play
- 17. Street festivals
 - a. Midsummer fest application is due in April
 - b. Waiting for more current information for Pridefest
- 18. Commissioner handbook
 - a. Printing is complete.
 - b. Each book cost \$14
- 19. Social media - twitter, Instagram, linkedin
 - a. Instagram – Todd to start a CMSA instagram account
- 20. Printed magazine
 - a. Cost becomes an issue for developing a CMSA magazine
 - b. Looking into interactive/online mag - Todd/Ryne
- 21. Commissioner's dinner
 - a. February 4th
 - b. Board to email Brian ASAP items that they want added to the agenda

NEW BUSINESS/CLOSE:

1. Open Forum
 - a. Comp membership
 - i. Steve Franz
 - ii. Don Brown
2. Feedback and Close
3. Next Meeting: February 27, 2014 7:00pm – 9:30pm. Location: TBD.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1. Matt motioned to adjourn.
2. Grete second.
3. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.