

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Spring Managers Meeting Minutes- February 26, 2016**  
**Denver Elks Club, 2675 W 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Emilio Sanelli, Robin Garneau, Jim Spaulding, Jim Edmundson, Mike Massong, John Miller and Don TeStrake. Board members absent: Rick Reeser and Jeff Sweet. Attendees included those representing 66 teams and 7 Rec Centers.
- 2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:** Sanelli led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and then made a statement in recognition and thanks for all those serving in the Armed Forces, past and present.
- 3. Introduction of the CSSA Board of Directors & Others:** Harbour introduced the Board members listed above, noting that TeStrake, Miller, Spaulding (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Edmundson (2<sup>nd</sup> term) had been elected to the Board at the Fall Managers Meeting in October 2015. Harbour referred to the work that the Standings Secretaries do, and noted that all these people contribute to the operation of CSSA. Harbour noted a special “Thank-you” to Butch Reich of Foothills Recreation who has allowed CSSA to piggyback on his softball order for the past three years which gets CSSA a very good price for the softballs.
- 4. Treasurer’s Report and Financials:** Garneau stated that CSSA started 2016 with a balance of \$9,527.39, and has paid for the annual CO Secretary of State fee, website annual fee, scorebooks, softballs and now has a balance of \$6,811.39. Garneau noted that CSSA had received a second donation/grant of \$1,000 from Chevron Corporation. One \$1,000 grant was received in early 2015 for 2014, and the second \$1,000 grant was received in late 2015 for 2015. Harbour explained that the donations were related to his volunteer hours for CSSA, and that the 2015 CSSA operating net was a little over \$2,000, due to the two \$1,000 grants. Otherwise, the net was a little over break-even.
- 5. Spring Packet Information:** Harbour reviewed and commented on all information, forms and deadlines in the handout packages as follows:
  - A. Important Dates for 2016 Season
  - B. Team Registration Form- **Due March 23, 2016**- Harbour stressed to all that managers should work closely with their respective Rec Center Reps to complete the registration form completely, accurately and legibly, and to submit the form by the deadline of March 23rd.
  - C. Invoice/Payment of Fees - **Due May 10, 2016**
  - D. Roster & Waiver and Release of Liability Forms- **Due May 10, 2016**- Harbour noted that these forms should be completed legibly, and the waiver form signed by all players, and noted the revised language in Item 2 regarding the requirement for pitchers to wear masks.

E. Roster Change Request Form - **Add/Delete Deadline is July 27, 2016 for both the 70's & B-E Divisions**- Any Roster Change form submitted should be accompanied by a signed Waiver form for any additions.

F. Jacket Order Form- **Due May 10, 2016**

G. Pre-game Conference with Managers & Umpires

H. CSSA Definitions & Code of Conduct

I. CSSA Bylaws

J. 2015 Rules- Updated from October 30, 2015 Managers Meeting- Harbour referred to the motions made and voted for during the October 2015 Managers Meeting that were incorporated into the 2016 RULES, where changes are in **bold type**, and include the new Rule 5.5, added by the CSSA Board at the meeting on Jan. 29, 2016, which **REQUIRES** pitchers to wear masks. Some discussion was held regarding this new requirement.

L. Softball & Scorebook Distribution Form- Harbour asked that this form be completed and then turned in when managers pick up their balls and/or scorebooks downstairs after the meeting finishes.

**6. Commissioner's Update/Status of Organization:** Harbour commented on several items, providing information as follows:

- The CSSA Board positions are complete and members of the Board are active and engaged.
- The organization is sound, finances are good and practices and procedures are in place and required matters are being taken care of in a timely manner, e.g. filings with the CO Secretary of State, IRS, bills are paid, etc. The CSSA website ([www.coloradoseniorsoftball.us](http://www.coloradoseniorsoftball.us)) is in place and will provide information to all on the upcoming season.
- A suggestion was made to have something on the website for players and teams to get information about players. This will be investigated.
- An open floor discussion was held where teams advised of their need for players. Those needing players included 70's teams Covenant Village and Westminster Seniors, and Butterfingers, Louisville Coyotes, Xpress Lube and Westminster Warriors.
- Regarding rainouts and make-ups, Harbour requested that all managers follow the current rules and work together to get games played. He stressed that it was the host manager who should take the lead in arranging make-up games.

**7. Announcements of softball activities in 2015 outside CSSA:**

- Sanelli and Terry Goodrich spoke of the Spring Fun League that will be playing games in March and April at Valverde and Vanderbilt Parks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Goodrich commented that teams usually have space for walk-on players and encouraged players to show up and get ready for the CSSA season. Schedule flyers were provided for anyone interested.
- Goodrich then spoke of the following national tournaments that are scheduled:
  - SPA Western Nationals Championship at Aurora Sports Complex, June 9-12. Information at [www.softballspa.com](http://www.softballspa.com).

- SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championships at Aurora Sports Complex, August 26-28. Information at [www.seniorsoftball.com](http://www.seniorsoftball.com).
  - Goodrich gave information about the Colorado Senior Softball Travel League which has 16 teams that play games on Saturdays, April through October, at fields in the Front Range area. Information at [www.csstl.net](http://www.csstl.net).
- 8. OTHER:** Harbour opened the floor for any other issues that attendees wanted to bring up, as follows:
- Recreation Center Announcements: Butch Reich of Foothills Recreation stated that they had a number of fields available but only one CSSA team playing, and that any team with interest in playing at Clement or Schaeffer should contact him. Reich also spoke of a part-time opening for Field Supervisors for night leagues, mid-March through October. Information flyers were made available at the check-in table.
  - A question was raised regarding the revision to Rule 6.3a,2- Defensive Players E Division. Harbour stated that the revised rule was a result of a motion made and passed at the October Fall Managers Meeting.
- 9. Next CSSA Board Meeting:** Harbour advised that the next CSSA Board meeting would be determined, but would be either Thursday, March 24th, or Friday, March 25th, at the Highlands Senior Center, 2880 Osceola (Osceola & 29<sup>th</sup> Ave.), Denver. At this meeting, teams will be placed in the divisions for the first half of the 2016 season.
- 10. Adjournment:** Larry Voorhees motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jimmy Caswell. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 2-26-16

Post Meeting note: Sets of softballs (14 per set) and scorebooks were distributed to team representatives after the meeting. The charge for the balls will be included in payments of team fees; one scorebook is provided for each team at no charge.