

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- March 25, 2016
Highlands Recreation Center, 2880 Osceola, 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, Mike Massong, Jim Spaulding, Jim Edmundson, Rick Reeser, John Miller, Jeff Sweet and Don TeStrake. Board members absent: Robin Garneau
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, Jan. 29, 2016 Board Meeting and the Spring Managers meeting on February 26, 2016:** Massong made a motion that the minutes of both meetings be approved, seconded by TeStrake, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report /Budget Issues:** Harbour referred to previous Treasurer's Reports from the January Board meeting and that budget matters were in hand, payments made for softballs, etc. and that he had received several checks from teams with their registration forms. The 2016 budget and finances should be in line with 2015 and financially the organization is in good shape.
- 5. Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**

Harbour advised that for 2016 there are 21 70's Division teams (up from 19 in 2015) and 49 B-E Division teams (down from 50 in 2015) currently registered to play. Harbour recommended that the 49 Wednesday teams be divided into 3 eight-team divisions, 3 six-team divisions, and 1 seven-team division, and then led an exercise of placing teams into divisions using the 2015 2nd half records, the 2015 tournament results, information from the Team Registration forms, and information from all attendees at the meeting. The results of the exercise as follows:

B-1 Division (6 teams)- CRF (was Monetize Universe in 2015), Evergreen, Longmont Bombers, Loveland/MI Sports, Garretson's Sports, and a new team, Performance Plus (Arvada).

B-2 Division (8 teams)- Scrap Iron Diamonds, Ace-Hi, Frontier Club, Muddogs, Denver Eagles, Northern Colorado Select (Longmont), Evergreen Mountain Men, and a new team, St. Vrain Bison (Longmont).

C-1 Division (6 teams)- Greeley Outlaws, Broomfield Bulls, Alibi's Bar & Grill, The Boys, Hector's, and Broomfield Dairy Queen.

C-2 Division (6 teams)- APEX Red, Castle Rockies, Erie Miners, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Lakewood Bears and 2nd Time Sports.

D-1 Division (8 teams)- Louisville Coyotes, Sears- The Haus Team (was Greeley Grays in 2015), The Internationals, Golden Eagles, Local 46 Lions, Aurora Legends, Castle Rockers and Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes.

D-2 Division (8 teams)- Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Erie Outlaws, Lakewood Cougars, Aurora Hammers, APEX White, Juggernauts, Lakewood Hawks, and Merle's of Littleton.

E Division (7 teams)- MLB Enterprises Butterfingers, Broomfield Renegades, Louisville Sluggers, Malley Cats, Scrap Iron 80s, Westminster Warriors and a new team, Greeley Lightning.

Discussion was held on how to align the 21 70's teams so as to create as competitive groups as possible due the wide variation in the abilities of the 70's teams. After much discussion, it was agreed to organize the 70's teams as below, to do schedules for the first six weeks of the season (up to the Memorial Day holiday), then review the results and realign after six weeks.

70's Gold (Upper) Division (5 teams)- Scrap Iron 70s Red, Bronco Billy's, Colorado Cougars, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs and a new team, Longmont Lightning.

70's Silver (Middle) Division (8 teams)- Scrap Iron 75's, Wheeler Management, Louisville Eagles, Bronco Billy's TOO, Castle ROCKS, Wit & Grit, Westminster Seniors and Hector's.

70's Bronze (Lower) Division (8 teams)- USA 70s, Longmont 70s, Golden Oldies, Aurora Grillers, Covenant Village, Blue Jays, Broomfield Renegades and a new team, Bronco Billy's 3.

- 6. Tournament Plan/Discussion:** Harbour stated that the plan at this point is to have the 70s tournament at Broomfield on Monday, August 15 and Wednesday, August 17, and the B-E Tournament at Shaeffer on August 22 thru 25. Harbour stated that the plan, schedules and format would follow the same as last year. Harbour will coordinate efforts in developing plans for both tournaments. Massong stated that he should be able to help out with the tournaments this year.

7. Miscellaneous Items:

- Insurance Matters- Harbour stated that he had arranged to obtain Directors and Officers liability insurance through the Colorado Non-Profit Insurance Agency, with the carrier changing from Monitor to Philadelphia Insurance Company, premium will be \$661 compared to \$658 in 2015. Regarding the General Liability insurance, Harbour stated that he had been in touch with SSUSA and that the cost in 2016 would be the same as in 2015, i.e. \$35 per team. Harbour will provide information to SSUSA once teams are settled so that the insurance certificates can be issued.
- Review Spring Managers Meeting- + / -: Brief discussion was held on how the Managers Meeting went, with no major issues identified.
- Standings Secretaries- Harbour stated that he would be soliciting Standings Secretaries for each division now that the teams have been placed in divisions.
- CSSA Day at Coors Field- Harbour stated that the Rockies had provided a listing of games where discount tickets are available. He asked if the group had an opinion on whether to choose a weekday day game, or a weekend (Sunday) day game. No strong opinion was forthcoming.
- League & Tournament Awards- Brief discussion was held on what to give out as awards. Harbour requested that Board members advise him of any suggestions that they might have on awards. More on this matter in future meetings.

8. Assign March/April timeline duties (any not covered above)

Harbour stated that all March/April/May items have been covered, i.e. either already taken care of, or are in progress.

9. OTHER: There were no 'Other' issues raised by the attendees.

10. Next Meeting: There will be no Board meeting in April or May, unless a major issue develops. The June Board meeting will be held on the Thursday or Friday immediately after the last regular scheduled games on June 8th at the Highlands Recreation Center, 2880 Osceola, Denver. Reeser expressed a strong preference to Thursday as he will be involved in the Senior Games in Greeley on June 10. Harbour will advise Board members on which day the meeting will be held. At this meeting, adjustments will be made to the make-up of the divisions for the second half of the season based on the results of the first half. Harbour stated that he would handle the realignment of the 70's divisions via e-mail after the completion of first six weeks of games on May 23rd.

11. Adjournment: Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 3-25-16