

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- August 11, 2016 - REVISED
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Don TeStrake, Mike Massong, Jim Spaulding, John Miller, Rick Reeser, Jim Edmundson, and Jeff Sweet.
Board members absent: Robin Garneau (attended at start and end of meeting)
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, June 9, 2016 Board Meeting:** As the minutes of the meeting had not been finalized, there was no approval considered. Harbour will complete the minutes and send to Board members via e-mail.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Payments submission status:** Garneau was unable to attend the meeting, but had provided an updated Treasurer's Report, which was included in the meeting handout. A balance of \$17,340.64 is currently in the account. Harbour noted that the tournament costs would be coming in over the next month so the balance will be reduced when invoices are paid, and that the finances of the organization are in good condition at this time.
- 5. Tournaments Updates-** Harbour stated that both tournaments, 70s and B-E Divisions were set as follows:
 - The 70's tournament will be held at Community Park in Broomfield on August 15th and 17th, with 21 teams participating. Three five-team groups and one six-team group have been proposed and approved by the Board via e-mail. Each team in the five-team group will play one game against the other teams in their group, and each team in the six-team group will play one game against four of the teams in their group. Best record with tie-breakers will decide the winner of each group. One issue that was discussed and agreed, was that in Group 1, the Scrap Iron 70's Red team would give 5 runs (along with Longmont Lightning and Bronco Billy's) to the Colorado Cougars and Varsity Inn teams.
 - The B-E Divisions tournament will be held at the Daniel Schaefer Complex in Lakewood on August 22nd through 25th; four days and five time slots as was done in previous years. As four of the current 49 B-E teams are not participating, the tournament will have 45 teams divided into nine five-team groups- see Item 8. All arrangements are made.

See 'post-meeting note' in Item 8 below.
- 6. League and Tournaments Awards-** Harbour reported that he had been working with Sportline on shirts similar to those purchased in 2015. Harbour will finalize design, order numbers, etc. in the next week or so. During the discussion on the 'awards', Sweet advised that he had given shorts as an award at Evergreen. Harbour stated that this would be investigated and considered in the future.

7. Review 2nd Half standings and determine winners of each division-

Harbour reviewed the standings (sheet in the handout), through games played August 10th, and discussed the winners for each division. Harbour will notify the winning teams and send forms for teams to order their champion shirts.

8. Determine Tournament Groups (70s done earlier via e-mail)- Harbour provided a Standings sheet for the 2nd half, and another sheet showing the “cumulative” listing of teams from the top teams in B-1 to the bottom teams in E, which included “RF” (Runs For), “RA” (Runs Against), Runs Differential for each team, and notations on Forfeit wins/Losses. Harbour noted that the 45 teams (four teams not participating in the tournament) would need to be divided into nine five-team groups. Using the standings, RF & RA, runs differential, games won/lost by forfeit, and any other information available, a detailed discussion was held, various options considered, and the makeup of each Tournament Group was determined as listed below.

Group 1- Longmont Bombers, Loveland/MI, CRF/Monetize, Evergreen and Garretson’s Sports

Group 2- Ace-Hi, Frontier Club, Evergreen Mountain Men, Denver Eagles and Broomfield Dairy Queen

Group 3- Northern Colorado Select, Muddogs, Pitchers Diamonds, St Vrain Bison and Greeley Outlaws

Group 4- Broomfield Bulls, Alibi’s Bar & Grill, The Boys, Hector’s and Local 46 Lions

Group 5- Castle Rockies, Erie Miners, APEX Red, Aurora Legends and 2nd Time Sports

Group 6- Louisville Coyotes, Castle Rockers, Sears/Haus Team, Mercedes Benz of Westminster and Lakewood Bears

Group 7- Lakewood Cougars, APEX White, Golden Eagles, The Internationals and Lakewood Hawks

Group 8- Aurora Hammers, Juggernauts, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes, Broomfield Screaming Eagles and Merle’s of Littleton

Group 9- MLB Enterprises Butterfingers, Louisville Sluggers, Malley Cats, Broomfield Renegades and Scrap Iron 80’s.

Post meeting notes: 1) On Aug 14, the Muddogs team advised that were short of players and would not play in the tournament: Group 3 then became a four-team group and schedules were redone and distributed for Group 3; 2) On Aug 21, the St Vrain Bison team advised that they were short of players and would not play in the tournament; Group 3 then became a three-team group and schedules were redone and distributed for Group 3.

9. Board Positions/nominations/etc.- Status- Harbour reviewed the current CSSA Board positions and noted that there would be three Board positions to be filled (one Rec Center Rep and two Player Reps) in October, based on members whose terms expire in October 2016 as follows: 1) The term of one Rec Center rep position, currently held by Sweet, who was appointed by the Board in January 2015 for his first term, will expire in October; 2) Massong and Reeser were elected to the Board in October 2014, and their first two-year terms expire in October. Harbour asked the three members whose terms are expiring if they desired to stand for election for a second term, and they all agreed. Harbour will advise managers of this situation, and also ask in the package that goes to

the managers if there are any more nominees for the open Board positions. For information, Spaulding (Rec Center rep) and Edmundson were elected for their second two-year terms, and Miller and TeStrake were elected for their first two-year terms in October 2015.

10. Miscellaneous- Discussion/Board Positions:

- Pitcher's protection- A discussion was held on the subject including current rules, use of a screen, revised rules to reduce balls being hit "up-the-middle", etc. There was general agreement that the CSSA rules were consistent with SSUSA rules used in tournaments around the country, and that the Board would stay with current rules. If motions are made at the Fall Managers Meeting, they will be considered and voted on as any other motion.
- 1-1 Count- A discussion was held on the possible use of starting with a 1-1 count, primarily to increase the amount of playing time in the timed tournament games. Miller suggested that this subject be discussed at the Fall Managers Meeting, and considered for the 2017 tournaments.
- Meetings location- With the recent remodeling work going on at the Highlands Recreation Center (past normal location), Harbour lead a discussion on possible options for future meetings. Spaulding advised that he thought the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center could be used for the regular Board meetings and possibly for the Managers Meetings. Harbour will further investigate the availability of Highlands Rec Center, the Elks Club and with Spaulding on the Wheat Ridge Rec Center as well.
- Stryker proposal- Harbour lead a discussion on the proposal received from Stryker to have a table of educational information at the tournaments. Miller stated that he thought we needed some criteria or guidelines for things like that, and even including possible sponsorships where CSSA would actually receive some type of funding. This matter will be addressed in future meetings and efforts.

11. Motions for the October Fall Managers Meeting: Harbour asked if Board members had any specific issues that should be raised by the Board as motions for rule changes.

- Harbour referred to two changes that were made in 2015; 1) number of games of suspension for an ejection and 2) the rule that "requires" 11 players in the E Division games when the teams have available players, and that he planned to have the managers revisit these two changes, to possibly eliminate those changes. Some discussion was held. Harbour stated that he would review these rules and see about revisions that might clarify the ongoing questions.
- Miller had previously raised the issue of starting with a 1-1 count in the tournament games. It was agreed that this subject would be raised at the meeting to get feedback from managers.
- Miller raised a question about using an 11" ball when ladies are batting. This also could be a discussion subject at the meeting.

12. Assign August/September timeline duties (any not covered above): Harbour reviewed the time line master list and determined that all August and September duties have been handled, or are in progress.

13. OTHER: There were no other items raised by the attendees.

14. Next Meetings: Discussion was held on the best days and dates for the upcoming Board meetings. The next Board meeting will be scheduled in mid to late September and the Fall Managers Meeting will be scheduled in late October. Harbour will communicate with Board members on firm dates and times.

15. Adjournment: Miller motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Massong. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 8-11-16.