

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- September 15, 2016**  
**Broomfield Community Center, 280 Spader Way, Broomfield, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Jim Edmundson, Rick Reeser, John Miller, Mike Massong, Don TeStrake, Jim Spaulding and Jeff Sweet.  
Board members absent: Robin Garneau
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, June 9, 2016 and August 11, 2016 Board Meetings:** Miller motioned that the minutes of the meetings be approved, seconded by Reeser, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Harbour reported that Garneau's latest Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$12,284.64. Harbour noted that there were a few checks for extra Champs shirts to add, and some expenses still to be paid, e.g. to Sportline for the awards T-shirts of approximately \$3,200, and some miscellaneous administrative expenses. Harbour stated that he would prepare the annual Financial Summary sheet once final numbers are in, but stated that he estimated that the end of year balance would be ~\$8,850, or ~\$9,850 if the Chevron donation was received before year end. A general discussion was held on matters related to the organization's finances. Reeser made a motion to keep the team fee for the 2017 season at \$175 per team, seconded by Spaulding and approved unanimously.
- 5. Tournaments Report / Review:** Harbour led a discussion regarding the two 2016 end-of-season tournaments. For the 70's tournament at Community Park in Broomfield, things went well. Discussion was held on several issues from the B-E Divisions tournament. Harbour advised of the last minute drop-outs by two teams which required late schedule changes in Group 3, going from a five-team group to a four-team group, and then a three-team group the day before the tournament started. The format and schedules used the past couple of years seem to work well for many reasons.
- 6. Thoughts for 2017 tournaments:** Harbour led a discussion on various matters, i.e. time limits, playing time, starting with 1-1 count and venue. It was agreed that these issues would be mentioned at the Fall Managers Meeting to get feedback from the managers. A brief discussion was held about umpires for the tournaments as both Sweet and Spaulding had received inquiries from Pete Delaney about providing umpires for the CSSA tournaments. Harbour stated that we would consider getting bids from Pete's organization, as well as the current provider, and possibly others, for the 2017 tournaments.
- 7. League and Tournament Awards (T-shirts) Update:** Harbour reported that the T-shirts order (329 League and 219 Tournament Champs shirts) had been received and that he had started the distribution of T-shirts to the managers. Harbour stated that he had

purchased the shirts from Sportline, same model shirt as last year and that costs should be in line with what was paid in 2015. Harbour asked if anyone had suggestions for awards and Sweet stated that he had recently given shorts as awards. Harbour stated that he would consider this idea for 2017 awards.

**8. Fall Manager's Meeting (Oct. 27, 2016):** Harbour stated that the main purpose of this Fall Managers Meeting is to address any motions for changes to the rules and to elect three members of the Board of Directors. Harbour referred to sheets in the handout regarding rule change motions and Board nominations. Some discussion was held. Harbour will send out a notice of the meeting and information to all 2016 managers next week.

**9. Rules Changes- Board Position:** Harbour referred to the handout, a draft document with three potential motions; a discussion was held on the three motions as follows:

- Runners from home plate- Allow or not?
- Number of games for suspension with an ejection- 1 game or 2?
- Rule 6.3a,2, Defensive Players E Division- Eliminate?

After the discussion, it was agreed that Harbour would develop wording for motions to be considered at the Fall Managers Meeting.

**10. Board Vacancies:** Harbour noted that the two-year terms of Sweet (1st term), Massong (1st term) and Reeser (1<sup>st</sup> term) will expire in October. Therefore, there is one Rec Center Rep and two Manager/Player Rep Board positions open. Sweet, Massong and Reeser agreed to be nominated for second terms, so there are nominees for the vacant positions. However, Harbour stated that he would advise managers of this and still ask for any additional nominees for the open Board positions.

**11. Discuss/set dates for 2017:** A brief discussion was held regarding 2017 dates, where Harbour stated that he thought dates and schedules would be very similar to 2016 dates. After the discussion, it was agreed that Harbour would develop a dates list and submit to Board members electronically for consideration with the intent to provide dates to the managers

**12. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Harbour raised the issue of CSSA making a donation (rental charge) for the use of the Denver Elks Club for the managers meetings in 2016. CSSA has made a payment of \$100 for the past three years. Discussion was held, and all agreed to make the \$100 donation again. Harbour will advise Garneau to send the check.

**13. OTHER:**

- Miller raised the issue of allowing women batters to use an 11" ball and eliminating the 175' line and a discussion was held. It was agreed that Miller would survey teams and provide feedback to Harbour with the intent to either make a rule change motion or to include this matter for discussion at the Fall Managers Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Spaulding mentioned the recent issue regarding the CSSA policy of providing 15 League and Tournament Champs shirts to teams, and charging a fee (\$8) for any additional shirts . Discussion was held and all agreed to maintain the current policy.
- A brief discussion was held regarding pitcher's protection/masks (Rule 5.5) and all agreed to keep the current rule, the same as in the SSUSA Rule Book.

**14. Assign Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan Timeline Duties:** Harbour reviewed the Timeline Duties master list and determined that all duties for Sept. have been covered or are in progress, and all others are in progress or planned.

**15. Next Meetings:** The Fall Managers Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Denver Elks Club, 2675 W 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver. Harbour stated that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting would be in January 2017, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2017 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which will be held in late February or early March 2017.

**16. Adjournment:** Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Resser and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 9-15-16