

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- January 20, 2017**  
**Wheat Ridge Rec Center, 4005 Kipling St., Wheat Ridge, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Jim Edmundson, Rick Reeser, Mike Massong, Don TeStrake, Jim Spaulding, Jeff Sweet  
Board members absent: John Miller and Robin Garneau
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Welcome New Board Members/Confirm Board Listing:** Harbour noted that the Board members who were elected at the October 2016 managers meeting, Sweet, Massong and Reeser, were elected for second terms, and therefore there are no “new” members of the Board to be introduced. Harbour handed out a Board listing sheet and asked that members check their information and advise him of any required corrections.
- 4. Approval of Minutes, Sept. 15, 2016 Board and Oct. 27, 2016 Managers Meetings:** Massong motioned that the minutes of both meetings be approved, seconded by TeStrake, and approved unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report/Financial Status/Budget/Team Fees/etc.:** Harbour referred a Financial Summary spreadsheet in the handout which showed the numbers for 2011 through 2016, and specifically to the column for the 2016 financial numbers, which showed a net gain of \$169.43 for 2016. Harbour noted that CSSA had received the \$1,000 donation from Chevron again this year as mentioned in previous meetings. Some discussion was held on a couple of specific numbers. Harbour mentioned that the team fees for 2017 would remain at \$175 per team as previously agreed.
- 6. Review Fall Managers Meeting- plus/minus:**  
Harbour asked for any comments regarding the Fall meeting in October, anything good or bad from the meeting. Harbour stated that he was not pleased with the way he had handled the 1<sup>st</sup> motion regarding the courtesy runner from home plate, which will be discussed later in the meeting.
- 7. 2017 Plans:**
  - Important Dates- Harbour referred to a sheet in the meeting handout that showed the dates for the 2017 season; these had been sent to Board members earlier and agreed. Noted dates- Regular season games will start on April 24<sup>th</sup> for the 70’s Divisions, and April 26<sup>th</sup> for the B-E Divisions. The off-Wednesday between the first and second half will be June 14, 70’s tournament will be Aug 14 & 16, and the B-E Divisions tournament will be Aug 21-24. Harbour also noted that there would be no games schedule the week of June 26 due to fields not being available because of the girl’s tournament in the area. A copy of the Important Dates was sent to all 2016 managers

on January 12<sup>th</sup>, and posted on the CSSA website. Some discussion was held regarding the dates.

- Rule changes: Harbour referred to the motions from the Fall Managers Meeting as follows: 1) Motions #2 (number of games of suspension for a player being ejected) and #4 (adding 70's Gold to Rule 4.2 on ground rule doubles) passed and the resulting revised language will be included in the 2017 Rules; 2) Motions #3 (11 defensive players in E Division) and #5 (limiting batting order to 18 players) failed and will not be included; 3) Motion 1 regarding the courtesy runner from home plate was discussed in great detail and it was agreed to include this option for the E Division and the 70's Bronze Division with certain stipulations or guidelines to be developed by the Board members.
  - 11" Ball for women- Discussion was held on the survey done by John Miller on this subject, and the discussions at the Fall Managers Meeting last October. After a reasonable amount of discussion among Board members present, it was agreed not to include this option for the 2017 season due to it not receiving overwhelming support in the survey or at the Fall meeting.
  - 2017 Tournament & Venue- Harbour noted that the plan is to return to Schaefer complex in Lakewood for the B-E Divisions tournament, and have the 70's tournament at Broomfield, using the same format and schedules as in 2016. Brief discussion was held and all agreed with the plan. Harbour will begin work on this matter by making contacts with the appropriate people.
  - SSUSA Insurance / Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance- Harbour referred to what was done in previous years regarding insurance, i.e. General Liability insurance through SSUSA, and Directors and Officers Insurance through Colorado Non Profit Insurance Agency, and recommended that the same be done for the 2017 season. Brief discussion was held on this plan, and Reeser made a motion to obtain these two insurances, seconded by Massong and approved unanimously.
- 8. Spring Managers Meeting content/assignments:** Harbour referred to a handout (copy of the 2016 Spring Managers Meeting agenda) and stated that the handout package for the managers at the Spring Managers Meeting will be the same as previous years as detailed on the handout sheet. Discussion was held regarding the Spring meeting. Harbour will contact Board members via e-mail prior to the meeting to organize assignments for the meeting.
- 9. Miscellaneous- Discuss/Update Items:**
- Harbour advised that the order for softballs had been placed and the delivery should be before the meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting date was actually pushed out a few days in order to receive the balls prior to the meeting.
  - Harbour mentioned that he had received a request from Malcolm Freeberg, the individual that handles the CSSA website, for a CSSA jacket, and recommended that CSSA provide him a jacket at no cost. CSSA pays \$75 per year to have the website

and Malcolm's work on the website is a bargain for CSSA. All agreed with the recommendation.

**10. OTHER:**

- Reeser raised a question regarding numbers on the Financial Summary page discussed earlier regarding the cost and proceeds for the jackets, in that the cost were higher (\$509.25) than the sales (\$364.00). Harbour explained that it has always been CSSA policy to cover a part (usually about \$5.00) of the cost of each jacket. Harbour will provide more detail on this matter to Board Members.
- Harbour raised the matter of SSUSA Rules books, and that several years ago, just after CSSA changing to the SSUSA rules as the basis of our CSSA rules, that CSSA had provided a copy of the book to teams. Discussion was held and it was suggested and agreed that CSSA should advise teams/managers that these rules are available online, and also for sale by SSUSA. Harbour will also add in a reference to the SSUSA website and rules online in the CSSA revised 2017 Rules.

**11. Assign Jan/Feb/March Timeline Duties:** Harbour reviewed the master list and determined that all action items have been taken care of, or are in progress.

**12. Next Meetings:**

- The Spring Managers Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 10:00AM at the Denver Elks Club.
- It was agreed that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting will be scheduled for Friday, March 31 at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center. The meeting will be three days after the deadline for Team Registration forms being submitted (March 28th). At this meeting, teams will be placed in divisions for the first half of the 2017 season.

**13. Adjournment:** Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 1-20-17