

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Spring Managers Meeting Minutes- March 8, 2017
Denver Elks Club, 2675 W 26th Ave., Denver, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Emilio Sanelli, Robin Garneau, Jim Spaulding, Jim Edmundson, Mike Massong, John Miller, Don TeStrake, Rick Reeser and Jeff Sweet.
Attendees included those representing 68 teams and 8 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 Spaulding and Edmundson would be completing their 2nd two-year term in October and that there would be a need for new Board members to fill those positions. 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 \$9,696.82, and has paid for the annual CO Secretary of State fee and for the softballs order, and now has a balance of \$7,994.82. Harbour noted that for the 2016 year, that there was a net of \$169.43, primarily due to the \$1000 donation from Chevron, the company that he had worked for. Harbour stated that the organization’s finances are sound, that the team fees are still \$175, the same as it has been for a number of years.
- 5. Spring Packet Information:** Harbour reviewed and commented on all information, forms and deadlines in the handout packages as follows:
 - A. Important Dates for 2017 Season- These dates had been sent to managers in January, and again with the notice for the Spring Managers Meeting. Important dates are the week of April 24th when regular games begin, 70’s Tournament on August 14 and 16 and B-E Divisions Tournament the week of August 21st.
 - B. Team Registration Form- **Due March 28, 2017**- 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 28th. Managers should complete the information on their teams, i.e. stronger, weaker or the same as last year, using extra sheets if needed. Harbour asked Rec Center Reps to be sure and provide any information regarding field conflicts, limitations, etc., which is important to developing schedules.
 - C. Invoice/Payment of Fees - **Due May 11, 2017**

- D. Roster & Waiver and Release of Liability Forms- **Due May 11, 2017**- Harbour noted that these forms should be completed legibly, and the waiver form signed by all players. Forms should be completed and submitted by the deadline of May 11, 2017.
- E. Roster Change Request Form - **Add/Delete Deadline is July 26, 2017 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 11, 2017**- Harbour commented that CSSA subsidizes the cost of jackets to make them more affordable to players.
- G. Pre-game Conference with Managers & Umpires- Harbour suggested that managers go through the sheet and pick out the items that they feel are most important and that need to be discussed with the other manager and the umpire.
- H. CSSA By-Laws- Harbour suggested that anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors, as mentioned earlier, might want to read these By-Laws.
- I. CSSA Code of Conduct- Harbour commented on a few instances that occurred during the 2016 season, and suggested that any managers who have players that get carried away with their behavior, should have those players read the Code of Conduct.
- J. 2017 Rules- Updated from October 27, 2016 Managers Meeting- Harbour referred to the motions made and voted for during the October 2016 Managers Meeting that were incorporated into the 2017 RULES, where changes are in **bold type**. Some discussion was held on the changes, and specifically to Rule 9.1,b, which was added based on discussions at the Fall Managers Meeting. The rule addresses a “Courtesy Runner from Home Plate” for the E and 70’s Bronze Divisions only. Harbour stressed the intent of the rule, the way it should be used, and stated that if it was abused, it would be eliminated.
- 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:
- Procedures, etc. are fairly routine in how he handles administrative and operational matters, however, any suggestions for improvement are welcomed.
 - Harbour pointed out that managers should advise their players that the purpose of the organization is for recreation and fun, and that players should not get so serious or confrontational that conflicts are created.
 - Harbour noted that he had sent out an article to several publications so as to get some publicity and find new players.
7. **Announcements of softball activities in 2017 outside CSSA:**
- Terry Goodrich spoke of the Spring Fun League that will be playing games in March and April at Vanderbilt Park 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.
 - Goodrich then spoke of the following national tournaments that are scheduled:
 - SPA Western Nationals Qualifier at Pioneer Park in Commerce City, July 13-16. Information at www.softballspa.com.

- SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championships at Aurora Sports Complex, August 25-27. Information at www.seniorsoftball.com.
 - Goodrich gave information about the Colorado Senior Softball Travel League that play games on Saturdays, April through October, at fields in the Front Range area. Information at www.csstl.net.
 - Rick Reeser provided information on the Rocky Mountain Senior State Games, which includes a softball tournament, and will be played July 29-30 in Colorado Springs.
- 8. OTHER:** Harbour opened the floor for any other issues that attendees wanted to bring up, as follows:
- An open floor discussion was held where teams advised of their need for players. Those needing players included 70's teams Westminster Seniors and Wit & Grit; also the Louisville Coyotes on Wednesdays.
 - Beth Yacona, Aurora Recreation, raised the issue of umpires, that Rec Centers should consider sharing umpires; also that she was putting on some umpire training if there were people interested. Contact Beth on these matters.
- 9. Next CSSA Board Meeting:** Harbour advised that the next CSSA Board meeting was scheduled at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 31st, at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 S Kipling, Wheat Ridge. At this meeting, teams will be placed in the divisions for the first half of the 2017 season.
- 10. Adjournment:** Tom Rochester motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Don Carpenter. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 03-08-17

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.