

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- March 31, 2017
Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4005 Kipling, 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, Mike Massong, Jim Spaulding, Jim Edmundson, Rick Reeser, John Miller, Jeff Sweet and Robin Garneau. Board members absent: Don TeStrake
2. **Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
3. **Approval of Minutes, Jan. 20, 2017 Board Meeting and the Spring Managers meeting on March 8, 2017:** Reeser made a motion that the minutes of both meetings be approved, seconded by Edmundson, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report /Budget Issues:** Harbour reported that the 2017 budget and finances are in order, that payments for team fees, balls and jackets are being received and handed over a number checks that he had received to Garneau.
5. **Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**
Harbour advised that for 2017 there are 19 70's Division teams (down from 21 in 2016) and 49 B-E Division teams (same number as in 2016) 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 2016 2nd half records, the 2016 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)- Evergreen Storm, Longmont Bombers, Loveland/MI Sports, Garretson's Sports, Frontier Club and Environmental Pest Control Zappers (Was CRF Monetize in 2016).
B-2 Division (6 teams)- Ace-Hi, Muddogs, Denver Eagles, Northern Colorado Select (Longmont), Evergreen Mountain Men and Havoline Xpress Lube, a team returning after not playing in 2016.
C-1 Division (8 teams)- Diamonds, St Vrain Bison, Greeley Outlaws, Broomfield Bulls, Alibi's Bar & Grill, The Boys, Hector's, and Local 46 Lions.
C-2 Division (8 teams)- APEX Red, Castle Rockies, Erie Miners, Aurora Legends, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Lakewood Bears, 2nd Time Sports and Louisville Coyotes.
D-1 Division (7 teams)- Castle Rockers, Resident Realty- The Haus Team (was Sears in 2016), Erie Outlaws, Lakewood Cougars, APEX White, The Internationals, and Golden Eagles.
D-2 Division (6 teams)- Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes, Aurora Hammers, Juggernauts, Lakewood Hawks, and Merle's of Littleton.
E Division (8 teams)- MLB Enterprises Butterfingers, Broomfield Renegades, Louisville Sluggers, Malley Cats, Blue Jays (was Scrap Iron 80's in 2016),

Westminster Warriors and two new teams, Bucklen Equipment (Greeley) and Aurora High Flyers.

Discussion was held on how to align the 19 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 five weeks of the season (up to the Memorial Day holiday), then review the results and realign after five weeks.

70's Gold (Upper) Division (5 teams)- Longmont Lightning, Scrap Iron 70s Red, Bronco Billy's, Colorado Cougars, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs and Bronco Billy's TOO. It was agreed that a "run equalization" process would be used in the Gold Division and that the Longmont, Bronco Billy's and Scrap Iron 70's Red teams would give up five runs to the other three teams in their games.

70's Silver (Middle) Division (6 teams)- Wheeler Management, Louisville Eagles, Castle ROCKS, Wit & Grit, Hector's and Aurora Grillers.

70's Bronze (Lower) Division (7 teams)- Subway 70s, Longmont 70s, Westminster Seniors, Golden Oldies, Blue Jays, Broomfield Renegades and 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 14 and Wednesday, August 16, and the B-E Tournament at Shaeffer on August 21 thru 24. 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.

7. Miscellaneous Items:

- Schedules & Standings Secretaries- Harbour advised the he would begin working on the schedules immediately, recruit Standings Secretaries, etc. and distribute the schedules to all managers as soon as possible.
- 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.
- Harbour advised of recent discussions regarding the softballs being used at the Westminster fields, i.e. they provide the same balls to the senior teams that they use in their night leagues., a .52 cor and 300 compression ball. This was done in 2016 and there were no issues raised. Discussion was held and no action is planned.
- Discussion was held on how vendors could be handled at tournament games, and there was general agreement that the regulations of the local Rec Center would be used. Harbour will pursue with Broomfield and Foothills.

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. It was agreed that the June Board meeting will be held on the Thursday (8th) or Friday (9th) immediately after the last regular scheduled games on June 7th. Harbour will advise Board members on which day the meeting will be held, although the general opinions were that the Friday would be better for most attendees.. 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 Reeser. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 3-31-17