

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- August 10, 2017**  
**Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Robin Garneau, Don TeStrake, Mike Massong, Jim Spaulding, John Miller, Jim Edmundson, and Jeff Sweet.  
Board members absent: Rick Reeser
  
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
  
- 3. Approval of Minutes, March 31, May 23 and June 9, 2017 Board Meetings:** Harbour referred to the minutes of meetings held on March 31, May 23 and June 9 that he had sent to Board members recently. Massong motioned that the three sets of minutes be approved, seconded by Miller and approved unanimously.
  
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Payments submission status:** Garneau provided an copy of the updated Treasurer's Report, which showed a balance of \$18,365.67. Harbour noted that the tournament costs would be coming in over the next month so the balance will be reduced significantly as 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, with 18 teams participating, as the Longmont 70's Bronze Division team has just pulled out on Wednesday. Three five-team groups and one three-team group seems to be the best format. Each team in the five-team group will play one game against the other teams in their group, and each team in the three-team group will play each team in their group twice, which gives four games to all teams. Best record with tie-breakers will decide the winner of each group.
  - The B-E Divisions tournament will be held at the Daniel Schaefer Complex in Lakewood on August 21st through 24th; four days and time slots as was done in previous years to fit the number of groups. As six of the current 49 B-E teams are not participating, the tournament will have 43 teams divided into eight five-team groups and one three team group. All arrangements are made.
  
- 6. League and Tournaments Awards-** Harbour lead a discussion on options for the awards for 2017, i.e. T-shirts, hats, shorts, draw-string bags, etc. Miller suggested that this topic be presented at the Managers meeting in October to get feedback. After a good discussion, Harbour concluded to go with T-shirts again this year (for simplicity) and pursue other options in 2018.

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

Harbour reviewed the standings (sheet in the handout), through games played August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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-**

For 70's Tournament: Harbour referred to handout sheets, and the previous exchanges via e-mail regarding how to divide the eighteen 70's teams playing in the tournament, as one team had pulled out on Wednesday afternoon. After discussion of all the information available, it was agreed to divide the 18 teams as follows:

Group 1 (3 teams)- Longmont Lightning, Bronco Billy's and Scrap Iron 70's Red.

Group 2 (5 teams)- \*Youngevity VitaMen, \*Colorado Cougars, Bronco Billy's TOO, Castle ROCKS and Broomfield Renegades. \* VitaMen and Cougars give 1 run to the other teams in innings 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, if the inning is played.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Louisville Eagles, Wheeler Management, Hector's, Blue Jays and Westminster Seniors.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Wit & Grit, Subway 70's, Bronco Billy's 3, Golden Oldies and Aurora Grillers.

For the B-E Divisions Tournament- Harbour provided Standings sheets 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 43 teams (six teams not participating in the tournament) would need to be divided into eight five-team groups and one three-team group. 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 (3 teams)- Longmont Bombers, Garretson's Sports and Environmental Pest Control/Zappers

Group 2- Havoline Xpress Lube, Frontier Club, Ace-Hi, Evergreen Storm and Denver Eagles

Group 3- Greeley Outlaws, Northern Colorado Select, Evergreen Mountain Men, The Boys and Alibi's Bar & Grill

Group 4- Diamonds, Broomfield Bulls, Aurora Legends, 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Sports and Erie Miners

Group 5- Hector's, APEX Red, Lakewood Bears, Local 46 Lions and The Internationals

Group 6- Resident Realty/Haus Team, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Golden Eagles, Broomfield Screaming Eagles and Merle's of Littleton

Group 7- Castle Rockers, Aurora Hammers, Lakewood Cougars, Lakewood Hawks and Malley Cats

Group 8- Castle Rockies, Juggernauts, Garramone's Pizza, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes and Bucklen Equipment

Group 9- APEX White, Louisville Sluggers, Broomfield Renegades, Blue Jays and Aurora High Flyers

**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 three Player Reps) in October, based on members whose terms expire in October 2017 as follows: 1) The term of one Rec Center rep position, currently held by Spaulding, who was elected by the Board in October 2015 for his second term, will expire in October; 2) Edmundson (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Miller (1<sup>st</sup> term) and TeStrake (1<sup>st</sup> term) were elected to the Board in October 2015, and their terms expire in October. Harbour asked Miller and TeStrake if they desired to stand for election for a second term. They will advise later. Discussion was held on possible candidates for both the open Rec Center Rep and the Player Rep positions. 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.

**10. Miscellaneous- Discussion/Board Positions:**

- Pitcher's protection/use of a pitcher's protective screen: Discussion was held on the matter. Massong provided a handout with a summary of information that he had gathered by going online on the SSUSA website and soliciting comments on the subject, which indicated a fairly widespread use of the screens in my leagues and areas. After the discussion, it was agreed that the subject would be raised at the Fall managers Meeting to get input from managers and then the Board would decide on any action.

- Tournament participation by players on teams not playing in the tournaments: Harbour raised the question as to whether players on the non- participating teams should be allowed to play for another team in the tournament. Harbour has taken the position in the past that these players should not play for other teams. Discussion was held and it was agreed that these players should not be allowed to play for other teams.

- Shaved bats- Harbour referred to an e-mail that he had received from a player who raised the question as to whether players were using shaved bats in CSSA games. A brief discussion was held and decided that no action was required at this time.

- Penalty for "forfeits"- Harbour conveyed an opinion of one manager that there should be some kind of penalty, financial or otherwise, for teams who forfeit games. A brief discussion was held and decided that no action was required at this time

**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 advised the group of problems that he had during the year with teams not submitting their Roster and Waiver of Liability forms by the deadline, and in fact in a timely manner. Current rule on 'Rosters' (Rule 2.2) does not mention the Waiver, or give any consequences of not submitting the Roster by the required date. Discussion was held with suggestions that teams forfeit their games if they do not submit their forms by the deadline date. Harbour will prepare revised language for the rule for consideration by the Board.

- Harbour referred to Rule 6.3a,2, the rule that was added in 2015, that "requires" 11 players in the E Division games when the teams have available players, and the problems that have arisen regarding teams understanding of and use of the rule. Some discussion was held. Harbour stated that he would review these rule and see about

revisions that might clarify the ongoing questions, or the elimination of the rule which was attempted at the October 2016 meeting, but was unsuccessful.

**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:** Spaulding motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Massong. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 8-10-17.