

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- September 22, 2017
Wheat Ridge Recreation 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, John Miller, Mike Massong, Don TeStrake, Jim Spaulding, Jeff Sweet and Robin Garneau. Board members absent: None

- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2017 Board Meeting:** Massong motioned that the minutes of the meetings be approved, seconded by TeStrake, and approved unanimously.

- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Garneau stated that the current balance in the account was \$13,464.67, but that there were several expenses still to be paid- Elks Club (donation/hall rental), Sportline (Champs shirts), Tournament Porta-Pots (Liberty) and some administrative expenses (postage and copies) from Harbour. Harbour stated that he would prepare the annual Financial Summary sheet once final numbers are in, but that he expected the final 2017 expenses to be a little higher than in 2016 due to an increase in umpires cost for the tournaments and a higher cost for the Champs shirts because the number was higher plus a slight increase in the cost per shirt. A general discussion was held on matters related to the organization's finances. Reeser questioned whether the team fee should be raised, but Harbour stated that he thought final revenue/expenses would be about even, mainly considering the expected donation (grant) of \$1,000 that CSSA should receive from Chevron, and that the financial situation for the organization was solid at this time.

- 5. Tournaments Report / Review:** Harbour lead a discussion regarding the two 2017 end-of-season tournaments, and stated that the format and schedules used the past couple of years seem to work well for many reasons. A discussion was held on a proposal from Miller regarding the process used in determining the winners of the tournament groups, especially the tie-breakers when teams have the same records. After the discussion, it was agreed that 1) the "Runs Allowed" total would be only those in the games between the tied teams, not all games played; 2) in cases where run equalization is used, the runs given by a team would be included/counted as "runs allowed"; and 3) elimination of the coin flip as the final tie-breaker, such that if teams were still tied after the first tie-breakers, then they would be considered as co-champs of the tournament group. Harbour and Miller will work up the final wording to be used for the 2018 tournaments.

An issue was raised about the concessions at Schafer not being open during the tournament, and after some discussion, it was agreed that in the future, if the concessions were not going to be open, then CSSA should try to arrange to have a "food truck" present.

- 6. League and Tournament Awards (T-shirts) Update:** Harbour reported that the T-shirts order (378 League and 211 Tournament Champs shirts) had been received and that he had started the distribution of T-shirts to the managers. The total number of shirts in 2017 was 589, up from 540 in 2016, because of several divisions had co-champs during both the first and second halves of the season.
- 7. Fall Manager's Meeting (Oct. 27, 2017):** Harbour stated that the main purpose of this Fall Managers Meeting is to address any motions for changes to the rules and to elect four members of the Board of Directors. Harbour stated that the forms for submissions and the handout package at the meeting would be the same as in previous years. Some discussion was held. Harbour will send out a notice of the meeting and information to all 2017 managers next week.
- 8. Rules Changes- Board Position:** Harbour referred to several motions that will, or should be raised at the Managers meeting:
- Rule 6.3a,2, Defensive Players E Division- Harbour stated that this rule, approved in 2015, has been a misunderstood, confusing and difficult to implement, and therefore he believes that it should be eliminated. Discussion was held. Harbour will make a motion to eliminate.
 - Rule 7.9, Reporting of Results- Harbour stated that he had heard from Jim Mieras (Louisville Coyotes manager, who has been a Standings Secretary for several years) that he would like to strengthen the rule regarding the reporting of scores. Discussion was held. Harbour will work with Mieras on the motion.
 - Roster/Waiver submissions (Rule 2.2)- Harbour described problems during the 2017 season of getting teams to submit their Rosters and Waiver forms. Discussion was held, with input from the Board members from the Rec Centers on how they handle this issue. Harbour will develop revision to the current rule for review by Board members before finalizing for the meeting.
- 9. Board Vacancies/Nominations:** Harbour noted that the second two-year terms of Spaulding and Edmundson, and the first two-year terms of Miller and TeStrake, will expire in October. Therefore, there is one Rec Center Rep and three Manager/Player Rep Board positions open. Miller and TeStrake agreed to be nominated for second terms, so they are nominees for the vacant Manager/Player Rep positions; thus one more nominee for a Manager/Player rep position is needed. Harbour suggested that we wait until the deadline for nominee submissions passes to see if there are any nominees, and if not, then he will contact some possible candidates. Harbour reported that Beau Bressler, Golden Rec Center, has agreed to be nominated for the open Rec Center Rep position.
- 10. Discuss/set dates for 2018:** Harbour referred to a handout sheet showing several options for dates for the 70's and the B-E Divisions, which are driven by the fact that the July 4 holiday in 2018 is on a Wednesday. An extensive discussion was held regarding dates for the 2018 season. After the discussion, it was agreed that the best options were to start the regular season scheduled games the week of April 16th. Harbour will put together a listing of dates (tentative) for final review by Board members.

11. 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 2017. 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 referred to information in the handout on a proposal by Miller to modify the tie-breaker rules for the tournaments. Discussion was held with the following agreed: 1) When the “runs allowed” tie-breaker is implemented when teams have the same record and the head-to-head does not resolve the winner, then only the games between those teams will be used, not all games played; 2) In games where “run equalization” is used, then the runs given by the upper level team will be included/counted in the runs allowed tabulation; 3) Eliminate the “coin-flip” as a tie-breaker such that is teams that are still tied after all the earlier tie-breakers, then they will be declared co-champs of the group. Harbour and Miller will work on the final language on these matters prior to the 2018 tournaments.
- Pitcher’s protection- Harbour referred to discussions in previous meetings on this subject. A brief discussion was held and it was agreed that the matter would be raised at the Managers meeting to get feedback from attendees, and then the Board would decide on any action.
- Awards- Harbour referred to numerous discussions in Board meetings, and stated that input would be solicited at the Managers meeting. All agreed.

12. OTHER: There were no “OTHER” matters raised by attendees.

13. Assign Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan Timeline Duties: Harbour reviewed the Timeline Duties master list and determined that all duties had been covered or are in progress.

14. Next Meetings: The Fall Managers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Avenue, Denver. Harbour stated that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting would be in January 2018, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2018 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which will be held in late February or early March 2018.

15. Adjournment: Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 9-22-17