

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- January 19, 2018
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, John Miller, Rick Reeser, Mike Massong, Don TeStrake, Robin Garneau, Beau Bressler and Jeff Sweet
Board members absent: Bob Schwartz
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Harbour introduced Lorene Zamora from the Greeley Recreation/Senior Center.
- 3. Welcome New Board Members/Confirm Board Listing:** Harbour noted that Bressler (1st term), TeStrake (2nd term), Miller (2nd term) and Schwartz (1st term), were elected at the October 2017 Managers Meeting. Harbour welcomed Bressler as a new member of the Board and noted that Schwartz was unable to attend today's meeting.
- 4. Approval of Minutes, Sept. 22, 2017 Board and Oct. 27, 2017 Managers Meetings:** Miller motioned that the minutes of both meetings be approved, seconded by Massong, and approved unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report/Financial Status/Budget/Team Fees/etc.:** Garneau advised that CSSA ended 2017 with a balance of \$9,891.92, and in January paid for the softball order leaving a current balance of \$7,950.62. Harbour referred to a Financial Summary spreadsheet in the handout which showed the financial data for 2011 through 2017, and specifically to the column for the 2017 financial numbers, which showed a net gain of \$195.10 for 2017. Harbour noted that CSSA had received the \$1,000 donation from Chevron again this year as mentioned in previous meetings. Harbour mentioned that the team fees for 2017 would remain at \$175 per team as previously agreed, that the costs for balls this year was \$35.95 per dozen, which calculates to \$41.94 per set of 14 balls (agreed to charge teams \$42.00 per set) and that he planned to use the same charges for jackets in 2018 as last year.
- 6. Review Fall Managers Meeting- plus/minus:**
Harbour asked for any comments regarding the Fall Managers Meeting in October, anything good or bad from the meeting. There were no comments from attendees.
- 7. 2018 Plans:**
 - Important Dates- Harbour referred to a sheet in the meeting handout that showed the dates for the 2018 season; these had been discussed by Board members earlier and agreed. Noted dates- Regular season games will start on April 16th for the 70's Divisions, and April 18th for the B-E Divisions, an earlier start than previous years due to the July 4th holiday falling on Wednesday this year. The off-Wednesday between the first and second half will be June 6, 70's tournament will be Aug 13 & 15, and the B-E Divisions tournament will be Aug 20-23. Harbour also noted that

there would be no games schedule the week of June 25th due to fields not being available because of the girl's tournament in the area, or the week of July 2nd due to the July 4th holiday. A copy of the Important Dates will be sent to all 2017 managers in the next few days and posted on the CSSA website. Some discussion was held regarding the dates.

- Rule changes: Harbour stated that the 2018 Rules had been updated based on the motions that passed at the Fall Managers Meeting. There were no significant changes.
- 2018 Tournament & Venue- Harbour noted that the plan is to have the 70's tournament at Broomfield on Aug 13th and 15th and to return to Schaefer complex in Lakewood for the B-E Divisions tournament from Aug 20-23, using the same format and schedules as in 2017. Brief discussion was held and all agreed with the plan. Harbour will begin work on this matter by making contacts with the appropriate people. Garneau confirmed that having the 70's tournament at Broomfield was good.
- 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 2018 season. Brief discussion was held on this plan, and all agreed on the plan.

8. Spring Managers Meeting content/assignments: Harbour stated that the handout package for the managers at the Spring Managers Meeting will be the same as previous years. Discussion was held regarding the Spring meeting. Harbour stated that he was considering adding a sheet in the package which would provide managers with some "guidance" on things that they need to do as the manager of their team. Harbour will contact Board members via e-mail prior to the meeting to organize assignments for the meeting.

9. Miscellaneous- Discuss/Update Items:

- Softball order- Harbour advised that the order for softballs had been placed in November, paid for in January and the delivery should be before the meeting on March 2nd. It was necessary to pay for the balls in advance because they will have the CSSA logo on them this year.
- Pitcher's Protection / Screen- Harbour lead an extensive discussion on the ongoing matter of pitcher's protection and the possible use of a screen, a matter that has been discussed in numerous prior Board meetings, as well as Managers meetings. It was agreed that Harbour and Massong would develop a write-up on the matter as follows:
 - 1) Use of the screen would be an option in all 70's divisions on a "trial" basis in the 2018 season. If one team wants to use the screen, then both teams must use the screen.
 - 2) Size of screen would be specified along the lines of common screens available on the market. Placement of screen would be specified.
 - 3) As far the game, a) Any batted/hit ball that hits the screen would be declared a dead-ball foul ball; b) Any thrown ball that hits the screen would be live, and in play; c) Pitcher would have to stay behind the screen until after the ball is struck; d) There would be no restriction or limits on a pitcher's participation on defense.

The draft document prepared by Massong and Harbour will be circulated the Board members for review, comment and approval after revisions.

- Discuss 70's Alignment options- Harbour lead a discussion on the options for placing teams in the 70's divisions, primarily the top/upper division, referring to issues encountered in 2017 with the three "super" teams, proposals that have been circulated to Board members from Alan Weichman and Massong. A good discussion was held and all agreed that decisions would be made once it is determined the total number of 70's teams, hopefully some info on the make-up of teams and any other info.
- B-1 & E Divisions- Harbour commented that it might be a good idea to have both the B-1 and E divisions as six teams divisions to help with the competitive level in those divisions.
- Publicity- Harbour advised the meeting that he had submitted an article to a number of local papers (Denver Post/Your Hub, Prime Time for Seniors, Community Media and 50+ MarkerPlace News). Some discussion was held. Miller suggested that the article be sent to the Rec Center Reps for possible publication in their brochures, and on their websites.
- CSSA Day at Coors Field- Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout which showed the dates available from the Rockies for reduced-price tickets. Brief discussion was held, and it was agreed that Harbour would pick two dates (a weekday and a weekend day), coordinate with the Rockies and advise all teams.

10. OTHER: Harbour asked if there were any "Other" items needing discussion.

- Bressler asked about the discussion at the Fall Managers Meeting regarding the "reporting of scores", which generated a discussion on the subject. The Rec Center reps present (Bressler, Sweet, Garneau and Zamora) advised of the online programs that they use for their scores reporting, scheduling, standings, etc. Harbour will investigate and work with the Rec Center Reps on the possibility of CSSA utilizing something like this.
- Garneau asked about the guy that does the website for CSSA, and stated that she had not received an invoice from him as yet. Harbour will follow up on this matter.

11. Assign Jan/Feb/March Timeline Duties: Harbour stated that he felt as though all matters have been taken care of, or are in progress, and there was no need to review the master list.

12. Next Meetings:

- The Spring Managers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018, 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 23, two days after the deadline for Team Registration forms being submitted (March 21st). Location to be determined and advised.

13. Adjournment: Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 1-19-18