

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- March 23, 2018**  
**Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Don TeStrake, Bob Schwartz, Rick Reeser, Beau Bressler, Jeff Sweet and Robin Garneau.  
Board members absent: Mike Massong and John Miller
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, Jan. 19, 2018 Board Meeting and the Spring Managers meeting on March 2, 2018:** Harbour noted that he had made corrections to the minutes sent to Board members earlier. Reeser made a motion that the minutes of both meetings be approved, seconded by Bressler, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report /Budget Issues:** Garneau stated that the current balance was \$7,485.62 after she had paid for softballs, score-books and the annual fee to the Colorado Secretary of State. Harbour reported that he handed over a number checks that he had received to Garneau. He explained the history of donations from Chevron in recent years and that there would be no donation in 2018.
- 5. Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**  
Harbour advised that for 2018 there are 16 70's Division teams (down from 19 in 2017, mainly due to the three Colorado Springs 70's teams not playing because they are forming their own 70's league and playing there) and 46 B-E Division teams (down from 49 in 2017) currently registered to play. Harbour mentioned options for dividing the 46 teams, led a discussion on the options and then led an exercise of placing teams into divisions using the 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> half records, the 2017 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** (3 teams)- Longmont Bombers, Garretson's Sports, and Colorado Home Fitness (Played as Environmental Pest Control Zappers in 2017).  
**B-2 Division** (5 teams)- Loveland/MI Sports, Xpress Lube, Denver Eagles, Ace-Hi and Evergreen Storm.  
**Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 providing eight teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 5 runs to the B-2 teams as an equalizer when they play.**  
**C-1 Division** (8 teams)- Frontier Club, Greeley Outlaws, Northern Colorado Select, Evergreen Mountain Men, The Boys, Alibi's Bar & Grill, Diamonds and Broomfield Bulls.  
**C-2 Division** (8 teams)- Aurora Legends, 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Sports, Hector's, Erie Miners, Lakewood Bears, Local 46 Lions, The Internationals and Boulder Blues Softball Club (a new team in 2018).

**D-1 Division** (8 teams)- Louisville Coyotes, \*~~APEX Red~~, \***Castle Rockers**, Short Stop Convenience (played as Resident Realty in 2017), Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Golden Eagles, Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Merle's of Littleton and Aurora Hammers.

**D-2 Division** (8 teams)- \*~~Castle Rockers~~, \***Juggernauts**, Erie Outlaws, Castle Rockies, Lakewood Cougars, Lakewood Hawks, Malley Cats, Garramone's Pizza and Silver Foxes.

**E Division** (7 teams)- \*~~Juggernauts~~, APEX White, Greeley Mike's (played as Bucklen Equipment in 2017), Westminster Warriors, Broomfield Renegades, Louisville Sluggers and Blue Jays.

**\*Post Meeting Note: On Monday, March 26, Harbour was advised that the APEX Red team was pulling out, and not playing in the 2018 season. Board members considered revisions and options via e-mail communications, and it was decided to move Castle Rockers up from D-2 to D-1 to replace APEX Red, then move Juggernauts from E to D-2, which leaves the E Division as a six team division.**

Discussion was held on how to align the 16 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 on various options, alignments, etc., it was agreed to organize the 70's teams as below, to do schedules for the first six weeks of the season (up to the Memorial Day holiday), then review the results and realign after six weeks.

**70's Gold Division** (6 teams)- Longmont Lightning, Scrap Iron 70s Red, Colorado Cougars, Youngevity VitaMen, Castle ROCKS and Wheeler Management. It was agreed that a "run equalization" process would be used in the Gold Division, where the Longmont and Scrap Iron 70's Red teams would give up 5 runs to the Cougars and VitaMen, and give 10 runs to the ROCKS and Wheeler. Then the Cougars and VitaMen would give 5 runs to the ROCKS and Wheeler.

**70's Silver Division** (6 teams)- Louisville Eagles, Broomfield Renegades, Hector's, Blue Jays, Westminster Seniors and Erie Outlaws (new team).

**70's Bronze Division** (4 teams)- Wit & Grit, Subway 70s, Golden Oldies and Aurora Grillers.

- 6. Tournament Plan/Discussion:** Harbour stated that the plan at this point is to have the 70s tournament at Broomfield on Monday, August 13 and Wednesday, August 15, and the B-E Tournament at Shaeffer on August 20 thru 23. 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.

Reeser asked about whether the concessions stands would be open. A brief discussion was held on problems at last year's tournaments. Harbour stated that he would work with the facilities to make proper arrangements this year.

**7. Miscellaneous Items:**

- 70's Screen Rules- Pop-up that hits the screen- Harbour advised of a question that he had received asking for clarification about what would be considered a pop-up that hits the screen. An extensive discussion was held regarding the wording of the

rule as currently written. Harbour will work with Mike Massong, who had originally put together the write-up on the questionable area.

- 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 dates for the CSSA Days at Coors Field are established as Sunday, May 27, Rockies versus the Cincinnati Reds and Thursday, June 21, Rockies versus the New York Mets. Harbour stated that tickets this year will be \$11 each, up from \$10 in past years and that he would send out information to managers regarding how to obtain tickets.

**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:**

- Sweet suggested that the write-up on the 70's screen use be sent to Rec Center Reps so they can get it to the umpires in advance. It was also agreed that an electronic copy of the entire RULES be sent to Rec Center Reps to help in getting the information to umpires.

**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 Friday, June 1, two days after the last scheduled games of the first half. 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 21st.

**11. Adjournment:** Sweet motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 3-23-18