

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- May 25, 2018
Broomfield Rec Center, 280 Spader Way, Broomfield, CO

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:32 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Rick Reeser, Mike Massong, Robin Garneau, John Miller, Beau Bressler and Bob Schwartz
Board members absent: Don TeStrake and Jeff Sweet
2. **Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
3. **Purpose of the meeting:** Harbour stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to discuss and decide on the realignment of the 70's divisions for the second part (last eight weeks) of the 2018 season.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the March 23, 2018 meeting:** A brief discussion was held on the minutes. Reeser made a motion that the minutes be approved, seconded by Miller, and unanimously approved.
5. **Realignment 70's Divisions:** Harbour provided spreadsheets with information on each team from the first six weeks of play, with records (wins/losses), Runs For, Runs Against, Runs Difference, and detailed numbers on the six teams of the Gold Division. Based on all information available, discussions were held how best to split the sixteen 70's teams for the second segment, considering competitive groups, enjoyment of playing the games, scheduling for a eight week part of the season, with home and away splits, byes, etc. Different options were considered as follows: Same as in the first segment, i.e. one 4-team and two 6-team divisions; four 4-team divisions; and two 8-team divisions. After the discussions, it was decided to go with two 8-team divisions as follows:
 - Gold Division (8 teams)- *Scrap Iron 70's Red, *Longmont Lightning, **Colorado Cougars, **Youngevity VitaMen, Wheeler Management, Hector's, Broomfield Renegades and Louisville Eagles.
*designates "upper" teams who must give 5 runs (equalization) to Colorado Cougars and VitaMen and 10 runs to Wheeler Management, Hector's, Broomfield Renegades and Louisville Eagles.
** designates mid-level teams who must give 5 runs (equalization) to Wheeler Management, Hector's, Broomfield Renegades and Louisville Eagles.
 - Silver Division (8 teams)- Castle ROCKS, Erie Outlaws, Blue Jays, Subway 70's, Westminster Seniors, Golden Oldies, Wit & Grit and Aurora Grillers. Aurora Grillers will get 5 runs (equalization) from the other seven Silver Division teams. Board members discussed and agreed to award two division winners for the second half, i.e. one for Gold and one for Silver. (This was changed at the June 1 Board meeting)

6. Next Meeting:

- The next Board meeting will be scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2018, at the Broomfield Community Center. At this meeting, teams will be realigned into the B-E Divisions for play in the second half of the 2018 season.

7. Other: Miller reminded Harbour and the attendees of two issues that had been raised in various correspondence over the past several weeks as follows:

- Starting count- Discussion was held and all agreed that CSSA would stay with a starting count of 0 balls & 0 strikes.
- Use of pitcher's screen- Harbour reviewed the information that he had gathered on the use of the screen in 70's games and in games with the Broomfield Bulls. Discussion was held on the experience so far in games and it was decided to revise the "Use of Screen" write-up as follows: 1) If the pitcher is not behind the screen when the ball is struck, the pitch will be called a "ball", instead of a "no pitch"; 2) If pitcher's continue not being behind the screen when the ball is struck, then the screen should be removed from the field; 3) Pitchers will be required to wear a mask; 4) One team can use the screen and the other team is not required to use it. The screen must be moved on and off the field by the team using the screen without delaying the game.

Harbour will revise the screen write-up and circulate to Board members for review and approval before sending to the 70's managers. The Board will address the use of the screen in the B-E Divisions at the meeting on June 1.

8. Adjournment: Garneau motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Massong. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 5-25-18