

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- September 19, 2018
Derda Recreation 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, Rick Reeser, Mike Massong, Don TeStrake, Bob Schwartz, Beau Bressler, Jeff Sweet and Robin Garneau.
Board members absent: John Miller
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Harbour introduced Kent Gorham, manager of the Broomfield Bulls team, as a guest.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2018 Board Meeting:** Massong motioned that the minutes of the meetings be approved, seconded by Reeser, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Garneau stated that the current balance in the account was \$12,048.62. Harbour commented that there were several expenses to be paid, Sportline for Champs shirts of approximately \$4,000 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 the end of year finances should be good, although a little less than last year due to CSSA not getting the \$1,000 donation/grant from Chevron that has been received the past several years. Harbour confirmed an earlier Board agreement that the fee paid by each team in 2019 would remain at \$175 per team.
- 5. Tournaments Report / Review:** Harbour presented information regarding the two 2018 end-of-season tournaments, stated that the format and schedules used the past couple of years seem to work well for many reasons and that there were no major issues. There were a couple of last minute pull-outs with Xpress Lube having injuries on Monday, and then not being able to field a team on Wednesday. Also, the Greeley Outlaws team called late on Tuesday night and advised that they would not show up on Wednesday. There was also some grumbling from a couple of teams about a team in their group regarding illegal players, or players without uniforms, etc. Some discussion was held about rosters, player ID's, consistent uniforms, etc.
- 6. League and Tournament Awards (T-shirts) Update:** Harbour reported that the T-shirts order (355 League and 238 Tournament Champs shirts) had been received and that the distribution of T-shirts to the managers was almost complete.
- 7. Fall Manager's Meeting (Oct. 19, 2018):** Harbour stated that the main purpose of this Fall Managers Meeting is to address any motions for changes to the rules and to elect three 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 advised that the notice of the meeting and information was sent to all 2018 managers on September 17th.

8. Discussion Items/Rules Changes- Board Position: Harbour referred to several items or motions that will, or should be raised at the Managers meeting:

- Pitcher's Screen- Discussion was held on the use of the screen for pitcher's protection during the 2018 season. Reeser suggested that the use of the screen continue as an "option" in 2019 using the same rules/write-up as in the second part of the 2018 season. All agreed and this will be presented at the Managers meeting in October.
- Harbour mentioned an incident where a question was raised about the "foot on the ground" at the scoring line. Some discussion was held and it was decided that no rule change would be made at this time.
- Harbour mentioned incidents of teams not traveling to their scheduled games and forfeiting games, and teams that "pull out" of the tournament at the last minute for various reasons. Discussion was held but no action was proposed at this time on these matters.
- Harbour mentioned that he has been contacted about a new Wednesday team from Colorado Springs in 2019. Discussion was held with wide opinions on whether to include the team. Harbour suggested that this subject be raised at the October managers meeting to get feedback, but that the decision on including the team would be made by the Board.

9. Board Vacancies/Nominations: Harbour noted that the second two-year terms of Massong and Reeser will expire in October. Also, that Sweet was completing his first full two year term, after serving a partial term earlier, having been appointed by the Board in January 2015 to fill the term of Sean Layfield who had resigned. Therefore, there is one Rec Center Rep and two Manager/Player Rep Board positions open. As Sweet has not served two 'full' terms, he is eligible and willing to serve another two year term. Harbour stated that Kent Gorham, attending the meeting, has agreed to be nominated for one position. Harbour suggested that we wait until the deadline for nominee submissions passes to see if there are any nominees, and in the meantime he would be working on another nominee.

10. Discuss/set dates for 2019: Harbour stated that he had looked at the 2019 calendar and commented as follows:

- The 2019 "girls" tournament (that limits the fields available for CSSA) is scheduled for Jun 30 through July 7, with the July 4th holiday falling on the Thursday of that week.
- Harbour stated that regular games could begin the week of April 22nd or 29th, and B-E Divisions tournament dates would then be the week of August 19th or 26th, with the 70's tournament the week before.
- Harbour will put together a listing of dates (tentative) for final review by Board members with the goal of having the 2019 dates firmed up in January, either before or after the January Board meeting .

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 2018. CSSA has made a payment of \$100 for the past three years. Discussion was held, Reeser made a motion to make a \$100 donation to the Elks, seconded by Massong and approved unanimously.

- Harbour raised the issue of locations for the Board and Managers meetings. Some discussion was held and it was agreed that Board meetings would continue at Broomfield for now, and Managers meetings at the Elks Club/Lodge as long as it is available.

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 19, 2018 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 2019, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2019 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which most likely will be held in early March 2019, the 1st or 8th.

15. Adjournment: Schwartz motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by TeStrake and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 9-19-18
Approved by Board at Jan 25, 2019 Board Meeting