

SCRAP IRON SOFTBALL CLUB

BOARD and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 28, 2015

The Scrap Iron Board and Executive Committee met on November 28th with two hours of good discussion on how to improve the Club. There is a good chance that a women's team will approach the Club for membership. The Board was favorable to accepting women's teams. There are very few tournament opportunities for a Colorado women's team so the Board set dues for women members at half of the regular dues for men members. This is in line with the dues for men 75 and older who also have fewer tournament opportunities than younger men. The dues section of team and player policies was amended to read "Players 75 and older and all Women 50 and older during the dues paying year will pay half of the regular dues assessed to Scrap Iron members."

Attached is the update of Section #2 of the Team and Player Policies that was discussed at the meeting. The changes are shown in RED and the entire document is attached for your reference.

Dues for 2016 were set at \$195 for men 74 and under in 2016, and \$97.50 for all women and men 75 and older in 2016. You can pay your 2016 dues in 2015 and deduct them from your 2015 income taxes. Please make checks out to the Scrap Iron Softball Club and send them to your coach.

The Scrap Iron Board elected the Executive Committee for 2016. Six members of our 2015 Executive Committee volunteered to stay in their positions for 2016 and Don Carpenter volunteered for the lone vacant position. Thanks to Ron Howard for his service on the 2015 Executive Committee.

2016 Executive Committee:

Andy Shapiro – President

Terry Goodrich – Vice President

Bob (Arn) Richardson – Secretary

Jim Casswell – Treasurer

Mark Haupt – Member at Large

Bart Prieve – Member at Large

Don Carpenter – Member at Large

Need a Fund Raising Chairperson

Please consider taking this position. We need someone soon to keep our Club financially strong. Contact our President, Andy Shapiro, at (andyshapiro@msn.com) if you are interested.

Grocery Card Program:

\$7,500 raised by 20% of our members!

Our grocery gift card program will raise approximately \$7,500 in 2015 increasing each team budget by nearly \$500. Do you know that only about 20% of our members are participating? If only another 10% of our members would use the cards regularly for their grocery and gasoline purchases, it would help the club budget substantially. It takes about fifteen seconds at the checkout counter to reload the cards using your check or credit card.

The gift cards are accepted at most stores affiliated with Kroger or Albertson's/Safeway. Some of the more common store names you will see under the Kroger banner are: King Soopers, City Market, Fred Meyer, Ralphs, Fry's, Smith's, and QFC. If you lost or tossed your card, consider getting a new one. Contact our treasurer Jim Casswell, at (jimcasswell@hotmail.com).

2016 Annual Banquet:

Our annual banquet will be January 30, 2016 at The Franciscan Event Center, 6553 S. Revere Parkway, Centennial, CO 80111. The cost is \$30 per person. The social hour starts at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 7:00 pm. Please send payment and attendee names to your manager by December 31st. Managers will submit one check per team, made out to Scrap Iron Softball Club to Dennis LeBlanc, along with a list of who is attending the banquet by January 10th.

Raffle and Silent Auction Items:

This is a second call for banquet raffle and silent auction items. Please consider what you might have to contribute. Last year the silent auction and raffle raised \$2,136 for the Club.

Hall of Fame Nominations:

Any Scrap Iron member can nominate someone for our Hall of Fame. Categories are player, manager, special, and old timer. Nominations must be submitted to Mike Massong, chairman of our Hall of Fame Committee at (amassong@aol.com) by December 18th. The HOF nomination form is attached. The club voted in Terry Goodrich as the new HOF committee member. See Attached.

Ken Green Award:

Submit your nominations to Andy Shapiro at (andyshapiro@msn.com) by December 18th. See Attached.

Team MVP Awards:

Submit the name of your team MVP to Art Graebe at (paratex17@aol.com) by December 18th. **(Double Check Spelling of MVP Name Before Submitting).**

Players Looking for Teams, or Teams Looking for Players:

Contact Terry Goodrich at (terrygoodrich@comcast.net) and he will help with connecting players/teams.

Scrap Iron Team and Player Policies / Code of Conduct / By-Laws:

See attached documents.

Uniforms:

Larry Alma will remain the contact for all uniform jersey and cap requests. If you are ordering jerseys, Larry will need a sample, (front and back) of each jersey.

Message from Our Treasurer - Don't Forget Year End Contributions:

Like many of you, I consider making year-end contributions to several charitable and educational organizations. Did you know that contributions to the Scrap Iron Softball Club are considered the same for tax deductibility as charities, museums, and educational organizations?

As a Scrap Iron Club member I am sure you realize that the dues members pay to our club are used to pay for team tournament registration fees, uniforms and safety equipment. What you may not know is that each team receives a budget from the Club that is higher than the dues collected from team members. We receive substantial financial support from many of our members through contributions to make this possible. Since Scrap Iron has no paid positions - we are all volunteers – all of your contributions flow back in full to the benefit of the Scrap Iron teams.

So, if you believe, as I do, that our Scrap Iron Softball Club is a fantastic and worthy organization, please consider making a contribution to the club. Of course, you can make a contribution at any time of the year, but NOW is an especially good time to do so for 2015 tax purposes.

No contribution is too small and with over 200 members a contribution of \$100 from each member would greatly support the team budgets.

You can make your check out to Scrap Iron Softball Club and send it to me at the following address:

Jim Casswell

PO Box 260699

Lakewood, CO 80226

Next Meeting:

As an early reminder, our next meeting will be February 13, 2016 at 9:00 am. Location: 900 S. Broadway, Denver, CO. This meeting will determine the budget and the team allocations for 2016. This will also be the time for any new teams to be discussed and voted upon.

Thanks, Arn

Submitted by Secretary:

Bob "Arn" Richardson

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