

Scrap Iron Board Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2020

The board meeting was called to order by President John Parisi at 9:09 AM. (The meeting adjourned at 12:02.) John said the minutes of the December 2019 board meeting were written by Terry Goodrich (who was not present) and published on the Scrap Iron website; there were no objections to them or any comments.

The following executive board members were present:

John Parisi - President

Art Graebe - Vice President

Jim Casswell - Treasurer

J C Moore - Secretary

Greg Broeckelman - At Large

Mark Haupt - At Large

Michael Christopher – At Large

Present and representing their teams were the following:

50 M Elite - Michael Christopher

50 AAA Alliance - William Connor

50 AAA Mile High Hitmen - Mark Gallegos

55 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes

55 AAA Mile High - Jim Riley

55 M Rocky Mountain Thunder - David Fortner

60 AAA Heavy Metal - Bruce Brothis and Ed Buonaiuto

60 AA Rockies - Joe Hernandez

60 M Xplosion - Dan Silvey

60 M Rocky Mountain Thunder - Mark Haupt

65 AAA Classics - Don Poulter and Andy Shapiro

65 M High Octane - Dave Adams

65 AAA Diamonds – John Parisi and Art Graebe

70 AAA Diamonds - Bart Prieve

70 AAA Rocky Mountain Patriots – Carl Bennett

70 AAA 5280 - Jim Casswell and Alan Weichmann

75 AAA Reds - Larry Alma

80 M Grey Berets - Fred Mattos

Teams for 2020. Eighteen teams were listed on a sheet of paper John Parisi passed around the conference room for the team representatives to confirm.

Tournament of Champions Results. John Parisi announced the following:

- The Heavy Metal took second place in their division.
- The Rockies took third place in the 60 AA division.
- Jack Eberhard took some nice videos.

- Two Scrap Iron players represented our organization very well, going “4 for 4” in the all-star game.

Team and Player Bylaws/Policies Review/Updates

1. Greg Broeckelman introduced the Draft Revisions as of January 31, 2020 the Scrap Iron Team and Player Policies. He stated that the residency requirements stated in a previous draft were eliminated because the two previous teams that had residency issues had disbanded. Greg also clarified that the Scrap Iron logo has to be on all hats and jerseys, even if players have to pay for their application. In addition, he said that a *pitcher's mask* had been added as approved safety equipment under item 4c because it was a mandatory requirement by SSUSA.
2. Michael Christopher asked for clarification on which tournaments are covered by team budgets; the general consensus was that it didn't really matter because managers were responsible for taking care of their budgets. However, the team must consist of players of the Scrap Iron Softball Club. The registration fee for the Huntsman World Senior Games paid by team players who are members of the Scrap Iron club can be reimbursed if there is money left in the team's budget.
3. After considerable discussion, there was a motion by Greg, seconded by Michael Christopher, that this document be approved, with the word “tournament” be inserted in front of the word “entry” in Item 4c, and that the word “Physical” in Item 6 replace the word “Mailing.”
4. Andy Shapiro brought up the need for Scrap Iron to copyright our “Scrappy” logo. Michael Christopher said he would contact one of his players, Mike Gurnee, who is an attorney and someone who could refer him to another attorney specializing in copyrights. (We assume that Michael will report back to the Executive Board with his findings?)
5. John Parisi clarified that the letters “S I” on hats alone is not acceptable; the words “Scrap Iron” need to be spelled out. He said that previous policy established that a sponsor's logo on the front is okay.

Banquet Update. Bruce Brothis reported that the banquet made a profit of around \$1600, and that the attendance was slightly higher than 2019, which was 181. There was some discussion about the desire for the banquet to be held at a different venue next year; Bruce Brothis and Andy Shapiro said they would look into it. (The financial details of the banquet were reviewed under Treasurer Jim Casswell's financial report.)

New 55 Team. The Scrap Iron 55 AAA Alliance were unanimously approved; its general manager will be John Karagiannes.

Financial Report. Treasurer Jim Casswell produced five pages of reports, titled Receipts less Disbursements, Balance Sheet (3 different sheets), and Draft Budget for 2020; here are the highlights:

1. Income from the grocery store fund raising program was down again with respect to the previous year. It was felt that a lot of this had to do with the elimination of the separate fundraising card last April and a lack of information on how existing and new loyalty cards are supposed to be used. John Parisi said that he would send an email to all of the managers explaining how the current program should be used, with the managers asked to forward this information to all of their players.

2. The three balance sheets revealed that Scrap Iron had above normal income in 2019 due to two teams disbanding. These sheets showed assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, and fund balances. These five sheets should be incorporated into the minutes; there was no motion to approve them.
3. The draft budget for this year showed estimated budgets ranging between \$5100 and \$5300 per team. Greg Broeckelman made a motion to approve \$5200 for each team; this motion included approval of \$225 as annual dues for teams between 50 and 70, and \$160 for teams 75 and older. The motion was seconded by Dan Silvey, and it unanimously passed.
4. Jim Casswell confirmed that annual dues from a minimum of 12 players has not changed as a requirement for establishing any team for reimbursement of entry fees and other expenses.
5. There was considerable discussion about whether or not out-of-state players should pay higher fees; without a motion, the consensus was that there would not be higher fees.

Awards. There was brief discussion about the existing types of awards; as a result, Art Graebe, Chairman of the Awards Committee, said he would prepare a description of the existing awards.

Fund Raising.

1. Super Bowl Pool. Scrap Iron received a \$1000 check from the Super Bowl pool handled by John Karagiannes. Many thanks to John for doing that.
2. Dan Silvey suggested that Scrap Iron hold a wood bat tournament on June 20. It was also suggested that Scrap Iron have a new summer event, such as a barbecue.
3. John Parisi distributed a list titled "Selected 2020 SSUSA Tournaments" to show the fee comparisons with TOC qualifying tournaments and other smaller more recreational tournaments. This may help guide some managers in their selection process with their available budget allocation. Jim Casswell suggested that we consider attending tournaments in Texas because a number of Texas teams supported our tournament in Aurora.
4. A 5-person fund raising committee with Bruce Brothis as Chairman was established to organize fundraising events in addition to the banquet; Dan Silvey, Ed Buonaiuto, and Jim Riley volunteered to be on that committee; a fifth volunteer is needed.

Email Blast Editor/Web Master/Website Updates. John Parisi said that our current webmaster, Barry Jack, is temporarily in Florida and does not want to do anymore beyond his current effort. Jim Casswell confirmed that the total cost of maintaining our website was \$122 for last year. It was suggested that a new website be established, so that donations could come in through a free app called Venmo, with our existing website providing a link to this new website. The new website could have also paid links to suppliers and our photo gallery. A motion to gather information and present this option at our October board meeting was seconded and unanimously approved.

2020 Teams. John Parisi said that all managers needed to send their roster to me and Rick Keller, who distributes the Scrap Iron newsletter and other information from SSUSA. He also said that managers would not be reimbursed for any expenses until they had submitted their rosters in accordance with Item 6 of the Team and Player Policies, which was approved at this board meeting.

Team Ratings/Player Rating Process. John Parisi reported that Terry Goodrich handles this program, and that SSUSA is “okay” with it. They have indicated that with this process, they are more apt to approve requests to change player ratings, as this will give them a defensible position. Greg Broeckelman and Alan Weichmann said that a player’s ability to run is a major determining factor in establishing his rating. John suggested that everyone needs a copy of the player rating system if he desires to be re-rated.

Open discussion.

1. Jim Casswell said that he was willing to serve as treasurer for this year, and that he desired a replacement for 2021 (this will be his eighth year). Another board member spoke of a player who was an accountant as a possibility, and said he would follow up. Jim said at the board meeting last year that he would mentor anyone who would be willing to serve as treasurer.
2. Michael Christopher presented information about Elite Sports painting four models of their Onyx bat Scrap Iron’s colors, and described the weights and balances available. He said that a minimum of 100 bats needed to be ordered and that they would not have the Scrap Iron logo for liability reasons. Michael said that he would provide information for all managers to see if there was any interest, even though there did not seem to be much interest at this board meeting.
3. Carl Bennett said he had a relationship with a representative for Adidas, which makes the Suncoast model, supposedly the hottest new bat on the market.
4. Dave Adams said he knows a representative who can supply the Miken Fusion bat for \$180, if he can place an order of at least ten bats. This bat is supposedly as hot as the Adidas Suncoast.
5. J C Moore suggested that the team managers consider using the StatTrak program for posting statistics; it can be purchased at www.allprosoftware.com.
6. Fred Mattos suggested that teams consider experimenting with a new orange-colored ball with a rubber hide that has the same core values as current softballs, and feels slightly softer and appears to be reducing injuries.
7. Larry Alma said that Sportline has finished moving their store across the street, and that all of their merchandise in their old store has to be gone by February 28; their old building has been sold and the new owners will be using it in a much different manner.

Next meeting dates. The location of the following three meetings is to be determined (“TBD”):

Fall board meeting - October 24. Jviation, whose conference room we currently use, is moving soon, and their new office may not have a conference room available for future meetings.

Annual banquet - January 30, 2021.

Winter board meeting – February 13, 2021

Submitted by: “J. C.” Moore, Secretary

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