

Scrap Iron Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2022

The board meeting started at 9:03 AM and ended at 10:57 AM. It was held at 6850 West 52nd Avenue, Suite 200, in Arvada. There were 21 attendees in person and Jim Yester participated via Zoom.

The following Executive Committee members were present:

John Parisi - President
Art Graebe - Vice President
Jim Casswell - Treasurer
J C Moore - Secretary
Greg Broeckelman - At Large
Dan Silvey - At Large
Scott Cameron – At Large

Representing their teams were the following:

50 M Tenacity - Scott Cameron & Mark Gallegos
50 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes
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55 AAA Mile High – Mark Pritchett
60 AA Rockies - Joe Hernandez
60 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham
60 AAA Heavy Metal - Bruce Brothis & Ed Buonaiuto
60 M Rocky Mountain Thunder - Dave Fortner
65 AA Diamonds – Art Graebe & John Parisi
65 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham
65 M Xplosion - Dan Silvey
70 AAA Storm – Jerry Vigil
70 AAA 5280 - Terry Goodrich & Andy Shapiro
70 M High Octane - Dave Adams
75 AAA Diamonds – Jim Casswell & Alan Weichmann
Fund Raising Committee – Jim Riley

By-laws, Team and Player Policies updated on website. John Parisi reported that the by-laws had been changed at the last board meeting to where just the executive committee would approve new teams, and that the uniform policy was updated to where the Scrap Iron logo or name could be on any part of hats. He also reviewed the criteria for new teams that desired to join Scrap Iron.

Process for approving new teams to Scrap Iron. After review of the requirements for new teams, Andy Shapiro suggested that a deadline date be set for approval by the executive committee. Scott Cameron suggested that that deadline be November 1; no one objected to that suggestion.

16 Scrap Iron teams. There were no changes in the number of teams reported at the last board meeting on December 4, 2021.

Financial Report. Treasurer Jim Casswell produced three pages of reports, which should be incorporated as part of these minutes; here are the highlights:

1. The Balance Sheet revealed a total balance of \$23,673 as of December 31, 2021, and that teams had not used \$15,383 that were in the 2021 budget
2. The Profit & Loss sheet revealed a net loss of \$37,695 after team budget appropriation. There were no questions regarding anything on this sheet.
3. The sheet titled “Scrap Iron Dues Proposals for 2022” showed four scenarios based on 14 teams between 50 and 70 and two teams 75 and 80. Jim recommended that each team be budgeted \$5500. Terry Goodrich made a motion, seconded by Mark Gallegos, that each team’s budget for 2022 be \$5500; it was approved.

Jim Casswell and Greg Broeckelman explained that expenses are entered into the QuickBooks log effective the date of invoices and the date checks are written. They provided this information to address apparent problems associated with the entry fees that are paid for tournaments in Phoenix and Bullhead City at the end of each calendar year; post-dated checks can be considered. Jim also said that the \$25 fee for out-of-state players was being handled differently by each manager.

Uniform Policy and Control. Art Graebe said that the current Uniform Policy Committee consists of Andy Shapiro, Jim Yester, and him, and that he desired that someone replace him and that this committee have fourth member. Art also said that all orders for uniforms have to go through his committee because Sportline has a new purchase order system that does not identify who might actually be placing orders.

Fund Raising for 2022. There was open discussion on the following four items:

- John Karagiannes said that he would set up a March Madness pool and that Jim Casswell would handle all payouts.
- Dan Silvey said that he planned to expand the Wood Bat tournament to eight teams playing on three fields on just a Sunday; he said he preferred either June 11 or June 18. It was pointed out that there might be lack of participation on June 18 because it is Father’s Day.
- There was considerable discussion with regard to Scrap Iron holding a softball tournament in Colorado in 2023. Scott Cameron reported that he could not set up a June time frame with the contact he knows in the Aurora Parks Department. He suggested that we look at holding a tournament in Colorado Springs in the spring using USSSA because they now have a senior division. Scott suggested that the focus of Scrap Iron should be on seniors and that we should supplement senior tournaments with younger teams because USSSA tournaments bring in revenue that is 50% of the entry fees teams pay. Bruce Brothis made a motion, seconded by Greg Broeckelman, that our organization

work with USSSA for a 2023 tournament in Colorado Springs; the motion passed. Scott and John Karagianness said they would lead this effort.

- John Parisi reported that only 20% of the current Scrap Iron players were using grocery store cards; Jim Casswell added that only two players were using Safeway cards and that Safeway was still paying 5% of all purchases, whereas King Soopers was paying considerably less.
- Eddie Buonaiuto reported that October 29 is the tentative date for the banquet at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum, with the time between 6:00 and 10:00 PM; he said that the food and fee would be the same. Bruce said that Eddie had accepted the position of fundraising chairman at the December 4 board meeting since he was moving to Arizona this year. Jim Riley suggested that all items submitted for the silent auction have a minimum value of \$100-\$200. Scott Cameron made a motion, seconded by Dan Silvey, that each team participate in the raffle by submitting at least one item; the motion passed. Scott also made a motion, seconded by Bruce Brothis, that the value of each item submitted by a team have a \$100 minimum; the motion passed.

Email Blast Editor/Web Master/Website updates. John Parisi reported that he would post on the Scrap Iron website a list of teams that won both world and national championships, plus MVP and Hall of Fame recipients; this list was passed around the meeting so that any changes could be made.

Scrap Iron name and logo trademark registration. Scott Cameron said that he felt that the Scrap Iron logo was not in jeopardy or at risk of being copyrighted as a trademark by another organization. He also said that copywriting the logo could be done using Legal Zoom for a maximum of \$300, and that retaining a trademark attorney would cost a minimum of \$1000. No board member commented on continuing the process, and further investigation or registration will not proceed.

Open Topics for discussion. The following four items were discussed:

- Terry Goodrich said that if any teams were intending to submit Hall of Fame nominees to his committee, they should do it before the banquet in time for plaques to be prepared. He said that nominees must have played on Scrap Iron teams for at least five years and be over 60 years old; he added that the Old Timers award is for player 70 and older.
- Art Graebe said that he would like articles on history and personal stories for the newsletter in addition to the usual articles teams provide after attending tournaments.
- A 30-year anniversary design was displayed on the video monitor at the meeting; there was considerable interest. Terry Goodrich made a motion, seconded by Jim Casswell, that the fund raising committee look into providing each team with 20 patches and stickers; the motion was approved.
- Eddie Buonaiuto said that he planned to hold another coaches' appreciation barbecue at his home on Saturday, August 27, at 1:00 PM, like he did last year. He said he felt that it was valuable even though there were just five coaches who attended last year.

Next meeting date. The next meeting will be December 3, 2022.

Submitted by: "J. C." Moore, Secretary

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