

# Scrap Iron Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2021

The board meeting started at 9:02 AM and ended at 12:06 PM. It was held at 6850 West 52nd Avenue, Suite 200, in Arvada. There were at least 21 attendees in person and Mark Pritchett 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 (See discussion under Executive & HOF committee openings.)

Representing their teams were the following:

50 M Tenacity - Scott Cameron & Mark Gallegos

50 AAA Alliance - Will Connor

55 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes

55 AAA Mile High – Mark Pritchett

60 AA Rockies - Joe Hernandez

60 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham

60 M 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 – Ron Minner

70 AAA 5280 - Terry Goodrich & Andy Shapiro

70 M High Octane - Dave Adams

75 AAA Diamonds – Jim Casswell & Alan Weichmann

80 M Grey Berets - Fred Mattos

**Banquet.** Bruce Brothis reported that the banquet had 174 attendees and that everyone he contacted liked the venue at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. He reported that the banquet and made around \$1000. After considerable discussion, John Parisi made a motion, seconded by Terry Goodrich, that the next banquet be held on either Saturday, October 22 or 29 depending on availability of the museum or other location; it passed. Bruce had previously suggested that the next banquet be held in 2023, but the majority favored an October date in lieu of a late January date. The discussion included the desire to ask out-of-state players for financial support. It was also felt that it would be important to set a date as early as possible and “push” all of the teams to get their players to attend.

**Process for approving new teams.** Here is a summary of the considerable amount of discussion:

- The process needs to be more formal, including a nomination, and it should follow the items addressed in the bylaws;
- The application or entry form on the Scrap Iron website should be used;
- The percentage of players residing in Colorado should be a consideration;
- A roster should be required before any team is accepted;
- It was recommended that there be printed guidelines;
- A motion was made to change the bylaws to where just the Executive Committee accepts new teams, whereas the current bylaws require the Executive Committee to approve applications and then submit their approval to the entire board for a vote; this motion passed.

**New and discontinued teams.** The following three new teams were accepted by acclamation: 65M Xplosion (previously the 60 M Xplosion), 70 AAA Storm (previously the 70 AAA Diamonds), and the 75 AAA Diamonds. The following four teams will be “out” in 2022: 55 Rocky Mountain Thunder, 65 MI Sports, 70 Rocky Mountain Patriots, and the 75 Legends. As a result of these changes, there will be 16 teams for 2022 and possibly 17. The 50 M Elite are seeking to reorganize and may or may not be a Scrap Iron team.

**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 balance of \$19,991 as of November 28, 2021, down between \$14K to \$15K from 2020.
2. The Receipts and Disbursement sheet revealed that the income from the grocery store fund-raising program for 2021 was down to \$2372, as compared to \$3075 for 2020.
3. The Receipts and Disbursements sheet revealed that \$15,425 in individual contributions, and \$40,450 in membership dues had been received between January 1 and November 28 of this year. An additional \$1600 from the banquet is anticipated. Scrap Iron teams have actually spent approximately \$86,000 this year.
4. The last sheet Treasurer Jim Casswell presented for discussion was the Scrap Iron Dues Proposa for 2022; it showed four scenarios based on 17 teams between 50 and 70 having at least 14 players paying \$225 or \$250 in dues, and two teams 75 and older having a minimum of 16 players paying \$160 per player. A motion was made by John Parisi, seconded by Terry Goodrich, that the dues for 2022 be \$250 and \$160, respectively, for the two age groups; the motion passed unanimously. A second motion was made by John Parisi, seconded by Terry Goodrich, that out-of-state players pay an additional \$25 in dues, with managers collecting these dues and making decisions regarding the residency of their players; this motion also passed. (There was considerable discussion regarding the fact that Colorado players support many of the Scrap Iron fund-raising programs, whereas out-of-state players do not, with the conclusion that the additional \$25 would be appropriate.)

**Uniform Policy and Control.** It was clarified that the policy change on what should appear on hats at the July 9, 2021 Executive Committee meeting would be that the Scrap Iron logo and/or name could be anywhere on new hats henceforth. Bruce Brothis made a motion, seconded by Dan Silvey, that this be Scrap Iron’s new policy for hats; the motion passed.

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

- John Karagiannes discussed details regarding both Super Bowl and March Madness pools as fund raisers, and concluded by saying that he would consider being in charge of both.
- Dan Silvey reported that he would be expanding the Wood Bat tournament to include teams that play in the Colorado Senior Softball Association's summer leagues.
- John Parisi reported that he had been in contact with SSUSA with regard to Scrap Iron holding a softball tournament in Colorado that would be considered as a TOC qualifier, and he reported that June 16-18, 2023 or June 20-23, 2023 would be dates for this tournament; Scott Cameron said that he would work with contacts he knows in the Aurora Parks Department to set this up.
- John Parisi reported that there would be information in the next newsletter regarding the use of grocery store cards and Amazon Smile to increase the income from these two areas.

**Email Blast Editor/Web Master/Website updates.** John Parisi reported that he would be taking over Scrap Iron's website using a program called Wix Some. He requested the names of teams that won both world and national championships this year, plus the MVP recipients for this year and Hall of Fame recipients between 2017 and 2021. The names of managers and assistant managers could be included.

**Executive and Hall of Fame committee openings.**

- Bruce Brothis reported that he was resigning from chairman of the Fund-raising committee because he was moving to Arizona, and that his teammate Eddie Buonaiudo had volunteered to take over that position. Eddie said that he would work closely with Bruce to create an orderly transition, and said that he was looking for an assistant; Jim Riley was suggested to fill that position.
- Terry Goodrich reported that his committee was staying together.
- Scott Cameron was nominated by Dan Silvey to be an At Large member on the executive committee if Michael Christopher wishes to no longer be on this committee.
- Jim Casswell said he would be okay with a CPA taking over as Treasurer and that he would be willing to continue serving in that position until a new CPA volunteered.

**Scrap Iron name and logo trademark registration.** John Parisi reported that there was still the need for Scrap Iron to retain an attorney who specialized in trademark registration. Scott Cameron said that this could possibly be done using Legal Zoom, and that he will investigate doing other legal options.

**Open Topics.** Eddie Buonaiudo reported that only five coaches attended the social barbecue at his home after the SSUSA World Championships in September and that he was planning to hold a similar event and 2022 after the Rocky Mountain Championships in August. Scott Cameron suggested that we look at the USSSA senior tournaments, saying that no player registration cards are required; he said that there is a list of tournaments on their website.

**Next meeting date.** The next meeting will be February 5, 2022.

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

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