

Scrap Iron Board Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2022

The board meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM and adjourned at 11:29 AM. It was held at 6850 West 52nd Avenue, Suite 200, in Arvada. There were 23 attendees in person.

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
Alan Weichmann - At Large

Representing their teams were the following:

50 M Havoc - Josh Stull (new team 2023)
50 AAA Alliance - Kevie Durham
55 M Alliance - John Karagiannes
55 M Thunder - Mark Gallegos
55 AAA Mile High – Mark Pritchett
60 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes (previously Rocky Mountain Thunder)
60 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham
65 AA Rockies - Joe Hernandez & Tom Bechtel
65 AAA Heavy Metal - Ed Buonaiuto
65 M High Octane – Mark Haupt
65 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham
65 M Xplosion – Garry Peterson
70 AA Diamonds – Art Graebe, John Parisi & Jim Yester
70 AAA Storm – Art Graebe
70 AAA 5280 – Terry Liverant & Andy Shapiro
75 AAA Diamonds – Jim Casswell, Alan Weichmann & Terry Goodrich
80 AAA “80” - Greg Broeckelman & J C Moore (new team 2023)
85 AAA Base Force Fossils – Fred Mattos (proposed new team 2023)
Fund Raising Committee – Jim Riley

The above list shows a total of 18 teams for the 2023 season.

Banquet – 2022 review. There was considerable discussion about John Parisi's format as Master of Ceremonies. Alan Weichmann reported that most of the wives liked the format. Most of the feedback from others was positive. The majority of the attendees wanted to keep plaques and not certificates as awards. Jim Riley reported that the rent at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum was \$2,620.00 and that other venues are much higher. He said that the net income from one fully stocked bar was \$259.00, and that the menu for the next banquet will be improved by retaining a good caterer. Most said they did not like the plastic flatware, so it was suggested that attendees be reminded that they should bring their own metal flatware. There was discussion on

how to get out-of-state players involved, and the result was to essentially increase the annual dues. Jim Riley said that bats were not a good silent auction item because they didn't sell well. He said the attendance was 175. This topic concluded by the majority agreeing that Saturday, November 5, 2023 would be the date of next year's banquet.

Process for approving new teams to Scrap Iron. John Parisi spoke about this topic by simply saying that according to the current bylaws, the Executive Committee will approve or disapprove new and existing teams. He also reviewed the criteria for new teams that desired to join Scrap Iron. Three new teams, the 50 M Havoc managed by Josh Stull, the 55 M Thunder, managed by Mark Gallegos, and the 80 AAA "80", managed by Dennis Lutz, were approved. Fred Mattos reported that he had a list of 29 potential players for his team and that there was a 50-50 chance he would be able to generate a roster of at least 13 players. Andy Shapiro suggested that a deadline date for approving new teams for 2023 be the next board meeting on February 4, 2023. This was not enacted at this time.

New and discontinued teams. Besides the new teams mentioned in the previous topic, the 65 AA Diamonds, 60 AAA Heavy Metal, and 60 AA Rockies are moving up in 2023. The 60 M Rocky Mountain Thunder has disbanded and reformed as the 60 AAA Alliance; the 80 AAA Gray Berets have also disbanded.

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 \$14,760.62 as of November 27, 2022, and that teams had not used \$12,665.81 that was in the 2022 budget.
2. The Receipts less Disbursements sheet revealed a net loss of \$21,327.73 after team budget appropriation.
3. The sheet titled "Scrap Iron Dues Proposals for 2023" showed five scenarios based on 14 to 15 teams between 50 and 70 and two to three teams 75 to 85. Jim described possible donations he expected to receive as contributions. (Jim Riley made a motion that he subsequently withdrew regarding increasing the fee for out-of-state players to address their lack of participation in the banquet.) After considerable discussion regarding what the increase in annual dues should be, including the number of tournaments teams entered, John Karagiannes made a motion, seconded by Greg Broeckelman, that next year's annual dues be \$275 for the 50-70 age groups, \$200 for the 75 and 80 age groups, and \$150 for the 85 age group; it was approved. Jim stated that the amount to be budgeted for each team will be determined at the February board meeting.

Committee Updates. The current Uniform Policy Committee, Art Graebe, Andy Shapiro, and Jim Yester, reported that they have had no issues this year. Terry Goodrich reported that his Hall of Fame committee remains unchanged, and Art Graebe reported that every team submitted before the deadline the information for their players who were receiving awards at the banquet.

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

- John Karagiannes said that he would set up a Super Bowl pool like last year.
- John Parisi reported that it seemed to be hard to find fields for the Wood Bat tournament. Eddie B said that he would look into finding some.
- John Parisi said that he would look into adding Walgreens to the fund-raising Scrap Iron receives through grocery stores and Amazon.
- John Parisi asked if anyone was willing to host a summer barbecue; there was no response.

Email Blast Editor/Web Master/Website updates. John Parisi reported that Scrap Iron currently does not have a website designer, and that one is needed. He said that our current website is functional but archaic. He also said that Scrap Iron shares the website with the Colorado Senior Softball Association and that he handles Scrap Iron's portion of that website.

Committee Openings. John Parisi said that he would like to see new officers on the Executive Committee; he said that he was willing to serve as President for another year. Art Graebe, current Vice Pres., and Jim Casswell, current Treasurer, also said that they were willing to serve another year; Jim also said that he was hoping someone would be able to take over his office sometime next year. J C Moore said that while he enjoyed serving as Secretary for the past five years, he desired to have someone take over his office; Tom Bechtel was then nominated for Secretary. After discussion over who would be the new At-large members on the Executive Committee, Mark Gallegos, Josh Stull, and Michael Christopher were selected. Jim Casswell made a motion, seconded by Jim Riley, that Tom Bechtel be Scrap Iron's new Secretary and that Mark Gallegos, Josh Stull, and Michael Christopher be the At-large members of the Executive Committee; the motion passed.

Open Topics for discussion. Only two other items were discussed. Jim Casswell said that members can use ZELLE or Venmo to pay their dues and that the deadline for paying dues will be February 4, 2023. Fred Mattos suggested that Scrap Iron players should consider playing in international tournaments organized by Senior Softball USA.

Next meeting date. The next board meeting will be February 4, 2023.

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

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