

Scrap Iron Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2021

The board meeting started at 9:08 AM and ended at 11:53 AM. It was held at the Buck recreation center at 2004 W. Powers Ave. in Littleton. There were at least 18 attendees in person and another five participated via Zoom.

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

Dan Silvey – At Large

Participating via Zoom and present and representing their teams were the following:

50 AAA Alliance - Will Connor

55 AAA Alliance - John Karagiannes

55 M+ Rocky Mountain Thunder - Dave Fortier

60 AA Rockies - Joe Hernandez & Jim Riley

60 AAA Xplosion - Dan Silvey

60 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham

60 M Heavy Metal - Bruce Brothis

60 M Rocky Mountain Thunder - Mark Haupt

65 AA Diamonds – Art Graebe & John Parisi

65 AAA Mind Image Sports – Gary Nation & Andy Shapiro

65 AAA Peak Softball - Charlie Graham

70 AAA Diamonds - Bart Prieve & Jim Yester

70 AAA Rocky Mountain Patriots – Carl Bennett

70 AAA 5280 - Terry Goodrich & Jim Casswell

70 M High Octane - Dave Adams

75 M Legends - Greg Broeckelman

80 M Grey Berets - Fred Mattos

Mark Gallegos reported via email that the name of the team he now manages is the 50 M Tenacity, and that his new team consists of some players from the team he previously managed, the 50 AAA Mile High Hitmen. Mark could not participate because his team was at a tournament in Yuma, Arizona. No other information on new or disbanded teams was reported.

Financial Report. Treasurer Jim Casswell produced five pages of reports; here are the highlights:

1. The Balance Sheet revealed a balance of \$47,190.47 as of February 12, 2021.
2. The Receipts less Disbursement sheet revealed that the income from the grocery store fund-raising program for 2020 was down to \$3074.58, as compared to \$4376.71 for 2019.
3. The Receipts and Disbursements sheet revealed that \$10,300 in individual contributions and \$13,850 in membership dues had been received between January 1 and February 12 of this year.

4. The last sheet Treasurer Jim Casswell presented for discussion was the Scrap Iron Draft Budget for 2021; it showed three scenarios based on 18 teams between 50 and 70 having at least 14 players paying \$150 in dues, and two teams 75 and older having a minimum of 16 players paying \$100 per player. He said this budget was based on an annual income of just \$3000 from the grocery card program and money left over from last year, due to teams playing in just a few tournaments due to Covid-19. A motion was made by John Karagiannes and seconded by Will Connor that each team has a budget of \$5300 for this year; the motion passed unanimously.

Banquet Update. Bruce Brothis reported that no banquet has been planned at the time of this meeting, and that there might be a possibility of one being held later this year.

Hall of Fame Committee update. Terry Goodrich reported that his committee had selected Ed Clark, Jerry Bost, and Marce Leija to receive HOF awards this year, and that Mike Edwards would receive the “Old Timers” award. He said that Scrap Iron rings costing between \$300 and \$400 are available. Art Graebe said he would be publishing an HOF newsletter fairly soon.

Awards. President John Parisi stated that team MVP awards for 2020 were up to the individual managers. Art Graebe said he wanted to know about all MVP awards by Friday, February 26.

Uniform Policy and Control. John Parisi said that the main reason for the considerable discussion that occurred was the need to strengthen the current policy, and he reported the results of 18 coaches who had responded to a questionnaire he had sent out several weeks ago. Uniform policy and control is now being handled by a committee, with Art Graebe as its chairman and Andy Shapiro and Jim Yester as committee members. Jim Casswell said that Michael Christopher should also be on this committee. Art Graebe reported that Sportline was in full support of any Scrap Iron uniform policy.

Fred Mattos reported that Sportline, the main supplier of most Scrap Iron jerseys and caps, located in Arvada, is now called “Athletic Lettering of Colorado.” He also said that the original owner, whose name is Fred, was going to retire and that his daughter “L. J.” was going to run the company.

Andy Shapiro reported that his committee had gone through the current rules to clarify them, and their report dated February 15, 2021, subject to a few modifications should be incorporated into these minutes. He said that the committee felt there is a need to copyright the *Scrappy* logo, so that no one else could use it, and he added that there is a need for a copyright and trademark attorney who charges reasonable fees. Since Charlie Graham said there is an attorney on his team, he will be responsible for obtaining a referral. John Parisi reported that 14 of the 18 coaches who participated in his survey wanted to keep the original *Scrappy* logo “as is.” Bruce Brothis made a motion, seconded by Fred Mattos, that our organization keep the *Scrappy* logo in its original form, and the motion passed unanimously.

Andy Shapiro said that award jerseys that teams win at tournaments are up to what each team decides; that includes how teams want to use the *Scrappy* logo on their shirts. The consensus was not to push how Elite, the company that works with SSUSA, places artwork on the award jerseys. He also said that if Scrap Iron lettering is to go on award jerseys, the lettering had to be at least 2” high.

Bruce Brothis suggested that all of Item 6e of the uniform policy be completely removed to avoid any potential issues, and no one objected. Terry Goodrich made a motion, seconded by Fred Mattos that

jerseys are returned to managers per Item 6b. Andy Shapiro said that he would *reword* that item, which would make it possible to eliminate Item 6h. Greg Broeckelman added that there will be times when another team can use uniforms from teams that have disbanded, provided that they are in decent condition.

Fund Raising for 2021. There was considerable discussion under this topic:

John Karagiannes reported that the Scrap Iron Super Bowl pool had netted \$993 for our club. He said that he was going to put together a March Madness pool as another fund raiser.

Dan Silvey reported that he had selected early June as a target date for the Wood Bat fund raising tournament. He said he had found two complexes; one was in Highlands Ranch and the other in Greenwood Village. Dan said he wanted to have a Wood Bat committee with four guys on it, and that he would purchase enough bats for each team.

Charlie Graham reported that he had put together a tournament in Colorado Springs, to be held at Skyview Field on March 7, with 12 teams already signed up, and that he could possibility add several more teams if he was contacted in the near future. Charlie said he would look into working with a director with the World Sports League (“WSL”) for two possible tournaments to be held in Colorado on June 17-20 and July 8-11. SSUSA rules would be followed.

John Parisi said that Scrap Iron should look into holding an SSUSA tournament, where our club would keep the profit, similar to what the Top Gun organization does in California. There was more discussion about other future tournaments; it was suggested that we work with ISA to draw teams from the Midwest. Dave Adams said that he would look into future tournaments. John Parisi would organize a tournament committee to first check on the feasibility of having a Scrap Iron Club sponsored tournament, who will then plan and organize one for 2022.

John Parisi said that we should be doing more to get people to sign up with the grocery store fundraising cards. He added that Safeway still gives 5% of all purchases, and that Kroger is now doing *pooling*, so that Scrap Iron now gets around 3%. John said that coaches need to push these programs more than they have done in the past.

Several managers expressed the desire to be able to use their budget to purchase up to six extra game balls at any given tournament. This item was not put in the form of a motion; instead it was determined that this is not a reimbursable expense from the teams’ Scrap Iron budget allocation. Managers could charge their team members an additional fee to be used for such items, but checks would not be written by Scrap Iron Softball Club as compensation.

Open discussion. It was reported that Jack Eberhard, a photographer with an excellent long-time relationship with the Scrap Iron Softball Club, was currently having serious health issues, including the possibility that he may have had a small stroke. It was suggested that those who know how to contact him send him “get well” wishes. Bart Prieve said that there will be a barbecue and nice accommodations at the Cancun Resort at 8333 S. Las Vegas Blvd. during the Southwest Championships in April, and said he could be contacted for details. J C Moore reported that he had been sending sympathy cards to a few widows and that he could send *get well* cards, if he is contacted.

Next meeting date. No date for the next meeting, which is usually in November, was established.

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

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