

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
DRAFT -- Board Meeting Minutes- April 7, 2023 -- DRAFT
Golden Community Center, Golden, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Dave Adams, Jim Mieras, Frank Yost, Jeff Sweet and Joe Zaba. Board Members Absent: Ray Childs, Terry Goodrich
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, January 27, 2023 Board Meeting & March 3, 2023 Spring Managers Meeting:** Harbour noted that the DRAFT minutes of these two meetings had been sent out to Board members previously. Mieras made a motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved, seconded by Adams, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Finances / 2023 Budget Estimate/Update:** Harbour advised that the Budget estimate dine in January is the most recent estimate available. That estimate used 52 teams for 2023, and the actual number will be 50. Harbour will update the estimate and provide to Board members.
- 5. Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**

Harbour advised that for 2023 there are 18 70's Division teams (same as in 2022), and 32 B-E Division teams (down from 37 in 2022).

Harbour referred to the 70's realignment worksheet in the handout to be used to set the 70's divisions. Discussion was held on how to align the 18 70's teams so as to create as competitive groups as possible due the wide variation in the abilities of the 70's teams. After much discussion on various options, alignments, etc., it was agreed to organize the 70's teams as below:

70's Gold Division, 6 teams split into Upper and Lower groups- Upper Group would be Aurora Scrap Iron, The Boys 70s and the Louisville Lightning. Lower Group would be IDM, Erie Outlaws and Greeley Dinosaurs. It was agreed that a "run equalization" process would be used in the Gold Division, where the Upper teams would give run per inning played to the Lower Group teams and that the Home team would be determined per Rule 7.4, i.e. the host team is the Home team in the 1st game and the Visitor team in the second game.

70's Silver Division (6 teams)- Hector's, Huberd Shoe Grease (was Greys in 2022), Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs, Colorado Cougars, Agents and Castle ROCKS.

70's Bronze Division (6 teams)- Boulder Blues 70s, Aurora Grillers, Golden Oldies, Broomfield Renegades, Them Brooms (was Broomfield Brooms in 2022) and Louisville Eagles.

Harbour referred to the B-E Divisions worksheet in the handout to be used to set the B-E divisions, stated that the 32 B-E teams should be divided into four 6-team divisions and one 8-team division. Harbour then led a discussion for the B-E teams using the 2022 2nd half records, the 2022 tournament results, information from the Team Registration forms, and information from all attendees at the meeting. The results of the exercise as follows:

B-1 Division (3 teams)- Wendy's Bombers, Colorado Home Fitness and MI Sports.

B-2 Division (3 teams)- Renegades, Denver Eagles and Evergreen Mountain Men.

Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 Divisions providing six teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 1 run per inning to the B-2 teams and the B-2 teams will have the option of having an eleventh defensive player if available as an equalizer when they play. The home team will be determined by CSSA Rule 7.4, i.e. the host team is the Home team in the 1st game and the Visitor team in the second game.

C-1 Division (6 teams)- The Boys 50s, Ace-Hi, Gladiators (was Hector's 50s in 2022), Dog Soldiers/AquaSan, Louisville Coyotes and Castle Rockers.

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Lakewood Bears, Mavericks, Shades Of Gray, Castle Rockies, Diamonds, Erie Crushers, Lucketta Legends and 2nd Time Sports.

D Division (6 teams)- Westminster Warriors, Bobcats, Lakewood Eagles, Internationals, Boulder Blues 50s and Raptors (was Malty Dogs in 2022).

E Division (6 teams)- Malley Cats, Juggernauts, Westminster Silver Foxes, Lakewood Cougars, Louisville Sluggers and Greeley Sluggers (new team).

6. 2022 Regular Season Matters:

- COVID 19 Policy- Harbour asked the attendees if they thought CSSA should have any kind of COVID-19 policy. A brief discussion was held, and it was agreed that there would not be one, but that everyone would be advised to follow local requirements as appropriate.
- Schedules and Standings Secretaries- Harbour will produce the schedules as soon as possible, and solicit Standings Secretaries for each division.
- League and Tournament Awards- A brief discussion was held.
- Insurance- Harbour advised that he had paid the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (\$664) in late March, and that he had been advised that the General Liability Insurance through SSUSA would likely be \$40 per team in 2022, up from \$35 per team in 2022.

7. Tournament Plan/Discussion: Harbour reviewed previous information and discussion done via e-mail exchanges regarding the location of the 70's tournament. More discussion and a decision will be carried out as soon as practical. The plan is to have the 70s tournament on Monday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 23, and the B-E Tournament at the Schaeffer Complex, as has been done for years, on August 28-31. Harbour stated that the plan, schedules and format would follow the same as in 2022. Harbour will coordinate efforts in developing plans for both tournaments.

8. Assign March/April timeline duties (any not covered above)

Harbour stated that all April/May items have been covered, i.e. either already taken care of, or are in progress.

9. OTHER: There were no "Other" items raised by attendees.

10. Next Meeting: There will be no Board meeting in April or May, unless a major issue develops. It was agreed that the June Board meeting will be held in June after the completion of the first half games on June 14th. At this meeting, adjustments will be made to the make-up of the divisions for the second half of the season based on the results of the first half.

11. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Yost. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 4-7-23

Minutes will be approved at the Board meeting on June 16, 2023.