

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- August 17, 2023
Fossil Trace Golf Club, Golden, CO

1. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Jim Mieras, Frank Yost, Jeff Sweet and Joe Zaba. Board Members absent: Dave Adams, Terry Goodrich and Ray Childs.

2. Introduction of Guests: There were no guests present.

3. Approval of minutes for the June 16, 2023 meeting: Harbour referred to the minutes of meeting held on June 16th that he had been sent to Board members earlier. Mieras motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Yost and approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report- 2023 Financials/Budget Estimate: Harbour stated that the 2023 financial situation has not changed since the last estimate done earlier in the year, and that he would update the budget estimate after the tournaments for discussion at the next meeting. That estimate (7-16-23) showed a loss for 2023 of ~\$2,700.

5. Review 2nd Half standings and determine division winners (where possible): Harbour referred to the standings sheet in the handout which shows the results of games played through August 16th. Winners of all divisions are indicated except for the B-2 Division where there are several issues that need to be resolved before declaring a winner.

Post Meeting Note: After makeup games played Aug 16, and resolution of B1/B2 games not played, a decision was made to declare MI Sports the winner of the B-2 Division.

6. Determine Tournament Groups- 70's Divisions (17 of 18 teams participating) & B-E Divisions (31 of 32 teams participating)

For 70's Tournament: Harbour referred to the previous exchanges via e-mail regarding how to divide the seventeen 70's teams playing in the tournament, where it had been decided to divide the 17 teams as follows:

Group 1 (4 teams)- The Boys 70's, Aurora Scrap Iron, Louisville Lightning and IDM.

Group 2 (5 teams)- Erie Outlaws, Colorado Cougars, Huberd Shoe Grease, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs and Hector's.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Greeley Dinosaurs, Castle ROCKS, Them Brooms, Agents and Louisville Eagles.

Group 4 (3 teams)- Boulder Blues 70's. Aurora Grillers and Golden Oldies.

Schedules for the 70's tournament had been sent to all teams/managers on Tuesday, August 15th.

For the B-E Divisions Tournament- Harbour provided Standings sheets for the 2nd half, and another sheet showing the "cumulative" listing of teams from the top teams in B-1 to the bottom teams in E, which included "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against), Runs Differential for each team, and notations on Forfeit wins/Losses. Harbour noted that the 31 teams (one team not participating in the tournament- Greeley Sluggers) would need to be divided into groups in such a way as to provide competitive games as much as possible. Using the records/standings, RF & RA, runs differential, games won/lost by forfeit, and any other information available, a detailed

discussion was held, various options considered, and the makeup of each Tournament Group was determined as listed below:

Group 1 (5 teams)- Colorado Home Fitness, Wendy's Bombers, Renegades, MI Sports and Denver Eagles. Equalization was decided to be that Wendy's would give 1 run per inning played to all other teams, that there would be no 11th defensive player and that Wendy's would be home team for all their games.

Post Meeting Note: After reviewing the plan, when putting together the tournament schedules, etc. and after much consideration, Harbour proposed that the 'Equalization' be changed back to what was used during the regular season, i.e. B-1 Teams (Wendy's, Colorado Home Fitness and Renegades) would give 1 run per inning played to the B-2 teams, that the B-2 teams could use an 11th defensive player and home team would be determined per regular rules.

Group 2 (4 teams)- Evergreen Mountain Men, Dog Soldiers, Castle Rockers and Gladiators.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Shades of Gray, Ace Hi, The Boys 50's, Louisville Coyotes and Mavericks.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Castle Rockies, 2nd Time Sports, Lakewood Bears, Lucketta Legends and Erie Crushers.

Group 5 (4 teams)- Diamonds, Boulder Blues 50's, Lakewood Eagles and Westminster Warriors.

Post Meeting Note: On Saturday, August 26th (after the original schedules were done and distributed), the Diamonds team pulled out of the tournament due to lack of players.

Group 5 then became a three team group and a new schedule was developed.

Group 6 (4 teams)- Internationals, Raptors, Malley Cats and Lakewood Cougars.

Group 7 (4 teams)- Bobcats, Westminster Silver Foxes, Juggernauts and Louisville Sluggers.

7. Miscellaneous – Updates / Issues

- Tournament Updates- Harbour stated that both tournaments, the 70s and B-E Divisions were set and would be played at the Schaefer Complex in Lakewood. The 70's tournament will be held on Monday, August 21st and Wednesday, August 23rd, with 17 teams participating, per the alignment described in Item 6 above. The B-E Divisions tournament will be held on August 28-31 with four days and time slots as was done in previous years to fit the number of groups. As one of the current 32 B-E teams is not participating, the tournament will have 31 teams divided into groups as described above. All arrangements are made.

- Board Positions/nominations/etc.- Status- Harbour referred attendees to the sheet in the handout with information on the Board positions/status, and stated that there would be three Manager/Player positions and one Rec Center Rep position to be filled in the election at the October Managers meeting. Some discussion was held regarding possible candidates for the Rec Center positions. Harbour stated that he would follow-up on all of this and asked attendees to advise him of any candidates for these positions.

- League and Tournaments Awards- Harbour advised that the plan is to provide T-shirts to winners of the divisions in the regular season and of the groups in the tournaments again this year.

- Motions for October Fall Managers Meeting- Harbour asked if there were any issues/motions that Board members wanted to raise at the meeting. Harbour mentioned a point made in previous meeting regarding the previous procedures of accepting most any proposed motions for rules changes, and that he felt like there needs to be more screening by the Board

before motions are presented at the Managers Meeting. Brief discussion was held, and Harbour stated that more discussion would be held at the September Board meeting.

- **Music in the dugouts:** Harbour described an issue that had come up during the second half of the season where one team was playing music in their dugout and the opposing team had questioned this as a distraction. None of the current CSSA rules specifically address this matter. A brief discussion was held. It was agreed that the team would be advised to stop this practice when the opposing team objects.

- **Aggressive play/safety/70's incident:** Harbour referred to an earlier note that he had sent around which described an incident in a 70's game where a player was injured with some aggressive base-running, and that player's suggestions about penalties for incidents like this. A discussion was held and all agreed that any further specific penalties, beyond what is already in the rules, was not practical.

6. Assign August/September timeline duties (any not covered above): Harbour stated that all August and September matters were either in progress or planned.

7. OTHER: Other matters for discussion-

- Harbour made a quick comment regarding the team fee for 2024, in that there may be a need to increase the fee again. This matter will be considered further at the next Board meeting..

8. Next Meetings: The next Board meeting will be scheduled in September and the Fall Managers Meeting will be scheduled in late October. Harbour will communicate with Board members on firm dates and times.

9. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Yost. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 08-17-23.

Minutes approved by CSSA Board at the CSSA Board meeting on September 29, 2023.