

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 12, 2025
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, Joe Zaba, Frank Yost, Mary Harteker, Terry Goodrich and Jim Mieras
Board members absent: Carter Akerfelds
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Steve Harteker attended as a guest.
3. **Approval of Minutes, April 4, 2025 Board Meeting:** Harbour referred to the DRAFT Minutes of Meeting for the Board meeting held April 4th that was sent to Board members previously. Mieras motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Yost and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report/Year's Finances & Estimated Budget:** Harbour referred to the sheet in the handout that shows a historical summary of CSSA finances and stated that he would update a budget estimate later as costs/numbers are available. The main issue for 2025 will be the cost of Champs shirts as the long-time vendor that has been used is no longer doing shirts, so a new vendor is needed and costs will very likely be higher. Harbour noted that the balance in the CSSA account was over \$25,000, which is higher than it has been in a long time, maybe ever.
5. **Review 1st Half 70's & B-E standings- designate division winners and revise divisions:** Harbour provided standings for the 70's and B-E Divisions for games played through June 11th. Winners of the following divisions were determined- B, TNT; C, Shades of Gray; D, TBD* E, Lakewood Cougars; 70s Gold/Upper, Longmont Bombers 70s; 70s Gold/Lower, Golden Geezers; 70s Silver, Dirty Dogs; 70s Bronze, Them Brooms.
Post Meeting Note: *After make-up games in the D Division, it was determined the Internationals team was the winner of the D Division.
6. **Equalizations- General Discussion:** Harbour lead a general discussion about CSSA using "equalization" processes in trying to make games more competitive between teams of different levels which cannot be done by moving teams up or down in the divisions. This was done in preparation for the next sections efforts of placing teams in the divisions.
7. **Teams in Divisions, 2nd Half-** Harbour provided a Cumulative Standings sheet for the 2025 1st half for all divisions, which included W-L record, "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against), Runs Differential and Forfeit Wins and Losses for each team. Using this information, and any other information available, a detailed discussion was held, various options considered, and the makeup of each division was determined as listed below.
The alignment of the 70's Divisions resulted in the following alignment of the second half of the 2025 season:
70's Gold/Upper (4 teams)- Longmont 70s, Bandits, Golden Geezers and Erie Outlaws.
70's Gold/Lower (4 teams)- IDM, The Boys 70s, Dog Soldiers 70s and Dirty Dogs.
Note: With the make-up of the Gold Upper and Lower groups providing eight teams, the Upper teams will be scheduled versus each other for two weeks (4 games each), the Lower teams will be scheduled versus each other for two weeks (4 games each) and one "cross-over" week where an Upper team plays a Lower team. Exact equalization to be used will be detailed on the schedule.
70's Silver (7 teams)- Rock Stars, Loco Hermanos, Colorado Cougars, Greeley Dinosaurs, Golden Oldies, Them Brooms and Louisville Eagles.

70's Bronze (6 teams)- Hector's, Agents, Boulder Blues 70s, Aurora Grillers, Castle ROCKS and Renegades 70s.

The alignment of the B-E Divisions resulted in the following alignment of the second half:

B Division (6 teams)- TNT, Castle Rockers, MI Sports, Denver Eagles, Shades of Gray and Evergreen Mountain Men.

C Division (6/8 teams)- Shades of Gray, Louisville Coyotes, Castle Rockies, Ace Hi, Mavericks, and The Boys 50's.

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D Division (8/6 teams)- Lucketta Legends, Boulder Blues 50s, Internationals, Titanium Wolves, Malley Cats, Lakewood Bears, Lakewood Golden Eagles, and Diamonds.

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E Division (8 teams)- Erie Crushers, 2nd Time Sports, Lakewood Cougars, Bobcats, Juggernauts, Westminster Warriors, Greeley Shockers and Silver Foxes.

8. Updates and Issues:

- **Tournament Plan/Discussion-** Both tournaments scheduled at Schaefer Athletic Complex, 9750 W Hampden Ave, Lakewood. Harbour has scheduled the fields at Schaefer with Foothills Recreation and the format, schedules, etc. of the tournaments will be the same as in previous years.
- The 70's Divisions tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 18th and Wednesday, August 20th.
- The B-E Divisions tournament is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, August 25-28.

- **League/Tournament Champs/Awards-** Discussion was held regarding the options for winners/Champs awards. CSSA has awarded Champs T-shirts to winners of the divisions for the regular League games, and the winners of the groups in the Tournament games for many years. Mieras spoke of an arrangement in Arizona leagues where the winners get a credit for their fees for the next years registration. More consideration on this matter, Harbour stated that we would likely go with T-Shirts as in past years.

- **Supplying a catcher rule-** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout, an e-mail from John Parisi, where he is critical of the current rule. Harbour had reviewed the rule, and stated that he felt a revision could improve by outlining what the managers need to agree to when they agree on supplying a catcher, i.e. what the fill-in catcher will do- full action, limited, return pitch only or what.

- **Scheduling make-up games-** Mieras has raised an issue of difficulties in scheduling make-up games due to the vague and general language in the current rule, which states what should be done, but no real specifics. Jim suggested that there should be requirements such as, "Host manager should propose make-ups dates to the opposing manager within 72 hours of games being postponed, then the opposing manager has 72 hours to agree/disagree." Mieras and Harbour will follow-up on this matter.

9. Assign June/July/August timeline duties (any not covered above): Harbour stated that all June and July duties have been handled, or are in motion. The August duties will be addressed leading up to and during the August Board meeting.

10. OTHER:

- Board Vacancy- Harbour stated that Paul Lewandoski, elected to the Board in Oct. 2023, has moved to Michigan, and thus that Board position is vacant. Brief discussion was held on options and all agreed to leave the spot vacant until the October Managers meeting when the election will be held for that position and others that will be vacant at that time.
- Harteker stated that her feedback is that the women in the 70's divisions want to have the 11th (rover) defensive player behind the 175' line. Harbour stated that the rule on this was changed for the 2025 season whereby the 11th defender did not have to be behind the line and could be anywhere, so 4 "outfielders" have to be behind the 175' line. A brief discussion was held. Follow-up is needed as to whether the Board wants to change the rule again this year.

11. Next Meeting: Harbour stated that the next Board meeting should be just after the last scheduled B-E games on Aug. 13. It was agreed on a meeting on Thursday, Aug 14, with a 1:00 PM start. Goodrich stated that the SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championship tournament will be in Aurora from August 14 to 17, and that he will be involved and unable to attend the meeting. The 70's tournament groups will be handled via e-mail immediately after the completion of the last regular scheduled 70's games on August 11th.

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

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-12-25.

Minutes were approved at the Board meeting on August 14, 2025.