

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
DRAFT -- Board Meeting Minutes- August 15, 2024 -- DRAFT
Golden Community Center, Golden, CO

1. Meeting Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Jim Mieras, Frank Yost, Joe Zaba, Paul Lewansdowski and Mary Harteker. Board Members absent: Terry Goodrich and Carter Akerfelds.

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

3. Approval of minutes for the June 13, 2024 meeting: Harbour referred to the minutes of meeting held on June 13th that he had been sent to Board members earlier. Yost motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mieras and approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report- 2024 Financials/Budget Estimate: Harbour stated that the 2024 financial situation has not changed since the last estimate done in April- copy in the handout- and that he would update the budget estimate after the tournaments for discussion at the next meeting. That estimate (4-19-24) showed a net of \$1,364 for 2024 and an account balance of \$9,508.56 at the end of the year. Harbour did mention that he had finally sent out a note to all managers discussing donations to CSSA, possibly using the QCD's- Qualified Charitable Distribution- feature in the tax code, and that he had received one inquiry which could result in a nice donation to CSSA.

5. Review 2nd Half standings and determine winners for each division: Harbour referred to the standings sheet in the handout which shows the results of games played through August 14th, where winners of all divisions are indicated. Harbour has sent a note out to all managers with the final standings with a "CONGRATS" comment to the winners. Harbour will follow-up with all division winners, 1st and 2nd Halves, on 'Champs' shirts orders.

6. Determine Tournament Groups- 70's Divisions (All 20 teams participating) & B-E Divisions (30 of 32 teams participating)

For 70's Tournament: Harbour referred to the previous exchanges via e-mail regarding how to divide the twenty 70's teams playing in the tournament, where it had been decided to divide the 20 teams as follows:

Group 1 (5 teams)- Longmont 70s, Red River Bandits, IDM, The Boys 70s and Golden Geezers.
Note: Equalization in Group 1- Longmont and Red River will give 1 run per inning played to the other three teams.

Group 2 (5 teams)- Dog Soldiers 70s, Erie Outlaws, Rock Stars, Golden Oldies and Greeley Dinosaurs.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Colorado Cougars, UR Development Group, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs, Louisville Eagles and Them Brooms.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Boulder Blues 70s, Castle ROCKS, Agents, Renegades and Aurora Grillers.

Note: Equalization in Group 4- Renegades and Aurora Grillers will receive 1 run per inning played from the other three teams.

Schedules for the 70's tournament had been sent to all teams/managers on Tuesday, August 13th.

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 Division to the bottom teams in E Division, which included "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against), Runs Differential for each team, and notations on Forfeit wins/Losses. Harbour noted that the 30 teams (two teams not participating in the tournament- Dog Soldiers 50s and Westminster Warriors) 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)- TNT, Wendy's Bombers, Renegades, Evergreen Mountain Men and Castle Rockies.

Note: Equalization for Group 1- TNT and Wendy's will give 1 run per inning played to all other teams, but there would be no 11th defensive player used by any team.

Group 2 (5 teams)- Denver Eagles, MI Sports, Shades of Gray, All Season Security and Castle Rockies

Post Meeting Note: On Thursday, Aug 22, Harbour was advised by Preston Shepherd that the Castle Rockies team was withdrawing from the tournament. In consultation with the Board, Harbour changed Group 2 to a 4-team group, revised the schedules as needed and communicated to all teams affected.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Ace Hi, Gladiators, The Boys 50s, Louisville Coyotes and Mavericks.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Lakewood Bears, Boulder Blues 50s, Lucketta Legends, Erie Crushers and The Internationals.

Group 5 (5 teams)- 2nd Time Sports, Malley Cats, Diamonds, Lakewood Golden Eagles and Titanium Wolves.

Group 6 (5 teams)- Bobcats, Lakewood Cougars, Juggernauts, Greeley Shockers and Westminster Silver Foxes.

Note: Equalization for Group 6- Greeley Shockers and Westminster will receive 1 run per inning played from the other three teams.

7. Miscellaneous – Updates / Issues

- Tournament Updates- Harbour stated that the 70s and B-E Divisions tournaments were set and would be played at the Schaefer Complex in Lakewood. The 70's tournament will be held on Monday, August 19th and Wednesday, August 21st, with 20 teams participating, per the alignment described in Item 6 above. The B-E Divisions tournament will be held on August 26-29 with four days and time slots as was done in previous years to fit the number of groups. As two of the current 32 B-E teams are not participating, the tournament will have 30 teams divided into groups as described in Item 6. 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 two Manager/Player positions and one Rec Center Rep position to be filled in the election at the October Managers meeting. The reps currently in those positions- Zaba, Goodrich and Yost- are completing their first two-year term. Zaba and Yost, present at the meeting, indicated that they would be willing to be nominated for a second term. Harbour had previously communicated

with Goodrich who also said he would be willing to be nominated. Harbour will follow-up on this matter as to how it will be handled with the managers and the Fall Managers Meeting.

- 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 referred to the procedure used in 2023 regarding rules changes, etc. i.e. that proposed motions for rules changes by managers would be reviewed/evaluated by the Board to determine if the motion should be brought up at the Managers meeting for a vote. In 2023, there were no motions submitted by managers. Brief discussion was held, and Harbour recommended that this same procedure be used this year, and that there would be more discussion on specific rule changes that the Board may want to implement at the September Board meeting.

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-

- Mieras told of a situation where a player on his team had purchased a “senior” bat only to find out that it was not allowed in CSSA play, and again suggested that we include in the CSSA rules pictures or diagrams of allowed, and not allowed bats. Some discussion was held. Harbour will work with Mieras on a possible fix.

- Some discussion was held on the starting point for a courtesy runner from home plate. Harteker will send (again) her diagram of where the line is supposed to be per the current CSSA rule for possible inclusion on the Field diagram in the CSSA rules.

- Mieras raised a point about the set-up that was used in the 2nd half of the 2024 season with the 8-team B division instead of the previous 3-team B-1 and 3-team B-2 Divisions. Some discussion was held and a suggestion was made to find out what the B managers thought of the new set-up. Harbour will follow-up.

8. Next Meetings: The next Board meeting will be scheduled in September and the Fall Managers Meeting will be scheduled in late October. Harbour stated that he had plans for an out-of-state trip from Sept 15 to 21, and would prefer to have the meeting on Friday, Sept 13. Harbour will communicate with Board members and work out firm dates and times.

9. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Yost. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 08-15-24.

Minutes approved by CSSA Board at the CSSA Board meeting on Sept. 13, 2024