

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- April 7, 2022
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Ray Childs, Kent Gorham, Jim Mieras, Daniel Garcia
Board Members Absent: Dave Adams, Jenna Biedenfeld
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Harbour introduced Bob Schwartz, past Board member, who Harbour has asked to attend the meeting as a fill in for absent Board members.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, February 3, 2022 Board Meeting & March 7, 2022 Spring Managers Meeting:** Harbour noted that the DRAFT minutes of these two meetings had been sent out to Board members previously. Schwartz made a motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved, seconded by Mieras, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report /2022 Budget Estimate/Update:** Harbour advised that the Budget estimate dated 1-24-22, which was sent to Board members previously and discussed at the Feb 3rd Board meeting was still the best estimate available, and reported a anonymous donation of \$5,000 from a player, which obviously adds to the current account balance. Discussion was held. Mieras suggested that a team fee increase be considered as he feels that we should not operate with a deficit as the current estimate shows. Harbour stated that this will be considered later in the year as the budget estimate is updated with actual costs, etc. for the 2022 season. Gorham suggested that the anonymous donor should be given a CSSA jacket as a small show of appreciation for his gift to CSSA. Harbour will follow up as required.
- 5. Vacant Board Position:** Harbour referred to an e-mail previously sent to Board members on this matter, and the options outlined in the note. The vacancy, created by the resignation of Ernie Brady from the Board, is basically for a period of about six months since Brady's term will expire in October of this year. One option given in the note sent out was to fill the vacant position with someone who had recently been on the Board for the short time period. Some discussion was held, and it was decided to have Bob Schwartz fill the position. Schwartz agreed to do so and all agreed.
- 6. Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**
Harbour advised that for 2022 there are 18 70's Division teams (same as in 2021), and 38 B-E Division teams (down from 39 in the second half of 2021). Harbour referred to the B-E Divisions worksheet in the handout to be used to set the B-E divisions, stated that the 38 B-E teams should be divided into four 8-team divisions and one 6-team division. Harbour then led a discussion for the B-E teams using the 2021 2nd half records, the 2021 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 Garretson's Sports (new team in 2022).

B-2 Division (3 teams)- Renegades, Northern Colorado Select and Evergreen Knights.

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 (8 teams)- Denver Eagles, Ace-Hi, Broomfield Blaze, Evergreen Mountain Men, The Boys 50s, Hector's 50s, MI Sports (new team in 2022) and Erie Caruso Crushers (Miners in 2021).

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Louisville Coyotes, Castle Rockies, Diamonds, Shades of Gray (new team in 2022), Alibi's Bar & Grill, Lakewood Bears, Lucketta Legends and Dog Soldiers/Aqua San (new team in 2022).

D Division (8 teams)- Internationals, Malley Cats, 2nd Time Sports, Castle Rockers, Broomfield Bobcats (were Mercedes Benz of Westminster in 2021), Mavericks, Westminster Warriors, and Boulder Blues 50s.

E Division (8 teams)- Hector's Elders (new team in 2022), Lakewood Eagles (Hawks in 2021), Lakewood Cougars, Greeley Shockers, Malty Dogs, Juggernauts, Westminster Silver Foxes, and Louisville Sluggers(playing in 2022 after not playing in the second half of 2021).

Post Meeting Note: On April 21, Greeley Rec advised that the Shockers team would not be playing in 2022. The Board made a decision to handle the E Division as a seven team division for the first half of the season.

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 and The Boys 70s (new team in 2022). Lower Group would be Louisville Lightning (new team in 2022), IDM (was Scrap Iron Red in 2021), Greys (was Scrap Iron Grey in 2021) and Hector's 70s. It was agreed that a "run equalization" process would be used in the Gold Division, where the Aurora Scrap Iron and The Boys 70s teams would give 1 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)- Erie Outlaws, Colorado Cougars, Greeley Dinosaurs, Aurora Grillers, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs (were VitaMen in 2021), and Agents.

70's Bronze Division (6 teams)- Louisville Eagles, Golden Oldies, Boulder Blues 70s, Broomfield Renegades, Castle ROCKS and Broomfield Brooms.

7. 2022 Regular Season Matters:

- Screen Addendum to Rules- Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout, a draft of the Screen Addendum with minor revisions from last year, and stated that he would send out to the managers in the next note, plus post it on the website.

- COVID 19 Policy- Discussion was held on whether to have a specific CSSA policy in 2022. 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 early April, 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 2021.
- 8. Tournament Plan/Discussion:** Harbour stated that the current plan at this point is to have the 70s tournament at Broomfield on Monday, August 22 and Wednesday, August 24, and the B-E Tournament at Shaeffer on August 29-31, and Sept 1. Harbour stated that the plan, schedules and format would follow the same as in 2021. Harbour will coordinate efforts in developing plans for both tournaments.
- 9. 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.
- 10. OTHER:**
 - Harbour advised of a contact by a company, Element 3, that works with health insurance companies, e.g. United HealthCare, and provides organizations like CSSA an opportunity to receive funds due to members/players participating in CSSA activities. Information at this time is sketchy and Harbour will follow-up as he gathers more info and report at the next Board meeting.
 - Related to the item above, the discussion on the 2022 budget earlier and previous discussions at meetings, Harbour is looking for ways to generate funding for CSSA such as donations, grants, etc. Gorham asked about possibly selling items such as hats, etc.
- 11. 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. 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.
- 12. Adjournment:** Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Childs.
Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 4-7-22
Minutes approved at the CSSA Board meeting on 6-16-22.