

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- September 9, 2021**  
**Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Beau Bressler, Kent Gorham, Ernie Brady and Bob Schwartz  
Board members absent: Ray Childs and Dave Adams
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 19, 2021 Board Meeting:** Schwartz motioned that the minutes of the meetings be approved, seconded by Bressler, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout which shows the updated 2021 Revenue/Expenses that are available and estimates for a few items not yet available. Harbour will update the sheet when the final numbers are in for the field rental, League and Tournament shirts, and miscellaneous expenses. However, the end-of-year balance number shown, ~\$3,500 should be pretty close to the final balance for the year. Harbour also stated that he had submitted a request to Chevron (his previous employer) for the \$1,000 donation/grant which should be granted based on his volunteer hours for CSSA as a non-profit organization and that will help with the final balance amount. Harbour commented that the numbers clearly show that an increase in the team fee for 2022 is definitely needed, at least \$200 per team, maybe more.

**Tournaments Report / Review:** Harbour mentioned that the two 2021 end-of-season tournaments generally went smoothly, using the same format and schedules as in previous years. The 70's tournament, using four four-team groups worked well after the withdrawal of the Woodley's (Longmont) team after the original schedules were done. There were a few issues as follows: 1) There was one player ejection in the 70's tournament on Monday, Joe Carabello for the Hector's 70's team, for arguing with the umpire about a foul ball. This occurred in their first game of the day and he was ineligible for their second game that day; 2) There was an ejection the following week on Wednesday, Joe Dichristofaro of the Internationals team, where an argument ensued and he "charged" an opposing player. This occurred in the last game of the tournament for both involved teams. Some brief discussion was held based on the limited information available and it was decided that more information needed to be collected to evaluate the incident and determine if further action by the Board is needed. Harbour will follow up on the incident in the Internationals versus the Lakewood Bears tournament game where a player was ejected. Gorham commented that there was no 175' line marked on the fields and that we should ask Foothills to mark that line in the future.

- 5. League and Tournament Awards (T-shirts) Update:** Harbour reported that the T-shirts orders (341 League and 195 Tournament Champs shirts) from the teams had been received and that he would be placing the order with the supplier in the next day or so.

**7. Fall Manager's Meeting:** Harbour stated that he planned to have the Fall Managers Meeting this year in October and would try to arrange to have it at the Denver Elks Club as has been done for many years. The main purpose of this Fall Managers Meeting is to address any motions for changes to the rules and to elect members of the Board of Directors. Harbour stated that format, forms for submissions and the handout package at the meeting would be the same as in previous years. Some discussion was held. Harbour advised that the notice of the meeting and information will be sent to all 2021 managers when plans are finalized.

**8. Discussion Items/Rules Changes- Board Position:** Harbour referred to several items or motions for discussion, on whether to be considered at the Managers meeting:

**- Rule 7.2a/7.2a,1/7.2a,2/7.2b,1/7.2b,2- on Postponements/Cancellations/Forfeits-**

Harbour led a discussion on these rules which came into play several times during the year, mainly driven by cases where teams were short of players because many were out-of-town at tournaments in various locations. A detailed discussion was held with a number of points made by all attendees/ Gorham commented that he had done a re-write and would send to Board members. Further work is needed on this issue and Harbour will coordinate the Board's position.

**- Ejection Rule (11.4)-** Harbour stated that the current CSSA rules do not specifically address the situation where a player, who plays on both a B-E Division team and a 70's team, is ejected from a game, then the question becomes is the player ineligible for the next double-header of the team he was playing for when ejected only, or for both that team and the other team that he plays for. A discussion was held covering many details and related issues. Bressler will send some info related to this issue to all Board members. Harbour will follow up on potential revised language for this rule, or situation.

**- Roster Change Deadline date- Rule 2.2a-** As a follow-up to discussions at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, Harbour led a brief discussion on whether the rule, or change deadline date, should be changed. He opined that the existing rule is working well at this time and that he did not feel any need to change it. A brief discussion was held and all agreed that language should be added to the Roster rule that players must provide an ID to prove their identity. Also, it was noted that the rule regarding jerseys should be stressed to all teams.

**- Game times/Time Limit/1-1 Count/Umpires Cost/availability- Rule 7.6-** Harbour stated that there are problems with getting umpires for our games; umpire agencies are having trouble getting people to do our games, etc. and it is all primarily due to CSSA games not having any time limits, and that some games drag on for extended time periods of time. A discussion was held regarding various related matters, i.e. start with a 1-1 count, time limits on games similar to what is done in the end-of-season tournaments, and other things that can be done to speed up the total time required to complete the CSSA double-headers. It was agreed in principle that CSSA should move to time limits on games and to start batters with a 1-1 count. Harbour will develop a "rule" to replace the part of the current Rule 7.6 that states "There is no time limit on CSSA league games." for review by Board members. The intent here is to have a revised "rule" to present to all at the Fall Managers Meeting in October.

- **Revise 175' Line rule?- Rule 3.6a, 175' Line In the Outfield (ALL DIVISIONS, except 70's)**- Harbour stated that he had placed this item on the agenda because it is something that always comes up with managers, and asked if there was any interest in changing this rule. A brief discussion was held and there was agreement that the Board would not submit a motion to change the rule at this time.

**9. Board Vacancies/Nominations:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout which outlined the current status of the CSSA Board positions as of October, i.e. that three Manager/Player Board members will complete a two-year term as follows- Schwartz (2<sup>nd</sup> term), Adams (1<sup>st</sup> term) and Childs (1<sup>st</sup> term). Also, that Bressler will complete his second two year term as a Rec Center Rep. Hufford stated that he would be moving back to Wyoming and he would be resigning his position on the Board. Therefore, there are two Rec Center Rep and three Manager/Player Rep Board positions open. Adams and Childs had stated at the August Board meeting that they are willing to serve another two year term, so there are two nominees for the open Manager/Player positions, and thus there is a need for one new nominee for the Manager/Player Rep position and two new nominees for the Rec Center rep positions. A brief discussion was held on potential candidates for these open positions. Harbour will follow up on these matters with Board members as required. Harbour then thanked Hufford for all his efforts as a Board member as well as his work on the 70's tournament and with the teams at Broomfield during 2021.

**10. MISCELLANEOUS:**

- Board and Managers Meetings- No discussion on this subject as time was running out.  
- 2022 General Plan- A brief discussion was held regarding the plan for 2022, mainly the issue of umpires, time limits, etc.

**11. OTHER:**

- There were no "Other" issues raised.

**12. Assign Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan Timeline Duties:** Harbour stated that all action items and duties had been covered or are in progress.

**13. Next Meetings:** Harbour stated that he wanted to have a Fall Managers Meeting in October and will be developing plans a meeting at the Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Denver. Harbour stated that the next regular Board meeting after the Managers meeting would be in January 2020, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2022 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which most likely will be held in early March 2022.

**14. Adjournment:** Bressler motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Brady and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 09-09-21

Minutes to be approved by the CSSA Board at the next Board meeting.