

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 24, 2021
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Beau Bressler, Bob Schwartz, Ernie Brady, Ray Childs and Kent Gorham
Board members absent: Dave Adams
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Clayton Hufford, Broomfield Rec attended as a guest.
3. **Approval of Minutes, April 9, 2021 Board Meeting:** Schwartz motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Childs and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report/Year's Finances & Estimated Budget:** Harbour stated all team fees have been paid and referred to a sheet in the handout, an estimated budget for 2021 done in March, and stated that he would update the estimate to reflect the lower number of teams playing in 2021 and paying team fees. He further stated that there would definitely be a need to increase the team fee for 2022.
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 23rd. As there has been so many postponements of games, and that there are numerous make-ups planned, the final decision on winners of the divisions will be done once make-up results are received. Harbour will communicate with Board members via e-mail and decide on the winners. Harbour also raised the issue of postponed games that were not being handled per rules, i.e. teams just letting any efforts towards makeups slide, and recommended that in situations where the results would impact the final results and standings, and thus the determination of the winners of divisions, that he coordinate and push for a resolution per rules. Some discussion was held and there was general agreement to this approach.
6. **Teams in Divisions, 2nd Half-** Harbour provided a Cumulative Standings sheet for the 1st half for all divisions, which included W-L record, "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against) and Differential for each team. Using the 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 division was determined as listed below.
Note: The alignment of the 70's divisions was done earlier via e-mail exchanges between Harbour and Board members.
70's Gold/Upper (2 teams)- Woodley's and Aurora Scrap Iron.
70's Gold/Lower (4 teams)- Scrap Iron Red, Hector's, Louisville Eagles and Erie Outlaws. The Upper and Lower teams will be scheduled against each other.
Note: With the make-up of the Gold Upper and Lower groups providing six teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the Upper teams

giving 1 run per inning played to the Lower teams as an equalizer when they play, so as much as seven runs per game if seven innings are played.

70's Silver (6 teams)- Colorado Cougars, Youngevity VitaMen, Greeley Dinosaurs, Scrap Iron Grey, Boulder Older Blues, and Aurora Grillers.

70's Bronze (6 teams)- Agents, Castle ROCKS, Golden Oldies, Broomfield Brooms, Broomfield Renegades and Blue Jays.

B-1 Division (3 teams)- Wendy's Bombers, Colorado Home Fitness and Renegades.

B-2 Division (5 teams)- Border Burger Bar, Evergreen Knights, Denver Eagles, Northern Colorado Select and Frontier Club

Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 providing eight teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 1 run per inning in innings 2 through 6, so a total of five runs in most games, to the B-2 teams as an equalizer when they play.

C-1 Division (8 teams)- Ace Hi, Broomfield Blaze, Evergreen Mountain Men, The Boys, Diamonds, Hector's, Louisville Coyotes and Castle Rockies.

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Alibi's Bar & Grill, Woodley's, Erie Miners, Lucketta Legends, The Internationals, MPI Mechanical Piping, Aurora Hammers and Lakewood Bears.

D Division (8 teams)- Malley Cats, Boulder Blues, 2nd Time Sports, Mavericks, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Castle Rockers, Lakewood Hawks and Westminster Warriors.

E Division (8 teams)- Westminster Silver Foxes, Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Lakewood Cougars, Juggernauts, Greeley Shockers, Blue Jays, Louisville Sluggers and Malty Dogs

7. Updates and Issues:

- **Tournament Plan/Discussion-** Harbour gave an update on the tournament plans for the 70's and the B-E Divisions. The 70's tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 23rd and Wednesday, August 25th, at Broomfield Community Park, 280 Spader Way, Broomfield. The B-E Divisions tournament is scheduled for August 30 & 31 and September 1 & 2 at the Dan Schaefer Athletic Complex, 9750 W Hampden Ave., Lakewood. Harbour has scheduled the fields at Schaefer and Broomfield. Harbour will keep Board members advised prior to the next Board meeting in August. Harbour stated that the decision on how to divide the 70's teams into the groups for the tournament, and the schedule for the tournament, will need to be made before the next Board meeting on August 19th, as the 70s tournament starts on Aug. 23rd and teams need to be notified of their schedule earlier than that. Harbour noted that he would be asking Board members for assistance for coverage of the tent/headquarters during the tournaments.
- **Incident- Woodley's at Hector's (70's teams) on June 16; non-approved bat:** Discussed details of the incident that had been communicated and decided via e-mail. The Hector's player with the non-approved bat, Stephen Gallegos, was not eligible for the team's next double-header (played on June 23rd) per Rule 11.4, plus

Harbour had sent a written warning to the team's manager regarding the incident and the behavior of team members following the umpire's decision.

- **Incident- Louisville Sluggers at Blue Jays on June 16; player behavior:** Harbour presented information to attendees regarding an incident at the Louisville Sluggers at Blue Jays games at Addenbrooke Park on June 16, where a Louisville player, Jack Hearon, was ejected from the second game of the day because of his behavior and particularly his language on the field, in the dugout and into the parking lot after his ejection. Because of all the uproar on this incident, the umpire called the second game and awarded a forfeit win to the Blue Jays. The information was gathered from Bernie Lombardi (Louisville manager), Bill Fleming (Blue Jays manager) and some reported information from the umpire involved. Board members discussed the matter, with the question of whether Hearon should receive penalties beyond being ineligible to play in the team's next double-header per Rule 11.4, and after a comprehensive discussion, it was decided that Hearon would be ineligible for two double-headers (four games). Harbour will communicate the decision of the Board to Lombardi who will advise Hearon.
- **Vacant Board Position- Rec Center Rep:** Harbour explained the situation with the vacant Rec Center Rep Board position created when Jeff Sweet completed his second full two-year term in October 2020, and the position was not filled at that time for several reasons. After a brief discussion, Harbour proposed that the Board fill the position by appointing Clayton Hufford, Broomfield Recreation Coordinator to the position. As Hufford was present in the meeting, and agreed to serve in the position, it was agreed unanimously by all Board members. Hufford will serve the term of the vacant position which will expire in October 2022.

8. 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:

- Brady raised a question regarding the CSSA rule on bats (Rule 5.4) and showed some pictures of markings on some bats- USSSA, ASA, USA- commenting that the entire issue is confusing. Some discussion was held. Harbour stated that the existing Rule 5.4 needs to be revised and updated, and the current language was created a number of years ago when USSSA changed their markings. Since then, ASA has changed the name of their organization (to USA Softball) and has a new marking for their approved bats. It was agreed that the Board would propose a rule change for the October meeting (assuming there is one) to update and revise Rule 5.4.
- Brady asked about all the things that must be done to conduct the business of the league. This started a discussion of how most things are done or coordinated by Harbour without a lot of involvement and knowledge of Board members. Harbour referred to an old listing that he had, a "timeline of duties" that needs to be updated. Brady volunteered to help on this so it was agreed that Harbour and Brady would work on this effort.

- Gorham raised a question about the normal start time of 9:00 AM for games and the problems that this created in that a decision has to be made as to whether the fields are playable. A discussion ensued about this causing game to be cancelled early on game day mornings, sometimes even the day before, and then later the field is playable but the games are lost for that day. Later start times may help here. It was agreed that Board members would do some checking with Rec Center Reps on this matter, get feedback and coordinate a possible change in the current procedure with the goal of not having as many cancelled games on days when games could be played. Harbour will coordinate feedback and advise all.

11. Next Meeting: Harbour asked if attendees wanted to set the next Board meeting soon after the end of the regular scheduled games on August 18th. It was agreed that the next meeting will be on Thursday, August 19th with a 12:30 PM start, at the Broomfield Community Center. Hufford will reserve a room for the meeting. The primary purpose of that meeting is to establish the groups for the B-E Divisions tournament that starts on August 30th. The 70's tournament groups will be handled via e-mail immediately after the last 70's games on August 16th.

12. Adjournment: Schwartz motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Brady. Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-24-21.

Minutes approved at the CSSA Board meeting on Aug 19, 2021.