

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- February 3, 2022
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Ernie Brady, Ray Childs, Kent Gorham, Dave Adams, Jenna Biedenfeld and Daniel Garcia. Board members absent: Jim Mieras.
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Hannah Tuomi from the Broomfield Recreation attended the meeting.
- 3. Welcome New Board Members/Confirm Board Listing:** Harbour noted that Biedenfeld and Garcia were elected at the October 2021 Managers Meeting. Harbour welcomed them as new members of the Board. Also, Mieras was also elected but was unable to make this meeting as he is in Arizona. Adams and Childs were elected for their second term. Harbour noted that he had removed Enilio Sanelli from the Board listing as the Commissioner Emeritas as he passed away on January 20.
- 4. Approval of Minutes, Sept. 9, 2021 Board and Oct. 22, 2021 Managers Meetings:** Brief discussion on the minutes. Garcia motioned to approve the minutes, second by Brady and approved unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report/Financial Status/Budget/Team Fees/Charges for softballs/jackets:** Harbour referred to the spreadsheet in the handout for the meeting with a column with a "Budget Estimate" for 2022. Harbour used rough numbers at this point in time, and included a \$200 team fee, an increase from the \$175 fee that has been charged since 2009. The charge for a set of 14 softballs would be \$48.00 in 2022, an increase from \$42.60 due to an increase in the cost of balls this year. Charges for CSSA jackets will be approximately the same as in years past. Discussion was held. Harbour noted that Mieras had expressed concern that the estimate shows a deficit for 2022, and agreed that this was not the best situation, but recommended that the team fee (CSSA primary revenue source) be \$200 for 2022, and that he would look for ways to trim costs such that any deficit would be less. There was general agreement with this plan.
- 6. Review Fall Managers Meeting- plus/minus:** Harbour asked for any comments regarding the Fall Managers Meeting in October, anything good or bad from the meeting. Gorham commented on a statement made by an attendee about how some E Division teams have at least two or three really good players and how he was concerned about getting his pitcher injured. A brief discussion was held on this, and the use, or non-use of the screen for pitcher's protection. Harbour stated that he will again stress the use of the screen at the upcoming Managers meeting. Harbour also commented that he thought the discussion on the B1/B2 alignment/equalization could have been done at the end of the meeting

as there were many attendees who were not involved in the discussion and felt as they were wasting their time sitting and listening to it all.

- 7. Plans for the 2022 Season: All items below were discussed in the meeting- options, advantages, disadvantages, etc., using information in handout attachments, and agreement was reached as summarized in the notes below>**
- Important Dates- Agreed to the option of regular season games starting on Monday, April 18th for the 70's Divisions (two weeks earlier than B-E Divisions to offset the Memorial Day holiday on May 30 and the July 4th Holiday) and Wednesday, May 4 for the B-E Divisions games. A copy of the Important Dates listing will be sent to all 2021 managers and Rec Center Reps in the next few days and posted on the CSSA website.
 - Rule changes: Harbour stated that the RULES for 2021 will be updated based on the two motions that passed at the Fall Managers Meeting- the 175' line for the 70's divisions and a minor revision to the home run rule.
 - Board Changes- Code of Conduct- Agreed on the one game suspension on an ejection due to a "simple" action, and review and decision by the Board on more serious actions. Serious violations and a second ejection could result in suspension of all further participation in league games for the remainder of the season. Harbour and Gorham will finalize the Code as a separate document as soon as possible.
 - Board Changes- Rule 2.2a, Rosters- Agreed to add sentence that says managers will have a copy of their Roster available at games, and that players must provide ID if required.
 - Board Changes- Rule 5.4 BATS- Agreed to revise rule with brief and pointed listing of approved/allowed bats, line about modified or altered bats, and the penalty for using a bat that is NOT ALLOWED.
 - Board Changes- Rule 7.2, Postponements/Cancellations- Agreed with revised rule as written, which is basically the same as previous rule with some minor language clean-ups.
 - Board Changes- Rule 7.6, Length of Game- Agreed to revise old rule to now include starting with a 1-1 count and limit any extra inning games to only one extra inning. Agreed not to put a time limit on regular season games at this time, but will consider in the future if needed.
 - Discussion on alignment/equalization schemes for B1/2 (and 70's Gold) Divisions- Follow-up discussion on this subject from the Fall Managers Meeting, the information that Mark Gembarowski did by working with the B1/2 managers and input from Board members on the matter. Brady presented a spreadsheet with "data" from the 2021 B1/B games showing winning margins by the B1 teams. Harbour stated that there will be more discussion on this matter at the next Board meeting when teams are placed in the divisions and any equalization scheme will need to be developed and agreed.
 - 2022 Tournament Venues & Director- Harbour briefly stated that the end-of-season tournaments will be held on the dates agreed above, and that he would be planning and working with the appropriate people for the 70's Divisions Tournament at Broomfield and the B-E Divisions Tournament at Schaefer as had been done in previous years.

- SSUSA Insurance / Directors and Officers Insurance- Harbour mentioned that he would plan to purchase the same liability insurances as has been done in previous years. All agreed.
- 8. Spring Managers Meeting content/assignments:** Harbour stated that the handout package for the managers at the Spring Managers Meeting will be similar to previous years. Harbour will contact Board members via e-mail prior to the meeting to organize assignments for the meeting.
- 9. Miscellaneous- Discuss/Update Items:** Harbour gave quick updates on the following items.
- Softball order- Harbour advised that the order for softballs had been placed in September 2021 and that he was arranging delivery before the Managers Meeting.
 - Harbour filed the 990-N income tax return with the IRS for the 2021 CSSA financial year.
 - Harbour stated that he had filed the annual report for CSSA with the Colorado Secretary of State's office, and paid the \$10 fee using his personal credit card, which will be reimbursed some time later.
 - Harbour mentioned a need to come up with locations for the Board meeting as Broomfield has a limit on the number of times that their facilities can be used, and said that he had spoken with Garcia about possibly using his location in Westminster. Gorham suggested that an outdoor meeting in a local park be considered. Firm plans will be developed at a later date.
 - Publicity- Harbour advised the meeting that he will be submitting an article to a number of local papers (Denver Post/Your Hub, Prime Time for Seniors, Community Media and 50+ MarketPlace News), as well as sending the article to the Rec Center Reps.
 - CSSA Day at Coors Field- Harbour advised that he had agreed with the Rockies on Sunday, June 5 (Atlanta) and Thursday, July 14 (San Diego). Harbour will advise managers and others when details are available regarding obtaining tickets which will be done online this year.
- 10. OTHER:** Harbour asked if there were any other issues that needed to be raised.
- Gorham raised an issue of many fields not having the 175' line marked. Some discussion was held, and Harbour stated that he would push this with Rec Centers to see if they could do more. Tuomi commented that Broomfield had changed their "ladies line" to 200'. Harbour will follow up on this issue
- 11. Assign Jan/Feb/March Timeline Duties:** Harbour stated that he felt as though all matters have been taken care of, or are in progress, and there was no need to review the master list, and further stated that he would be working on a revision to the master list.
- 12. Next Meetings:**
- The Spring Managers Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2020, at the Denver Elks Club.

- Harbour stated that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting will be scheduled a couple of days after the deadline for Team Registration in early April. Location and date/time to be determined and advised.

13. Adjournment: Adams motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Childs. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 2-3-22