

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

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Kent Gorham, Bob Schwartz, Dave Adams and Jim Mieras.
Board members absent: Ray Childs
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 18, 2022 Board Meeting:** Schwartz motioned that the minutes of the meetings be approved, seconded by Mieras, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout which shows the updated 2022 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 numbers shown, i.e. ~\$4,000 net for the year and a balance at year-end of ~9,000 should be in the ballpark for final 2022 numbers. Harbour pointed out that the 2022 finances are very much driven by a large anonymous donation of \$5,000 and the expected donation from Chevron of \$1,000, and without these donations there would have been a "loss" of about \$1500 to \$2000. Harbour stated that he would submit 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. A review of the estimate and a discussion was held, leading to a motion by Mieras to increase the team fee for the 2023 season from \$200 per team to \$225. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 5. Tournaments Report / Review:** Harbour mentioned that the two 2022 end-of-season tournaments generally went smoothly, using the same format and schedules as in previous years. Harbour again raised the issue of Broomfield Rec notifying CSSA that if CSSA planned to have the 70's tournament at Broomfield, then there would significant increase in charges. This issue has been discussed in previous meetings and will need to be addressed.
- 6. League and Tournament Awards (T-shirts) Update:** Harbour reported that the T-shirts orders (283 League and 202 Tournament Champs shirts) from the teams had been received and that he had placed the order with the supplier
- 7. Board Vacancies/Nominations:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout giving the Board status, which shows that the election in October would need to fill two Rec Center Rep and two Manager/Player positions. Discussion was held regarding potential nominees for the open positions. Harbour will follow up with Board members to develop a slate of candidates before the Managers meeting in October.

- 8. Fall Manager's Meeting:** Harbour stated that he planned to have the Fall Managers Meeting on October 21st and had reserved the Denver Elks Club. 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 managers had been advised of the date of the meeting, and that the official notice of the meeting and information will be sent to all 2022 managers and Rec Center Reps within the next week.
- 9. 2023 General Plan; Hot Issues:** Harbour lead a discussion on several issues that will be important for the 2023 season, mainly costs and umpires. Costs and charges were discussed in Item 4. above and don't need further discussion. The problems with umpires during the 2022 season and anticipated future issues were discussed. While there were various opinions expressed, it was agreed to address these matters in 2023, after getting more info, seeing what comes from the Managers Meeting and dealing with these matters as needed.
- 10. Discussion Items/Rules Changes- Board's Position on these matters:** Harbour lead a discussion on several matters that may come up with rule change motions and discussion at the Fall Meeting so as to get input from Board members. Issues were a) Runners from Home Plate; b) Game times/Time Limits/1-1 count; and c) 175' Line. Will wait to see what comes up and address as needed.
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS:**
- Board and Managers Meetings- No discussion on this subject as time was running out.
- 12. OTHER:**
- Harbour referred to the issue that Gorham had raised in the August Board meeting regarding a foul tip caught on the waste foul. Harbour stated that he had researched the matter and believes that Rule 10.2 regarding a "Foul Tip" should be revised to read "The ball is dead on all foul tips and the batter is out if it is the third/**last** strike." Brief discussion was held. Harbour will revise Rule 10.2 for the 2023 Rules.
- Harbour advised attendees about the situation where Broomfield Rec has stated that they plan to charge CSSA their full field rental charge in 2023. Harbour and Gorham have discussed the matter and plan to meet with Broomfield people to discuss further. If they hold with their plan, then the costs for the 70's tournament (which has been held in Broomfield for years with very low costs) would be significantly more, and that other options for the 70's tournament would have to be considered. Harbour and Gorham will follow up on this issue.
- 13. Assign Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan Timeline Duties:** Harbour stated that all action items and duties had been covered or are in progress.
- 14. Next Meetings:** Harbour stated that the Fall Managers Meeting would be scheduled for Friday, October 21st at the Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Avenue, Denver. Harbour stated that the next regular Board meeting after the Managers meeting would be in

January 2023, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2023 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which most likely will be held in early March 2023.

15. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Gorham and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 09-07-22

Minutes approved by the CSSA Board at the January 27, 2023 meeting.