

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- August 18, 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, Bob Schwartz, Kent Gorham, Jim Mieras and Ray Childs. The two Rec Center Rep Board positions are vacant due to the resignation of Jenna Biedenfeld in June and Daniel Garcia in August.

Board Members absent: Dave Adams

- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Harbour introduced Frank Yost, manager of the Boulder Blues 50's team.

- 3. Determine Tournament Groups- 70's Divisions (18 of 18 teams participating) & B-E Divisions (36 of 37 teams participating)**

For 70's Tournament: Harbour referred to the previous exchanges via e-mail regarding how to divide the eighteen 70's teams playing in the tournament, where it had been decided to divide the 18 teams as follows:

Group 1 (3 teams)- The Boys 70's, Aurora Scrap Iron, and Louisville Lightning.

Group 2 (5 teams)- Hector's 70's, IDM, Greys, Erie Outlaws and Greeley Dinosaurs.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs, Colorado Cougars, Agents, Boulder Blues 70's and Castle ROCKS.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Aurora Grillers, Broomfield Brooms, Golden Oldies, Broomfield Renegades and Louisville Eagles.

Schedules for the 70's tournament had been sent to all teams/managers on Tuesday, August 16th.

For the B-E Divisions Tournament- Harbour provided Standings sheets for the 2nd half, and another sheet showing the "cumulative" listing of teams from the top teams in B-1 to the bottom teams in E, which included "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against), Runs Differential for each team, and notations on Forfeit wins/Losses. Harbour noted that the 36 teams (one team not participating in the tournament- Louisville Sluggers) would need to be divided into groups in such a way as to provide competitive games as much as possible. Using the records/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 Tournament Group was determined as listed below:

Group 1 (3 teams)- Colorado Home Fitness, Wendy's Bombers and Garretson's Sports- These three teams will play a double round robin on Monday and Wednesday.

Group 2 (5 teams)- Renegades, Evergreen Knights, Denver Eagles, MI Sports and Evergreen Mountain Men.

Group 3 (5 teams)- Northern Colorado Select, Ace Hi, Broomfield Blaze, Hector's 50's, and The Boys 50's.

Group 4 (5 teams)- Dog Soldiers, Louisville Coyotes, Lakewood Bears, Castle Rockers, and Mavericks.

Group 5 (5 teams)- Shades of Gray, Castle Rockies, Diamonds, Lucketta Legends and 2nd Time Sports.

Group 6 (5 teams)- Alibi's Bar & Grill, Erie Caruso Crushers, Westminster Warriors, Boulder Blues 50's and Westminster Silver Foxes.

Group 7 (5 teams)- Broomfield Bobcats, Lakewood Eagles, Internationals, Malley Cats and Lakewood Cougars.

Group 8 (3 teams)- Juggernauts, Malty Dogs and Hector's Elders.

4. Approval of Minutes- June 16, 2022 Board Meeting: Harbour referred to the minutes of meeting held on June 16th that he had been sent to Board members earlier. Mieras motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Childs and approved unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report/Financial Status: Harbour stated that the 2022 financial situation has not changed since the last estimate done earlier, and that he would update the budget estimate after the tournaments for discussion at the next meeting. Harbour advised of issues related to the CSSA jackets order this year due to supply chain issues, availability of the standard CSSA jacket, etc.

6. Review 2nd Half standings and determine winners of each division-

Harbour referred to the Standings sheet in the handout showing games played through August 17th, and discussed the winners for each division except the B-1 and B-2, where there are makeups that will be played before the 'final' standings can be determined. Harbour will follow-up on the B-1 and B-2 issue with the Board, and will then notify the winning teams and send forms to managers for them to order their 'CHAMPS' shirts.

Harbour advised of a request from a team that 2nd place teams in divisions where there was a repeat winner be awarded Champs shirts. Discussion was held and agreed that this would not be done.

7. Miscellaneous – Updates / Issues

- **Tournament Updates-** Harbour stated that both tournaments, the 70s and B-E Divisions were set as follows:

- The 70's tournament will be held at Community Park in Broomfield on Monday, August 22nd and Wednesday, August 24th, with 18 teams participating. One three team group and three five team groups have been scheduled. Best record with tie-breakers will decide the winner of each group.

- The B-E Divisions tournament will be held at the Daniel Schaefer Complex in Lakewood on August 29th, 30th, 31st and Sept. 1st, with four days and time slots as was done in previous years to fit the number of groups. As one of the current 37 B-E teams is not participating, the tournament will have 36 teams divided into groups as described above. All arrangements are made.

- **Board Positions/nominations/etc.- Status-** Harbour referred attendees to the sheet in the handout with information on the Board positions status, and stated that there would be two Manager/Player positions and two rec Center Rep positions to be filled in the election at the October Managers meeting. Some discussion was held regarding possible candidates for the Rec Center positions. Childs mentioned a new person at Golden Rec who could be a candidate. Harbour stated that he would follow-up on all of this and asked attendees to advise him of any candidates for these nominations.

- **League and Tournaments Awards-** Harbour advised that the plan is to provide T-shirts to winners of the divisions in the regular season and of the groups in the tournaments again this year.
- **Motions for October Fall Managers Meeting-** Harbour asked if there were any issues/motions that Board members wanted to raise at the meeting. Brief discussion was held, and Harbour stated that more discussion would be held at the September Board meeting, on these issues:

8. Assign August/September timeline duties (any not covered above): Harbour stated that all August and September matters were either in progress or planned.

9. OTHER: Other matters for discussion-

- Gorham raised a question regarding a foul tip being caught on the 3rd strike and the confusion on whether the batter is 'out' or if it would be considered the waste foul allowed when using the 1-1 starting count. Gorham feels that some clarification needs to be added to the current CSSA rules.
- Future tournament issues- Harbour gave some background on the 70's tournament history in Broomfield, i.e. that the tournament was held there for years with no cost to CSSA. After Robin Garneau retired in early 2020, changes came and in 2021 (no season in 2020 due to COVID), CSSA paid for the prep of the fields at \$34 per field per day, so a total of \$272. Broomfield has advised that they will charge that same amount for the 2022 70's tournament but that CSSA should plan to pay more in 2023, for field prep, field rental and bases rental, which would result in a significant increase in the total costs to have the tournament at Broomfield. With all of that, options will need to be investigated.
- Related to the info above on Broomfield, Harbour and Gorham have been in discussion on tournament venues, and Gorham presented his thoughts on the B-E Divisions tournament location, i.e. Schaefer Complex, where the B-E tournament has been held for years. Gorham stated that Schaefer is not an acceptable location and gave a number of issues- a lack of shade, condition of the fields particularly the batters boxes, etc. Discussion was held on the overall matter and situation and many ideas were put forward. Harbour will follow-up with all on the matter and develop a plan to address the issues.
- Harbour mentioned the ongoing issues of reports of non-approved bats being used in CSSA games. Discussion was held. Mieras suggested that pictures of the approved stamps be included in the Rules section on bats. Follow-up is required.

10. Next Meetings: The next Board meeting will be scheduled in September and the Fall Managers Meeting will be scheduled in late October. Harbour will communicate with Board members on firm dates and times.

11. Adjournment: Childs motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Mieras. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 08-18-22.

Minutes approved by CSSA Board at the CSSA Board meeting on Sept 7, 2022