

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

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Bob Schwartz, Dave Adams, Beau Bressler, Ernie Brady, Ray Childs and Kent Gorham
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** Clayton Hufford, a new representative of the Broomfield Recreation, attended as a guest.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, March 6, 2020 Spring Managers meeting:** Bressler made a motion that the minutes of the meeting be approved, seconded by Adams, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report /Budget Issues:** Harbour referred to a spreadsheet in the handout, a 2021 estimated budget done in mid-March, which showed a balance of ~\$3,330 at the end of 2021, and noted that the balance would likely be less due to having less teams registered than was used when the estimate was developed. Discussions were held on the budget issues. Conclusion is that fees will need to be increased for 2022, most likely to at least \$200 per team, up from \$175 per team that has been in place since 2009. More work will be done on this issue.
- 5. Review Registrations/Determine Divisions/Assign Teams to Divisions:**

Harbour advised that for 2021 there are 18 70's Division teams (up from 17 in 2019), and 41 B-E Division teams (down from 45 in the second half of 2019). Harbour mentioned options for dividing the 41 teams, led a discussion on the options and then led an exercise of placing teams into divisions using the 2019 2nd half records, the 2019 tournament results, information from the Team Registration forms, and information from all attendees at the meeting. The results of the exercise as follows:

B-1 Division (3 teams)- Wendy's Bombers Longmont Bombers in 2019), Colorado Home Fitness and Border Burger Bar (PDC Colorado in 2019).

B-2 Division (4 teams)- Denver Eagles, Frontier Club, Northern Colorado Select and Evergreen Knights.

Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 providing seven teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 5 runs to the B-2 teams as an equalizer when they play, and that the B-1 team will be the home team for both games of the doubleheader.

C-1 Division (6 teams)- Evergreen Mountain Men, Broomfield Blaze (Bulls in 2019), The Boys, Ace Hi, Diamonds and Renegades (new team in 2021).

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Alibi's Bar & Grill, Louisville Coyotes, Hector's, Golden Eagles, Erie Miners, Castle Rockies, Lucketta Legends (Havoline Xpress Lube in 2019) and Woodley's (new team in 2021)

Post Meeting Note: On April 19, the Golden Eagles manager, Rod Switzer, advised that they did not have enough players and would not be able to field a

team in 2021. The Board made a decision to handle the C-2 Division as a seven team division for the first half of the season.

D-1 Division (6 teams)- Internationals, MPI Mechanical Piping (Local 46 in 2019), Malley Cats, 2nd Time Sports, Boulder Blues, and Aurora Hammers.

D-2 Division (8 teams)- Mavericks, Westminster Silver Foxes, Lakewood Bears, Castle Rockers, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Lakewood Cougars, Lakewood Hawks, and Broomfield Screaming Eagles.

E Division (6 teams)- Maly Dogs, Greeley Shockers, Juggernauts, Westminster Warriors, Louisville Sluggers and Blue Jays.

Discussion was held on how to align the 18 70's teams so as to create as competitive groups as possible due the wide variation in the abilities of the 70's teams. After much discussion on various options, alignments, etc., it was agreed to organize the 70's teams as below:

70's Gold Division, 6 teams split into Upper and Lower groups- Upper Group would be Woodley's (Longmont Lightning in 2019), and Aurora Scrap Iron. Lower Group would be Scrap Iron Red, Colorado Cougars, VitaMen and Hector's. It was agreed that a "run equalization" process would be used in the Gold Division, where the Woodley's and Aurora Scrap Iron teams would give up to 7 runs (1 run per inning played) to the Lower Group teams and that the two teams giving the equalization runs would always be the home team in both games of the doubleheader.

70's Silver Division (6 teams)- Greeley Dinosaurs (Wheeler Management in 2019), Louisville Eagles, Agents (Subway in 2019), Castle ROCKS, Erie Outlaws and Scrap Iron Grey (new team in 2021).

70's Bronze Division (6 teams)- Blue Jays, Golden Oldies, Aurora Grillers, Boulder Older Blues, Broomfield Renegades and Broomfield Brooms (Wit & Grit in 2019).

6. 2021 Regular Season:

- COVID 19 Policy- Members present discussed the draft document in the handout and suggested revisions. Harbour will revise the document before the final version is sent out to managers.
- Website- Relief for Mark Gembarowski- note sent to Board Members earlier- Harbour asked Board members to consider helping out, and will follow up on the matter.
- Schedules and Standings Secretaries- Harbour will produce the schedules as soon as possible, and he asked if any Board members if they would be interested in serving as the Standing Secretary for their division. Schwartz said he would volunteer.
- League and Tournament Awards- Harbour asked if anyone has any suggestions for awards, other than the Champs shirts that have been used for years. A brief discussion was held.
- Insurance- Harbour advised that he had paid the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (\$661) in early April, and that he had been advised that the General Liability Insurance through SSUSA would be \$40 per team, up from \$35 per team paid in 2019.

7. Tournament Plan/Discussion: Harbour stated that the plan at this point is to have the 70s tournament at Broomfield on Monday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 25, and the B-E Tournament at Shaeffer on August 30 & 31, and Sept 1 & 2. Harbour stated that the plan, schedules and format would follow the same as in 2019. Harbour will coordinate efforts in developing plans for both tournaments.

8. Miscellaneous Items:

- Umpires for CSSA Games- An earlier note was sent regarding a request from one manager to not have umpires. A brief discussion was held. All agreed that umpires should be used in CSSA games.
- Screen Use- A discussion was held, and agreed to continue the “optional” use of the pitchers screen. Gorham stated that the pickup league in Broomfield planned to use the screen in the fall of 2021. Harbour stated that he had heard that the Parker 65+ league would use the screen this season as well.

9. Assign March/April timeline duties (any not covered above)

Harbour stated that all April/May items have been covered, i.e. either already taken care of, or are in progress.

10. OTHER:

- No other items were brought up.

11. Next Meeting: There will be no Board meeting in April or May, unless a major issue develops. It was agreed that the June Board meeting will be held in June after the completion of the first half games. At this meeting, adjustments will be made to the make-up of the divisions for the second half of the season based on the results of the first half.

12. Adjournment: Schwartz motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Childs. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 4-9-21.