

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- February 2, 2024
Golden Community Center, Golden, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Terry Goodrich, Frank Yost, Jim Mieras, Joe Zaba, Mary Harteker, Paul Lewandoski and Carter Arkerfelds. Board members absent: None.
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Welcome New Board Members/Confirm Board Listing:** Harbour welcomed new Board members Harteker, Lewandoski and Arkerfelds to the Board as well as the others present.
- 4. Approval of Minutes, Sept. 29, 2023 Board and Oct. 27, 2023 Managers Meetings:** Brief discussion on the minutes that had been sent to Board members earlier. Harbour motioned to approve the minutes, second by Harteker and approved unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report/Budget Estimate-** Harbour referred to the spreadsheet in the handout for the meeting with a column with a "Budget Estimate" for 2024. Harbour used rough numbers at this point in time, and noted the following: 1) Used a \$275 team fee (an increase from the \$225 fee that was charged in 2023); 2) Used 50 teams although there may not be 50 in 2024; 3) Softball expenses in 2024 is significantly lower than in 2023, mainly due to a smaller order of balls (36 dozen) than in 2023 (54 dozen), even though the costs increased, from \$46.50 per dozen in 2023 to \$49.50 per dozen in 2024; 4) Estimate included the Chevron donation of \$1,000.
Harbour noted the \$500 donation listed in the 2023 'actual' column, which was received in late December from Bob Rosi, a long time CSSA player/manager. His donation was made to CSSA as a QCD- Qualified Charitable Distribution. There was a brief discussion about donations and the use of QCD's, and Harbour stated that he planned to push for donations, possibly using QCD's, to teams/players as a means of raising revenue for CSSA in 2024.
- 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, as he is always looking for improvement. He noted that there were no motions for rules changes at the meeting and thus no discussions on rules. No specific issues were raised, but Mieras commented that he felt the meeting was good for managers to get together, raise issues, discuss various matters, share ideas, etc.
- 7. Plans for the 2024 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- Harbour referred to the sheet in the handout, the "Important Dates" listing with the dates that were agreed earlier via e-mail exchange. Main dates are regular season games starting on Monday, April 22 for the 70's Divisions (one week earlier than B-E Divisions to offset the Memorial Day holiday on May 27) and Wednesday, May 1 for the B-E Divisions games, tournament dates of August 19 and 21 for the 70's teams and August 26-29 for B-E Divisions teams. A copy of the Important Dates listing was sent to all 2022 managers and Rec Center Reps earlier and has been posted on the CSSA website.
 - Rules: Harbour stated that the RULES for 2024 would be the same as in 2023 as there were no changes from the Fall Managers Meeting last October. Harbour asked if there were any of the rules that the Board felt needed to be revised. No suggestions for changes were made, but Mieras did advise of an interesting

change made in the league in Arizona where he plays, where they changed the bases from 65' to 70' and saw lower scoring games and shorter game times. Brief discussion on this was held but no changes were recommended.

- Harbour lead a discussion on several issues- number of teams, equalizations in the B1/B2 and 70's Gold Divisions, pitcher's screen, bats. Harteker asked as to why CSSA does not allow "senior" bats. Harbour responded that it was a pure safety issue for the league. Brief discussion ensued.
- 2023 Tournaments Venue- Harbour stated that he planned to have both the 70's and the B-E teams tournaments at Schaefer Complex as was done in 2023. Brief discussion was held.
- SSUSA Insurance / Directors & Officers Insurance- Harbour explained the insurance coverages and recommended that both be purchased as has been done in previous years. Some discussion was held and there was general agreement with the plan.
- Harbour provided updates on the softball order, the IRS filing, Colorado Secretary of State annual report, meetings locations and publicity.

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 develop an agenda, and list of issues to stress for review prior to the meeting and will contact Board members via e-mail prior to the meeting to organize assignments for the meeting.

9. Miscellaneous / OTHER- Discussion Items:

- Successions- Harbour referred to some brief discussions at the Fall meeting regarding how the operation of the CSSA organization, who does what, etc. and described how he was doing so many things, like administration, notices, schedules, and finances (including the Treasurer functions). Harbour commented that most organizations, or businesses normally have some kind of succession plan and he felt that CSSA probably needed that as well. Some discussion was held but no master plan was created. More work will be done on this issue.

10. Assign Jan/Feb/March Timeline Duties: Harbour stated that he felt that all matters have been taken care of, or are in progress. Also, in reference to the successions discussion above that he would be working on the old "time-line duties" document.

11. Next Meetings:

- The Spring Managers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 1, 2024, at the Denver Elks Club.
- Harbour stated that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting should be scheduled a couple of days after the deadline for Team Registration on April 2. It was agreed that the meeting would be Thursday April 4, with a 10:00 AM start.

12. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Zaba. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 2-2-2024

Minutes were approved by CSSA Board at Board meeting on 4-4-24.