

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes- September 29, 2023
Golden Community Center, Golden, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:0\30 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Frank Yost, Ray Childs, Terry Goodrich, Dave Adams and Jim Mieras.
Board members absent: Jeff Sweet and Joe Zaba
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2023 Board Meeting:** Harbour referred to the DRAFT minutes of meeting e-mailed to Board members earlier. Brief discussion. Yost motioned that the minutes of the meeting be approved, seconded by Goodrich, and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Financial status:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout which shows the updated 2023 Revenue/Expenses that are available at this time and budget estimates for the year, done on 7-16-23 and 9-3-23. The latest estimate shows a loss of \$2,321 for the year and should be fairly correct. Harbour pointed out that the past few years have resulted in losses, and the current balance is only where it is due to the big donation in 2022 (\$5,000 anonymous donation) and the annual \$1,000 donations/grants received from Chevron for the past eight years. A review of the estimate and a lengthy discussion was held regarding ways to increase revenue, reduce expenses, etc., which lead to a motion by Mieras to increase the team fee for the 2024 season from \$225 per team to \$275. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 5. Review '23 Season:** Harbour referred to handouts of the standings for both halves of the season and the tournament results, mentioned the issue with the B-2 Division where there were so many games not played that the winner ended up with a 6-2 record (6 missed games), the process used for run equalization in the B-1/B-2 and the Gold Divisions, etc. Some discussion was held. Having the 70's tournament at Schaeffer instead of Broomfield worked out OK. Adams raised a point about the number of teams participating in the league has been declining (2023 season had 32 teams on Wednesdays versus 37 in 2022); brief discussion was held. Further efforts on increasing participation is needed. Harbour advised that the League and Tournament Champs T-shirts will be ready next week.
- 6. Board Vacancies/Nominations:** Harbour stated that there were three Player/Manager and one Rec Center Rep positions to be filled in the Board election at the Managers meeting on Oct. 27th. Harbour advised that he had received interest and agreements to be nominated for the Player/Manager positions from three people- Mary Harteker, the Boulder Blues 70's manager in 2023, Paul Lewandowski, a player on the Mavericks (C-2) and Varisty Inn Dirty Dogs (70's Silver) teams and Jim Mieras (Louisville Lightning 70's manager and Louisville Coyotes player) who is going for a second term on the Board. Discussion was held, and Harbour stated that if any further nominees are received then there would be an actual election if there are more nominees than open positions. If

no more nominees are received then the election of these three positions would elect them by acclamation as has been the usual process. On the Rec Center Rep open position, Harbour advised that he had received an inquiry from Carter Akerfelds, South Suburban Recreation, and he would follow up with Carter on being nominated.

7. Fall Manager's Meeting: Harbour stated that the Fall Managers Meeting is set for October 27th at the Denver Elks Club. The main purpose of Fall Managers Meetings is to review the past season, 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 similar as in previous years, and referred to a 'draft' form for the rules change motion form in the handout which had a new line added- "Reason/Justification" for the motion. This was added as a result of discussions throughout the year in Board meetings to require more of a reason to address rule changes. Some discussion was held and all agreed on this approach. Any motions received that the Board does not agree to be voted on in the meeting can be addressed for discussion. 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 2023 managers and Rec Center Reps within the next week.

8. 2024 General Plan; Hot Issues: Harbour lead a brief discussion on several issues that will be important for 2024, most of which have been covered above, i.e. costs, umpires, rules changes, etc. Details will be developed at the next Board meeting in late January.

9. OTHER:

- Yost raised an issue of a situation in one of his tournament games, where his team was ahead by 12 runs but the umpire would not use the "flip-flop" rule. Brief discussion was held. Harbour stated that the flip-flop rule (Rule 7.6d) should be used when there is a 10 run differential after the sixth, or next to last inning.

10. Assign Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan Timeline Duties: Harbour stated that all action items and duties had been covered or are in progress.

11. Next Meetings: Harbour stated that the Fall Managers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 27th, 10:00 AM start, 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 2024, and that he would advise Board members of the exact date, time and location. This meeting will make plans for the 2024 season and prepare for the Spring Managers Meeting, which most likely will be held in early March 2024.

12. Adjournment: Yost motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Goodrich and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 09-29-23

Minutes to be approved by the CSSA Board at the Feb 2, 2024 Board meeting.