

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 13, 2024
Golden Community Center, Golden, CO

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Joe Zaba, Frank Yost, Paul Lewandowski, Mary Harteker, Carter Akerfelds, Terry Goodrich and Jim Mieras
Board members absent: None
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Steve Harteker attended as a guest.
3. **Approval of Minutes, April 4, 2024 Board Meeting:** Harbour referred to the DRAFT Minutes of Meeting for the Board meeting held April 4th that was sent to Board members previously. Yost motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mieras and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report/Year's Finances & Estimated Budget:** Harbour referred to the sheet in the handout that shows an estimated budget done in April. The changes to it, from the estimate done in January, were 1) that 52 teams were used instead of 50; 2) the actual charge of \$45 per team for the SSUSA General Liability insurance instead of \$40 used earlier. Other items may change as the season progresses and updates will be done as required. The estimate shows a positive net for the year of about \$1,300, primarily due to the increase in the team fee for 2024, from \$225 per team in 2023 to the \$275 in 2024.
5. **Review 1st Half 70's & B-E standings- designate division winners and revise divisions:** Harbour provided standings for the 70's and B-E Divisions for games played through June 12th. Winners of the following divisions were determined- B-1, Wendy's Bombers; B-2, Renegades 50s; C-1, Shades of Gray; D, Boulder Blues 50s; E, Malley Cats; 70s Gold/Upper, Longmont 70s; 70s Silver, Dog Soldiers 70s; 70s Bronze, Boulder Blues 70s and Golden Oldies (co-champs). The C-2 and 70s Gold/Lower winners will be determined after make-ups are played, or resolution of missed games are decided. Harbour will communicate with Board members via e-mail when winners are determined.
Post Meeting Note: After three make-up games between IDM and Golden Geezers (IDM won two of them), the final 70's Gold/Lower records show IDM at 10-4 and Golden at 7-6, so IDM was the winner of this Division. For C-2, All Season Security was declared winner by forfeit of two games with Lakewood Bears, so their record ended up at 13-1, the same as the Louisville Coyotes. As these two teams split their two games played on May 8, then they are declared co-champs for C-2.
6. **Teams in Divisions, 2nd Half-** Harbour provided a Cumulative Standings sheet for the 2024 1st half for all divisions, which included W-L record, "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against), Runs Differential and Forfeit Wins and Losses for each team. Using this information, and any other information available, a detailed discussion was

held, various options considered, and the makeup of each division was determined as listed below.

The alignment of the 70's Divisions resulted in the following alignment of the second half:

70's Gold/Upper (3 teams)- Longmont 70s, Red River Bandits and IDM..

70's Gold/Lower (3 teams)- The Boys 70s, Golden Geezers and Dog Soldiers 70s.

Note: With the make-up of the Gold Upper and Lower groups providing six teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the Upper teams giving 1 run per inning played to the Lower teams as an equalizer when they play, so as much as seven runs per game if seven innings are played.

70's Silver (8 teams)- Rock Stars, Erie Outlaws, UR Development Group, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs, Colorado Cougars, Greeley Dinosaurs, Boulder Blues 70s and Golden Oldies.

70's Bronze (6 teams)- Louisville Eagles, Them Brooms, Agents, Aurora Grillers, Castle ROCKS and Renegades 70s.

The alignment of the B-E Divisions resulted in the following alignment of the second half:

B Division (8 teams)- Wendy's Bombers, TNT, MI Sports, Renegades 50s, Dog Soldiers 50s, Denver Eagles, Shades of Gray and Evergreen Mountain Men.

Note: With the make-up of the B Division, after much discussion about an equalization scheme, it was decided that the Wendy's team would give one run per inning played, so seven runs in a seven inning game, to the other seven B teams, plus those seven teams can use 11 defensive players.

C-1 Division (6 teams)- Castle Rockers, Ace Hi, Gladiators, The Boys 50's, Louisville Coyotes and All Season Security.

C-2 Division (6 teams)- Mavericks, Erie Crushers, Lakewood Bears, Castle Rockies, 2nd Time Sports, and Boulder Blues 50s.

D Division (6 teams)- Lucketta Legends, Internationals, Westminster Warriors, Malley Cats, Lakewood Cougars and Bobcats.

E Division (6 teams)- Lakewood Golden Eagles, Titanium Wolves, Diamonds, Juggernauts, Greeley Shockers and Westminster Silver Foxes.

7. Updates and Issues:

- Tournament Plan/Discussion-

- The B-E Divisions tournament is scheduled for August 26-29 at the Schaefer Athletic Complex, 9750 W Hampden Ave., Lakewood. Harbour has scheduled the fields at Schaefer and the format of the tournament will be as in past years.
- The 70's Divisions tournament is scheduled for August 19th and 21st. Formats, schedules, etc. will be as recent previous years.

- League/Tournament Champs/Awards-

Harbour stated that we would likely go with T-Shirts as in past years.

- **On field injuries/health issues-** Harbour led a discussion on the subject, recent incidents and how they were handled. Mieras commented that his league in AZ has

the manager write up something for a record. Zaba stated that Golden has a report/form that is completed of any incidents in their games. He will send a copy to Harbour for info. Harbour will work on this issue and develop a plan for consideration.

- **2nd Place Awards in top divisions-** Harbour raised the issue of situations where we have a “dominant” team at the top of the top divisions, and the other teams have little chance of winning their division. He referred to how SSUSA handles similar situations. A discussion was held and will be considered in the future.

8. Assign June/July/August timeline duties (any not covered above): Harbour stated that all June and July duties have been handled, or are in motion. The August duties will be addressed leading up to and during the August Board meeting.

9. OTHER:

- Mieras raised an issue related to “bats”, where one of his players had purchased a Senior Softball USA (SSUSA) bat, and then found out that he could not use it in CSSA play. Discussion was held regarding our CSSA rules, and the language on bats. Mieras suggested that the rules include a ‘picture’ of bats, allowed, not-allowed, etc. Harbour will work with Mieras on the issue.
- Mieras raised an issue about the ‘Courtesy Runner from Home Plate’ – CRFHP- and where they should start from. The current CSSA rule clearly states that it should be “...3’ behind the 3rd base line ...”. Some discussion was held. Harteker stated that she had a diagram/sketch which shows where this line is located and will provide to Harbour for consideration to include in the rules.
- Harbour asked about anyone using the screen for pitcher’s protection. Some discussion was held. Harbour stated that he continues to push teams to use the screen in games.
- Harbour referred to the placement of the Westminster Silver Foxes in the E Division, that the team is not very competitive and asked whether it should be considered to give them runs as a form of equalization. Some discussion was held and concluded that nothing would be done on this.

10. Next Meeting: Harbour stated that the next Board meeting would likely be on Thursday, August 15th, a day after the last regular scheduled games on August 14th. It was agreed on that date with a 10:00 AM start. Goodrich stated that the SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championship tournament will be in Aurora from August 15 to 18, and that he will be involved and unable to attend the meeting. The 70’s tournament groups will be handled via e-mail immediately after the completion of the last regular scheduled 70’s games on August 12th.

11. Adjournment: Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Yost. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-13-24.

Minutes were approved at the Board meeting on August 15, 2024