

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes- January 27, 2023**  
**Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Ray Childs, Dave Adams, Terry Goodrich, Frank Yost, Jim Mieras, Joe Zaba and Jeff Sweet. Board members absent: None.
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Welcome New Board Members/Confirm Board Listing:** Harbour noted that Goodrich, Yost, Zaba and Sweet were elected at the October 2022 Managers Meeting. Harbour welcomed them as new members of the Board.
- 4. Approval of Minutes, Sept. 7, 2022 Board and Oct. 21, 2022 Managers Meetings:** Brief discussion on the minutes that had been sent to Board members earlier. Goodrich motioned to approve the minutes, second by Mieras 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 2023. Harbour used rough numbers at this point in time, and included the \$225 team fee (an increase from the \$200 fee that was charged in 2022) with 52 teams (had 55 in 2022). Estimate included the Chevron donation of \$1,000. Harbour noted that since 2015 Chevron donations have totaled \$7,000 and with the \$5,000 anonymous donation in 2022, total donations have amounted to \$12,000, more than the current balance in the CSSA account- \$9,636.80. Expenditure estimates included increases for costs of softballs (due to a larger order- 54 dozen in place of 36 dozen in 2022, and an increase in price from \$41.00 per dozen in 2022 to \$46.50), for scorebooks (normally purchased every two years), for General Liability insurance (from \$35 per team to \$40) and for the 70's tournament (exact number to be determined after negotiations with the host location).

Harbour mentioned possible options to raise funds for CSSA- a new Next 50 Initiative that he is trying to get info on, the King Soopers program that Scrap Iron uses, Element 3 that was considered last year and the possibility of soliciting donations from local companies. Brief discussion was held. More work will be done of this.

- 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. No specific issues were raised.

- 7. Plans for the 2023 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- Confirmed the option (agreed by Board members in recent e-mail exchanges) of regular season games starting on Monday, April 24th for the 70's Divisions (one week earlier than B-E Divisions to offset the Memorial Day holiday on May 29) and Wednesday, May 3 for the B-E Divisions games. A copy of the Important Dates listing was sent to all 2022 managers and Rec Center Reps earlier in the week and will be posted on the CSSA website.
  - Rule changes: Harbour stated that the RULES for 2023 will be updated based on the motion on Courtesy Runners from Home Plate that passed at the Fall Managers Meeting and the revised rule regarding 'Umpires' to address the current situation.
  - 2023 Tournament Venues- Harbour reviewed the situation regarding Broomfield's 'new' position on charges. Discussion was held on the numbers, options, etc. More to be done on this after the meeting between Harbour and Kent Gorham and the Broomfield Reps on Friday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Harbour will report back to Board members with more information after the meeting.
  - 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 asked if there were any specific issues that should be raised and stressed with the attendees, such as reading, understanding and following the Rules and the umpires situation. No other items were raised. 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- Discussion Items:**
- Minutes of Meetings- Harbour stated that he puts together Minutes of the Board meetings which are provided to Board members for review and comment via e-mail after the meetings. Then the minutes are "approved" at the next Board meeting. Minutes are also posted on the CSSA website. Harbour noted that there certain issues that are handled between meetings, usually via e-mail exchanges that should be included in the minutes, and that he will be sure that is done in the future.
  - FMM/Motions for Rules Changes- Harbour commented that he felt that the system that has developed whereby managers/players submit motions to the CSSA Rules, even the smallest little tweak are considered, discussed and voted on at the Fall

Managers Meetings, and that after the experience last year, he felt that the proposals for Rules changes should be considered by the Board, who would decide if it should be handled at the meeting with the managers. Discussion was held and it was agreed that this would be further evaluated at future meetings, and decided before the Fall Managers meeting.

- Time limits on games- As this issue was raised in recent communications, attendees discussed and decided not to implement time limits on games.

**10. OTHER:** Harbour asked if there were any other issues that needed to be raised. Nothing was mentioned.

**11. Assign Jan/Feb/March Timeline Duties:** Harbour stated that he felt as though all matters have been taken care of, or are in progress, and there was no need to review the master list, and further stated that he would be working on a revision to the master list.

**12. Next Meetings:**

- The Spring Managers Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023, at the Denver Elks Club.
- Harbour stated that the next Board meeting after the Managers meeting will be scheduled a couple of days after the deadline for Team Registration on April 4th. Location and date/time to be determined and advised.

**13. Adjournment:** Mieras motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Goodrich. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.  
Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 1-27-2023  
Minutes approved by CSSA Board at Board meeting on 4-7-23