

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Fall Managers Meeting - October 27, 2023
Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Avenue, Denver, CO

- 1. Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by CSSA Commissioner Stan Harbour.
Board members present: Dave Adams, Jim Mieras, Terry Goodrich and Frank Yost
Board members absent: Ray Childs, Joe Zaba and Jeff Sweet

Attendees representing 27 teams and 1 Recreation Center were present.

Harbour asked all veterans to stand and be recognized, introduced Gene Tomczak, a veteran, who led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

- 2. Introduction of Board Members and other Contributors:** Harbour introduced members of the CSSA Board in attendance, as listed above giving their status, and thanked the outgoing members of the Board who have served- Jeff Sweet, who filled in the past year as a Rec Center Rep and who has served on the Board off-and-on for about seven years; Ray Childs and Dave Adams who are completing their second four-year terms. Harbour then asked those who had served as Standings Secretaries during the 2022 season- Marc Wright, Ken Standen, Vance Harrington, Frank Yost, Lynn Rolando, Don TeStrake, Stevan Kalmon and Gene Tomczak- to raise their hand if present, and mentioned Mark Gembarowski who handles the CSSA website work, recording scores, updating information, etc. Harbour noted his appreciation for all the efforts mentioned which helps him operate the CSSA league. Harbour also thanked all players and Rec Center Reps who all contribute to the success of the league.
- 3. Treasurer's Report / Financial Status 2023:** Harbour summarized the current status of the organization's finances, advising that there was a loss of approximately \$2,000 for 2022 and that the Board had addressed the issues at the Board meeting on Sept. 29th, considering recent revenue, expenses, etc. and a decision was made to increase the team fee paid to CSSA from \$225 to \$275.
- 4. Review 2023 Season:** Harbour reviewed the 2023 season and commented on a few items as follows: 1) BATS- This continues to be a problem with some players using non-approved bats; Managers are encouraged to work with their players, inform all of the CSSA bat rule; 2) Competition in games, especially in the B-1/B-2 and the 70's Gold divisions- The Board has tried as best it can to set up all divisions that creates competitive games;) Aggressive play- There were several incidents of overly aggressive play by some players; Managers need to address this issue with players.
- 5. Discussion Items- 2024 Season** – Harbour stated that the Board will begin planning the 2024 season with a meeting in late January/early February 2024. Main issue will be the increase in the team fee to \$275 per team, the issues raised in Item 4 above and the need to maintain the number of teams playing in the league. The number of Teams has declined over the past few years and there is a need to generate more interest, bring in new players, etc. A brief discussion was held on how to accomplish this. Harbour will work with the Rec Centers to publicize the league, as well as local publications. Marc Wright suggested that CSSA develop a Facebook page to spread the word. Harbour asked Wright is he was willing to work on that, and they agreed to follow-up on this matter.
- 6. Motions to be voted on:** Harbour advised that there were no motions submitted this year, and explained that the Board had discussed the process we have used in years past and decided that we would modify how motions were submitted and handled. Thus, it was decided to add the line on the motions form- "Reason/Justification" for the motion. With the new procedure, the Board will accept motions as in the past, then consider the "Reason/Justification" and decide if the motion should be considered at the managers meeting.

- 7. Board of Directors Status/Election:** Harbour referred to a sheet in the handout package with information on the CSSA Board status and election. There is one Rec Center Rep positions vacant and one nominee, Carter Akerfelds, Adult Sports Coordinator at South Suburban Parks & Recreation. There are three Manager/Player Rep positions vacant and three nominees, Jim Mieras (Louisville Lightning [70's] and Coyotes [C-2]), Mary Harteker [Boulder Blues 70's] and Paul Lewandowski (Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs [70's] and Mavericks [C-1]). Harbour recommended that the four nominees be elected by acclamation and attendees agreed, so Akerfelds., Mieras, Harteker and Lewandowski were elected to the Board for two year terms.
- 8. OTHER:** Harbour opened the meeting to any "Other" issues that attendees wanted to raise: Several items were brought up as follows:
- Larry Bradsby asked about the use of a screen for pitcher's protection. Harbour stated that any team in any division us allowed to use the screen per the addendum to the CSSA Rules, and said that he understood that there was only one pitcher on one team (Mary Harteker of the Boulder Blues 70's team) that has been using the screen.
 - Gene Tomczak advised the attendees about a new Winter Indoor softball program at the new Aurora Fieldhouse- 25400 E Alexander Drive, Aurora. Play will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 AM starting in November. Also, the Winter Indoor program held at Parker Fieldhouse- 18700 E Plaza Drive , Parker- will continue as in previous years on Tuesdays and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 AM, also starting in November. Anyone needing more info should get in touch with Gene.
 - Jack Moorhead asked is the change of location for the 70's tournament was for cost reasons. Harbour stated that the decision to move the 70's tournament from Broomfield to Schaeffer was based on several factors and costs were a big part.
 - Dave Adams (completing his second two-year term on the CSSA Board) made comments regarding his tenure on the Board, i.e. that he had got on the Board as a way of serving and giving something to the organization, made comments on how things get done with analysis, discussions, recommendations, votes on options, etc. He also stated that in his discussions with various people who were commenting on various aspects of how the organization was handled, he had suggested/recommended that that volunteer for a Board position.
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- 9. Next CSSA Board Meeting:** Harbour stated that the date (probably in late January or early February, 2024) and location of the next meeting of the CSSA Board would be determined and that he would advise the members of the Board and would publish the information on the CSSA website. The Spring Managers Meeting will likely be scheduled for early March 2024.
- 10. Adjournment:** Gene Tomczak motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Jim Mieras and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 10-27-23

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