

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 15, 2023
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, Dave Adams, Ray Childs, Jeff Sweet and Joe Zaba
Board members absent: Terry Goodrich, Frank Yost and Jim Mieras
- 2. Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
- 3. Approval of Minutes, April 7, 2023 Board Meeting:** Harbour referred to the DRAFT Minutes of Meeting for the Board meeting held April 7th that was sent to Board members previously. Adams motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Zaba and approved unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report/Year's Finances & Estimated Budget:** Harbour stated all team fees have been paid, stated that he would update the previously supplied budget estimate to reflect better, more current information and advised attendees that he had applied for funding from the Next 50 Initiative organization and the Daniels Fund but did not expect to receive any funds from either of these. Harbour stated that the current CSSA account balance was \$16,767, and that he expected that finances for 2023 to have a larger loss than in 2022, due to a large increase in costs for the 70's tournament cost, general increase in other expenses and no large donation as received in 2022. Adams asked is the donation from Chevron (\$1,000) was expected; Harbour said that he thought that would be handled as in past years and would be received.
- 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 15th. As there has been some postponements of games, and that there are make-ups planned, the final decision on winners of some of the divisions will be done once make-up results are received. Harbour will communicate with Board members via e-mail when winners are determined.
- 6. Teams in Divisions, 2nd Half-** Harbour provided a Cumulative Standings sheet for the 2023 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)- Aurora Scrap Iron, The Boys and Louisville Lightning.
70's Gold/Lower (3 teams)- IDM, Erie Outlaws and Colorado Cougars.
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 (6 teams)- Greeley Dinosaurs, Hector's 70's, Huber Shoe Grease, Varsity Inn Dirty Dogs, Castle ROCKS and Them Brooms.

70's Bronze (6 teams)- Agents, Louisville Eagles, Golden Oldies, Boulder Blues 70's, Aurora Grillers and Broomfield Renegades.

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

B-1 Division (3 teams)- Wendy's Bombers, Colorado Home Fitness, and Renegades.

B-2 Division (3 teams)- Denver Eagles, MI Sports and Evergreen Mountain Men.

Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 providing six teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 1 run per inning in each inning played, so a total of seven runs in a seven inning game, to the B-2 teams as an equalizer when they play, plus the B-2 teams can use 11 defensive players.

C-1 Division (6 teams)- Ace Hi, Dog Soldiers, Castle Rockers, The Boys 50's, Gladiators and Shades of Gray.

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Louisville Coyotes, Mavericks, Lucketta Legends, 2nd Time Sports, Diamonds, Erie Crushers, Castle Rockies and Lakewood Bears.

D Division (6 teams)- Bobcats, Boulder Blues 50's, Westminster Warriors, Internationals, Lakewood Eagles and Raptors

E Division (6 teams)- Lakewood Cougars, Malley Cats, Juggernauts, Westminster Silver Foxes, Greeley Sluggers and Louisville Sluggers.

7. Updates and Issues:

- Tournament Plan/Discussion-

- The B-E Divisions tournament is scheduled for August 28-31 at the Dan 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 21st and 23rd. Harbour referred to previous discussions regarding the 70's tournament in regard to the location, i.e. Broomfield with their new costs proposal OR at Schaefer. A brief discussion was held on the situation. Harbour will follow-up on this issue and make a recommendation to the Board as soon as possible.

- Website- Harbour advised that the current CSSA website is a shared site with the Scrap Iron (SI) organization. John Parisi, president of SI has advised that SI is developing a new website which should be in use later this year and SI will not be using the current shared website. The impact here will be that CSSA will now pay the entire costs of the site and be the only organization on the site. More info will be provided on this matter as it develops.

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.

10. OTHER:

- Adams raised an issue regarding situation that occurred at the B-1/2 May 3 games, MI Sports AT Renegades, where it was determined that a player on the Renegades team was not an eligible player because he was not 50 years of age. The games were declared a Forfeit Win for the MI Sports team. Adams expressed concern that there could be a liability issue for CSSA. Discussion was held. Harbour stated that the way CSSA is set up, the managers are relied upon to provide the correct information on their rosters, and manage their players and teams participation in the league. Sweet stated that he felt the responsibility has to be on the managers. Harbour stated that there will be a stronger emphasis on such matters with the managers and will follow-up with a communication to all.
- During the discussions of placing the teams in the divisions, there were comments about the scheduling process that Harbour uses, i.e. his manual system. Sweet and Zaba stated that they used a “teamsideline.com” program/contractor for their leagues. Some discussion was held. Harbour stated that he would be interested in more information to see if this system could be used for CSSA. Harbour will follow-up.

11. Next Meeting: Harbour stated that the next Board meeting would likely be on Thursday, August 17th, a day after the last regular scheduled games on August 16th. Harbour will communicate with all of a plan. Adams stated that the SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championship tournament will be in Aurora from August 17 to 20, and that he and Goodrich 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 14th.

12. Adjournment: Childs motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Zaba. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-15-23.

Minutes approved at the Board meeting on August 17, 2023