

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Spring Managers Meeting Minutes- March 3, 2023
Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Ave., Denver, 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, Terry Goodrich, Joe Zaba and Frank Yost. Board members absent: Dave Adams, Jim Mieras and Jeff Sweet. Attendees included those representing 48 teams and 5 Rec Centers
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Harbour asked all veterans to stand to be recognized, and then called on Gene Tomczak, retired military, who lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Introduction of the CSSA Board of Directors & Others:** Harbour introduced the Board members listed above that were present, and mentioned those who were absent.
4. **Treasurer's Report and Financials:** Harbour stated that CSSA finished 2022 with an operating loss of ~\$1,400, but with donations totaling \$6,000, the ending balance was ~\$9,600. Harbour stated that the team fee for 2023 had been raised to \$225 per team, up from \$200 in 2022, and that the Board was considering ways of improving the financial situation via fund raising, donations, etc.
5. **Commissioner's Update/Status of Organization:** Harbour commented on several items, providing information as follows:
 - For the 2022 season, there were 18 70's Divisions teams and 37 B-E Divisions teams, but the early word is that there will likely be a smaller number of B-E teams in 2023.
 - Costs of several things have increased for the 2023 season- Softballs, Rec Center charges mainly due to an increase in umpires costs, the CSSA team fee, etc.
 - The one rule change voted in at the Fall managers meeting, the Courtesy Runner from Home Plate (Rule 9.1,b) has been included in the 2023 Rules. Also, the Board made a revision to the rule on Umpires (Rule 7.7). Rules highlighted were the Tie Games/Extra innings (Rule 7.6c), and BATS (Rule 5.4).
 - All managers and players SHOULD read the Code of Conduct and the Rules; when players sign the Waiver form, they are stating that they have read these and will abide by them.
 - The historical process of motions for Rules changes is being reviewed and the Board will decide on how rules changes will be handled after the 2023 season.
6. **2023 Season- Spring Packet Information:** Harbour referred to the handout package that all attendees had received, and commented on all information, forms and deadlines in the handout packages as follows:
 - A. Important Dates for 2023 Season- The Important Dates listing had been provided previously to all managers and Rec center Reps, which should be used by all to plan your schedules, etc.
 - B. Team Registration Form- **Due April 4, 2023**- Stressed that this form is the most important one, that should be completed by managers and Rec Center Reps working together to provide complete, accurate and legible information AND submitted no later than the deadline of April 4th, and hopefully before that date.
 - C. Roster Form- **Due May 18, 2023**- Stressed the need for Roster and Waiver forms to be submitted by the deadline and in a complete and legible manner.
 - D. Waiver Form- **Due May 18, 2023**- Stressed the need for Roster and Waiver forms to be submitted by the deadline and in a complete and legible manner.
 - E. Roster/Waiver Change Request Form - **Add/Delete Deadline is August 3, 2023 for both the 70's & B-E Divisions**- Use the form to add new players; should be submitted before a new player plays in a game.

F. Invoice/Payment of Fees- Team fees paid to CSSA- **Due May 18, 2023**- Included in case teams or Rec Center Reps need something to send to their accounting/finance departments to get the team fee payments made.

G. *CSSA By-Laws- Stated that the Bylaws are included for anyone interested in how the CSSA organization operates, specifically how the Board functions.

I. *CSSA Code of Conduct- Stated that a new Code was revised for the 2022 season and should be read and understood by all managers and players.

J. *2022 RULES- Updated from October 2022 Managers Meeting and should be read and understood by all managers and players.

* The By-Laws, Code of Conduct and RULES were supplied to managers electronically prior to the meeting, with hard copies available to those needing them. This scheme of distribution does not excuse managers from having and knowing all rules, etc. during games. These are also available on the CSSA website – www.coloradoseniorsoftball.com (CSSA tab).

L. Softball & Scorebook Distribution Form- Harbour asked that this form be completed and then turned in when managers pick up their balls and/or scorebooks after the meeting finishes.

7. Announcements of softball activities in 2023 outside CSSA:

- Terry Goodrich stated that Scrap Iron Softball is planning a “Wood Bat” tournament; Sunday, June 25 at Schaefer Complex. Information on this tournament will be sent to all CSSA managers.
- John Parisi, Scrap Iron President, spoke of a “Batting Clinic” would be held Monday, June 12 and Tuesday, June 13. A “softball pro” puts this on, provides batting instructions, makes videos of a player, etc. This clinic was held last year with 10 attendees and the hope is to have more participants this year. Parisi will provide details to Harbour who will send to all CSSA managers for distribution to all CSSA players.
- Goodrich stated that the Spring Fun League at Vanderbilt Park will NOT be scheduled this year as the field is not available until late March, which limits the time for games before the CSSA 70’s scheduled games begin, but the plans are to have the Fall league there.
- Goodrich mentioned that the SSUSA Rocky Mountain Championships would be held at Aurora Sports Complex, August 17-20. Information at www.seniorsoftball.com.
- Goodrich gave information about the Colorado Senior Softball Travel League (CSSTL) that plays games on Saturdays, April through October, at fields in the Front Range area. Anyone interested should get in touch with Terry.

8. OTHER: Harbour opened the floor for any other issues that attendees wanted to bring up, as follows:

- Harbour asked if there were any teams looking for players; Reps from the Broomfield Blaze and the Erie Crushers teams spoke up.

9. Next CSSA Board Meeting: Harbour advised that the next CSSA Board meeting will be scheduled 2 or 3 days after the team registration deadline on April 4th at a time and location to be determined. Teams will be placed in the divisions for the first half of the 2023 season at this meeting.

10. Adjournment: Terry Goodrich motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ray Childs. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 03-03-23.

Minutes approved by the CSSA Board at Board meeting on 4-7-23

After the Meeting, sets of softballs (14 per set) and scorebooks were distributed to team representatives after the meeting. The charge for the balls will be included in payments of team fees.