

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes- June 6, 2019
Broomfield Community Center, Broomfield, CO

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 12:50 PM by Commissioner Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Don TeStrake, Beau Bressler, Bob Schwartz, John Miller, and Ernie Brady.
Board members absent: Robin Garneau, Kent Gorham and Jeff Sweet
2. **Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
3. **Approval of Minutes, March 29, 2019 Board Meeting:** Miller motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Schwartz and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Harbour stated all team fees have been paid and that the balance in the account was \$16,111.66, and that the 2019 finances were on track as planned.
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 5th. As there has been so many postponements of games, and that there are numerous make-ups planned, the final decision on winners of the divisions will be done once make-up results are received. Harbour will communicate with Board members via e-mail and decide on the winners.

Harbour provided a Cumulative Standings sheet for the 1st half for all divisions, which included W-L record, "RF" (Runs For), "RA" (Runs Against) and Differential for each team. Using the standings, RF & RA, runs differential, games won/lost by forfeit, and any other information available, a detailed discussion was held, various options considered, and the makeup of each division was determined as listed below.

70's Gold/Upper (3 teams)- Longmont Lightning, Aurora Scrap Iron and Scrap Iron 70s Red.

70's Gold/Lower (3 teams)- Colorado Cougars, Youngevity VitaMen and Wheeler Management. The Upper and Lower teams will be scheduled against each other.

70's Silver (5 teams)- Broomfield Renegades, Louisville Eagles, Hector's 70s, Subway 70s and Blue Jays.

70's Bronze (6 teams)- Castle ROCKS, Erie Outlaws, Aurora Grillers, Golden Oldies, Wit & Grit and Boulder Older Blues.

B-1 Division (3 teams)- Longmont Bombers, Garretson's Sports, and Colorado Home Fitness.

B-2 Division (5 teams)- PDC Colorado, Loveland/MI Sports, *~~Ace-Hi~~, *Denver Eagles, Frontier Club and Northern Colorado Select.

Note: With the make-up of the B-1 and B-2 providing eight teams, the teams will be scheduled versus each other with the B-1 teams giving 1 run per inning played to the B-2 teams as an equalizer when they play.

***POST MEETING NOTE: After various proposals, discussion and a decision by the CSSA Board, it was decided to move *Ace-Hi down to C-1 and *Denver Eagles back up to B-2.**

C-1 Division (8 teams)- ~~*Denver Eagles~~, *Ace-Hi, Broomfield Bulls, Evergreen Knights, Greeley Outlaws, Evergreen Mountain Men, The Boys, Alibi's Bar & Grill and Louisville Coyotes.

C-2 Division (8 teams)- Havoline Xpress Lube, Diamonds, Hector's, Aurora Legends, The Internationals, Erie Miners, Local 46 and Golden Eagles.

D-1 Division (6 teams)- ~~**Boulder New Blues~~, ****Boulder Blues**, Moose Lodge 909, 2nd Time Sports, Aurora Hammers, Malley Cats, and Castle Rockies.

****POST MEETING NOTE: On June 13th, Harbour was notified by the **Boulder New Blues team that they would not play in the second half, which dropped the total number of teams playing from 46 to 45. After various proposals, discussion and a decision by the CSSA Board, it was decided to move the **Boulder Blues team from D-2 up to D-1 to replace the **Boulder New Blues team, which keeps D-1 as a six team division, but makes D-2 a seven-team division.**

D-2 Division (8 teams- ~~**changed to 7 teams after the meeting~~)- Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Lakewood Bears, Castle Rockers, ~~**Boulder Blues~~, Lakewood Hawks, Mavericks, Westminster Silver Foxes and Westminster Warriors.

E Division (8 teams)- Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Juggernauts, Lakewood Cougars, Greeley Shockers, Blue Jays, Malty Dogs, Garramone's Pizza and Louisville Sluggers.

6. Updates:

- **Tournament Plan/Discussion-** Harbour gave an update on the tournament plans for the 70's and the B-E Divisions. The 70's tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 12th and Wednesday, August 14th, at Broomfield Community Park, 280 Spader Way, Broomfield. The B-E Divisions tournament is scheduled for August 19-22nd at the Dan Schaefer Athletic Complex, 9750 W Hampden Ave., Lakewood. Harbour has scheduled the fields at Schaefer and Broomfield. Harbour will keep Board members advised prior to the next Board meeting in August. Harbour stated that the decision on how to divide the 70's teams into the groups for the tournament, and the schedule for the tournament, will need to be made before the next Board meeting on August 8th or 9th, as the 70s tournament starts on Aug. 12th and teams need to be notified of their schedule earlier than that. Harbour noted that he would be asking Board members for assistance for coverage of the tent/headquarters during the tournaments.
- **League and Tournament Awards:** A brief discussion was held regarding award options, T-Shirts (as in previous years), shorts, hats, draw string bags, etc.
- **Website-** Harbour advised that the new CSSA website (www.coloradoseniorsoftball.net) was up and running, but still being refined. Also, Harbour is trying to have the old website deleted.

7. ISSUES:

- Incident- May 29 Mavericks games/altercation- This incident was a physical altercation between two players of the Mavericks team (Don Gunn and Ed Peters), where both were ejected from the game by the umpire, thereby both being not eligible to play in the games the following week per CSSA Rule 11.4. The Board had addressed this incident prior to the meeting, via e-mail exchanges, after Harbour had collected information from the two involved players, managers of both teams, umpire and eye witnesses of the altercation, and decided on the penalties for the two players involved- 1) Gunn to serve the two game suspension called for in CSSA Rule 11.4, and 2) Peters to be suspended for the remainder of the 2019 season due to his actions based on the penalty language in the CSSA Code of Conduct. Both players had appealed their suspensions, and the Board considered their appeals in the meeting. Harbour lead a discussion where all information available was considered, the original information gathered, the information in both players appeal documents and it was unanimously decided to keep the penalties in place, as follows:

- a) Gunn would be suspended for two games per Rule 11.4 for being ejected from a game(double-header on June 5) as previously advised by e-mail to Gunn dated June 2.
- b) Peters would be suspended for two games per Rule 11.4 for being ejected from a game(double-header on June 5), would be suspended for the remainder of the season and that Peters would need to apply for reinstatement if he wishes to play in the 2020 season, per language in the Code of Conduct and decided by the CSSA Board.
- c) It was also decided that the game in which the altercation occurred would be considered a “forfeit” by the Mavericks team dues to Peters not leaving the area after being ejected as called for in the CSSA rules.

- Forfeits- A discussion was held on the problem during the first half of the season with games being postponed due to weather problems, and then teams immediately forfeiting games without any consideration to doing make-ups. This situation is being caused for a number of reasons, a major issue is where teams have a number of players who still work and therefore have problems being available for make-up games. Other issues also contribute. Harbour stated that the current rules on postponed games and forfeits need to be updated, and enhanced, and that he would propose language for consideration at the Fall managers Meeting.

9. Assign June/July 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:

- Brady raised the subject of the issues that the Ace-Hi team had projected regarding their placement in the B-2 Division, their implied position that they did not want to travel to Longmont and Greeley, and that they did not want to play certain teams. Discussion was held and the general feeling among Board members was that if the team wanted to be in the CSSA league, then they should participate fully with their placement and schedule as developed by the Board.

Post Meeting Note: After more problems with the Ace-Hi team as described above in Item 5. , and in subsequent information exchanges among Board members, it was

agreed that this team would be notified of the Board position on the matter, and advised that they must follow the league's procedures if they want to continue to play in the CSSA league.

- Bressler asked if there had ever been any consideration given to some kind of "regional grouping". Harbour responded that with the number of teams in the different regions, it would be more difficult to match up competitive teams in groups (divisions) than it is currently, and even now there are wide differences in the competitive level of teams in the different divisions.

11. Next Meeting: The next Board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, August 8th, or Friday, August 9th, at a location to be determined. Harbour will advise the date. Primary purpose of that meeting is to establish the groups for the B-E Divisions tournament. 70's tournament groups will be handled via e-mail immediately after the last 70's games on August 5th.

12. Adjournment: TeStrake motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Brady. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-6-19.

Minutes approved by CSSA Board at Board meeting on 8-9-19.