

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes - May 1, 2009 - Highland Recreation Center

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Emilio Sanelli. Board members present: Emilio Sanelli, Stan Harbour, David Spoerke, Bob Lowrey, Gene Anderson & Jerry Nethercot
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Robin Garneau, Jerry Lautiger, Mike Massong
2. **Introduction of Guests:** There were no guests present.
3. **Approval of Minutes, March 13, 2009:** Spoerke motioned that the minutes of the March 13, 2009 meeting be approved; Nethercot seconded; Minutes approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garneau had sent her latest Treasurer's Report via e-mail to Board members. Hard copies were handed out to those without a copy. Sanelli will update payments under Item 6 of the agenda.
5. **Tournament Dates:** Scheduled dates/info for the tournaments as follows:
 - a) 70's Tournament- Aug. 10th and 12th; at Broomfield; no charges
 - b) Wed. Leagues Tournament- Aug. 17 thru 20 (Aug. 21 for rainout make-ups)- at Shaeffer Complex; \$1500 for 6 fields for 4+ days.
 - c) Tom Fernandez will be the Tournament(s) Director.
6. **Roster and Payment Update (May 7, 2009 Deadline):** Sanelli reported that he had received rosters from 20 teams; payments of team fees from 33 teams; and waiver/liability forms from 3 teams as of April 30, 2009 PM.
7. **League and Tournament Awards:** This year's awards will be T-shirts for the League and Tournament Champions. It was noted that if a team won their division in both the first and second half of the season, they would only receive one League Champion award. Discussion was held on last year's shirts, costs, etc.; however, full details were not available, but will be available at the next Board meeting in June. Nethercot and Harbour will check on potential new shirt vendors. Also, Harbour will get information from Carrie Fehringer on last year's supplier, Victory T-Shirts. Sanelli handed out for consideration two potential new logo designs for '09 that he had obtained from another possible vendor, Sportline. Full discussion and action will take place at the June Board meeting
8. **Review league and discuss problem areas:**

The issue concerning the numerous emails that have been sent to the members of the Board of Directors by John Clinard was addressed. After discussion, it was

suggested that John come to a Board of Directors' meeting and share his concerns with the board members.

- Sanelli spoke of an umpire issue at Aurora at his games on April 29th. General discussion on umpires, etc. The Board recognizes that some umpires will cause problems. Since umpires are usually hired by the various Recreation Districts, managers should work with their local district when problems arise.
- Anderson spoke of a problem with games at Aurora on April 20th, with notification of rainout, etc. First they were told at 6:30 AM that the games were on, then advised about 7 AM that they would not be played. Discussion was held. This is not an easy issue with 9 AM start games. Each location has its procedure on rainout notification, and host teams need to work with their Rec district personnel to work out the best way to handle this issue/problem.

9. Assign May and June timeline duties: Reviewed the master timeline duties and noted items needing attention as follows:

- June Board meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2009. Meeting location will be advised by Sanelli as the Denver Rec Dept. now will charge for the use of the Highlands Rec Center. Discussion was held. Sanelli has investigated several options (other meeting halls, church, etc.) and will look at a few more and advise Board members of the location of the June 5th meeting.
- In reviewing the June actions on the timeline, all are in the process of being actioned and will be addressed in the June 5th meeting.

10. Website Update: From Lowrey, as follows:

- The website policy has (1) a 7 day turnaround on getting the schedules posted and (2) a 3 day turnaround for weekly game results and standings update. Therefore, the updated standings should be available on the website by Sunday of each week. All should be aware that the person working the website basically does it on a volunteer basis, and the costs to CSSA are minimal.
- The Minutes of Meetings are now being placed on the website. Only the most recent Minutes will be available on the website.
- Current website has standings that go all the way back to 2006. It was agreed that only the current standings, i.e. 2009, would be kept on the website.

11. Other:

- Harbour raised the issue of possibly extending the season to late August, or maybe early September, with the tournaments to follow. Discussion was held with many various ideas, thoughts, history, potential problems, etc. No action or follow up at this time on this issue.
- Sanelli reported that Jerry Lautigar would be resigning from his Board position due to a family issue. Exact date is to be determined. Lautigar will continue as Standings Secretary for the D-1 Division until further notice. Lautigar has recommended Bob Poirot (Manager of the Evergreen #2 team in B-2 Division) as his replacement as a Board member and as Standings

Secretary for the D-1 Division. Board voted to accept this replacement, at a date to be advised by Lautigar. Harbour will include Poirot in his distribution of minutes of meetings.

- Sanelli advised that Eddie Navarro is no longer the manager of the APEX Red team in C-1 Division; he has been replaced by Bob Frederick (rfred12@comcast.net). Lowrey advised that this change has already been made on the C-1 schedule on the website.

12. Next Meeting: The next CSSA Board meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2009 at a location to be advised, per information under Item 9 above.

13. Adjournment: Lowrey motioned that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Spoerke. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 5-1-09

Added Note: There were several actions taken between the Board meeting on March 13, 2009 and the meeting of May 1, 2009. Sanelli phoned Board members to get their concurrences on these actions. The purpose of this added note is to document the changes in divisions and teams from the agreed listing in the March 13th meeting and what went forward to the schedules. Here are the changes:

- The team from Brush was not included in the CSSA leagues for 2009
- The Gamblers team, originally placed in the E Division was moved to the D-2 Division due to new players and a more competitive team
- The Westminster team, originally placed in the D-2 Division was moved to the E Division to replace the Gamblers team in E Division.
- The Brown Insurance team, originally placed in the E Division was moved to the D-2 Division, because most of their players are from last year's Copy Cats team, and thus should be in D-2.
- The Copy Cats team, originally placed in the D-2 Division was moved to the E Division because the 2009 Copy Cats team has dropped significantly in competitive level from last year