

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes - June 5, 2009 – Denver Elks Club

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, Mike Massong, and Bob Poirot (Bob will assume the Board position of Jerry Lautigar, who has resigned due to a family issue.)
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Robin Garneau
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Sanelli introduced Phil Field (Scrap Iron) and Carl Schiele (APEX Blue).
3. **Approval of Minutes, May 1, 2009:** Lowrey reported that he had made a minor revision to the minutes sent around by Harbour, i.e. removing some detail regarding the John Clinard discussion. Spoerke motioned that the minutes be approved as revised, seconded by Nethercot and 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 7 of the agenda.
5. **Tournament updates for 70's and Wed. leagues:** Scheduled dates/info for the tournaments as follows:
 - 70's Tournament- Aug. 10th and 12th; at Broomfield; no charges
 - Wed. Leagues Tournament- Aug. 17 thru 20 (Aug. 21 for rainout make-ups)- at Shaeffer Complex; \$1300 for 6 fields for 4+ days. Massong reported that the concessions at Shaeffer would be open during the tournament. Sanelli will check with Garneau as to whether the concessions will be open at Broomfield for the 70's tournament.
 - Sanelli reported that he had two donations (from Prime Time newspapers and Senior Resources Center) for a total amount of \$221, for pizza for the 70's tournament. Discussion has held as to whether pizza should be provided for the Wed. league tournament. Harbour suggested that the donation funds be used for pizza for the 70's tournament only; Poirot and Nethercot stated their agreement, and the discussion on this subject was closed.
 - Sanelli reported that Tom Fernandez will not be the Tournament(s) Director, due to conflicts with his work schedule. Sanelli stated that Bill Breithaupt would be the Tournament(s) Director. Sanelli asked for volunteers to be the Assistant Tournament Director. Harbour stated that he would volunteer with two conditions, i.e that he 1) be allowed to play in his team's tournament games, and 2) that he NOT be paid. All agreed. Massong stated that he would also assist if his upcoming surgery is delayed and he is able to be there. Also, Nethercot said that he could assist as well.

6. **Awards/shirts update:** Spoerke will be the coordinator for this effort. Sanelli gave Spoerke two “bids” that he had received. Harbour reported on information that he received from last year’s supplier, i.e. Victory Sales. Harbour will send contact info for Victory to Spoerke.
7. **Roster and Payment Update (May 7, 2009 Deadline):** Sanelli reported that he had received all team fees, although there were four teams who were delinquent, i.e. paid after the deadline date of May 7th. A few teams have not sent in their rosters and waiver/liability forms as they are waiting on a few last signatures. Sanelli is working with these team to get the forms sent in. Sanelli also reported that the Evergreen #5 team (D-2 Division) has disbanded as of 5-20-09.
8. **Review standings for 1st seven weeks and revise divisions if necessary:** This item will be done as the last item of the meeting- see below.
9. **League and tournament awards:** Discussion was held in regards to what to do about the first six weeks of the 70’s league, where there were three 4 team divisions, which is being changed to two 6 team divisions for the remainder of the year. After full discussion on the subject, Nethercot motioned to not give awards (shirts) for leaders in the three divisions for the first six weeks, but give awards (shirts) at the end of the year to the two divisions; second by Lowrey and unanimously approved.
10. **Review league and discuss problem areas:**
 - Sanelli reported on one protest, regarding an “altered” bat being used by Longmont Scrappers, D-1 Division; issue was raised by the APEX White team. Sanelli has spoken with Ron Theede of the Longmont team and he has agreed that they will not use the subject bat in the future.
 - Nethercot advised that he has heard from some umpires about games lasting “too long”, due to CSSA rules not having a 5 inning/10 run mercy rule, or a flip-flop rule.
11. **Assign June and July timeline duties:** Reviewed the master timeline duties and noted items needing attention as follows:
 - Contact the 1st 7 week champions for T-shirt sizes- Spoerke will coordinate this effort and work with Sanelli.
 - Confirm details for Post-season tournaments- Sanelli has arranged a meeting with Kevin Brown, Foothills Recreation, 7306 W Bowles, for July 21 at 10 AM. Sanelli will finalize arrangements for the meeting and advise the pertinent Board members who should attend.
12. **Website Update:** From Lowrey, as follows:
 - Website seems to be working OK.
 - Lowrey suggest putting the CSSA Rules on the website and all agreed.
 - Lowrey requests that all Standings Secretaries provide him with the scores of their division’s games each week, no later than Thursday at 1 PM.

13. Other:

- Anderson expressed concern that The 'Prime Time for Seniors' newspaper does not have CSSA standings. Sanelli will talk with Patty at the newspaper and address the issue.
- Lowrey- advised that Joe Carabello's son is a teacher and is looking for umpire work. Sanelli will follow up on this.
- Lowrey- advised that Brad Marks had expressed an issue about the 3 day limit for make-up games, and requested that the Board be lenient on this issue.
- Phil Field advised of the Coors Field night on July 6, 2009, that the Scrap Iron club has arranged. CSSA teams are invited to participate. Field will send out an e-mail to all managers listed on the schedules which have e-mail addresses shown. Fernandez is the coordinator of this effort for CSSA, is working with Field on all of this, and will advise Lowrey on what to put on the CSSA website.

14. **Next Meeting:** The next CSSA Board meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2009 at a location to be advised.

Item 8, continued from above- Review standings for 1st seven weeks and revise divisions if necessary: Board members reviewed the current standings, noting that no teams had played their entire 14 game 1st half schedule, due to rainouts, etc., particularly no games being played on Wed., June 3rd. Lowrey provide a sheet to all showing the current standings, as well as runs for and against each team. Movement of teams was based on the best information available at the time of this meeting, as follows:

- B-1 Division: Move Ace-Hi and Scrap Iron Diamonds down to B-2.
- B-2 Division: Move Frontier Club and Greeley up to B-1; move APEX Blue down to C-2; move Denver Eagles down to C-1.
- C-1 Division: Move Castle Rockies and Evergreen #3 up to B-2; move Bears down to C-2.
- C-2 Division: Move JR Engineering and Greeley O&E's up to C-1; move Evergreen #4, Triple D Ranch and Louisville Miners down to D-1.
- D-1 Division: Move Longmont Scrappers, Broomfield and Berkley Braves up to C-2; move Nestle Butterfingers and Erie Tigers down to D-2.
- D-2 Division: The Evergreen #5 team has disbanded and will not play in the second half.
- E Division: Move Castle Rockers up to D-2.
- 70's Division: Move Colorado Silverstreaks and Wheeler Management up to the upper (Gold) division, and move the four teams in the lower (Bronze) division up into the Gold Division. This makes two 6 team divisions for 70's.

Post meeting note: As schedules were being developed, a problem was highlighted in the E Division where the meeting had left the E Division as a five team division. With a five (odd number) team division, each week one team would have a BYE, and with five teams and seven weeks, there would be two teams which ended up with two BYE's during the second half schedule. Harbour

contacted Sanelli and a decision was made to move Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes to the E Division, to make a six team division. This move makes the D-2 Division a seven team division.

With the moves outlined above, the divisions were grouped as follows:

B-1: 8 teams- Greeley, Loveland, Evergreen #1, Kennel Kough, Longmont Scrappers, Golden Silvers, Wheat Ridge Express, Frontier Club

B-2: 8 teams- Broomfield, Scrap Iron Diamonds, JC & the Sunset Boys, Edward Jones, Ace-Hi, Castle Rockies, Evergreen #2, Evergreen #3.

C-1: 8 teams- APEX Red, Louisville Bulls, Denver Eagles, Prime Timers, Scrap Iron Reds/65s, JR Engineering, Greeley O&E's, Johnson Blue Jays

C-2: 8 teams- Perkins/Westminster, Lakewood Cougars, APEX Blue, Bears, Colorado Cougars, Berkley Braves, Longmont Scrappers, Broomfield

D-1: 6 teams- APEX White, Louisville Miners, Triple D Ranch, Scrap Iron 80's, Evergreen #4, Lakewood Hawks

D-2: 7 teams- Edward Jones, Golden Eagles, Gamblers, Brown Insurance Agency, Castle Rockers, Nestle Butterfingers, Erie Tigers

E: 6 teams- Coldwell Banker, Copy Cats, Greeley Grey Gophers, Westminster, Louisville Sluggers, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes

70s Gold Division- Scrap Iron 70s Green, Colorado Cougars, Denver USA 70s, Colorado Silverstreaks, Wheeler Management, Scrap Iron 70s Red

70s Silver Division- Johnson Blue Jays, Longmont 70s, Covenant Village, Lakewood Lyons, Aurora 70s, Golden Oldies

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

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-5-09