

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes(R) - September 18, 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, Bob Lowrey, Gene Anderson & David Spoerke  
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Robin Garneau, Mike Massong, Jerry Nethercot, Bob Poirot
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Bill Breithaupt, this year's Tournament Director, was also present.
3. **Approval of Minutes, August 7, 2009:** Lowrey motioned that the minutes of the August 7, 2009 meeting be approved, seconded by Spoerke and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report available. Sanelli will follow up with Garneau on the report.
5. **Tournament Report/Review (problems, successes):** Bill Breithaupt reported that there were no major problems from the tournament. There was one issue that should be addressed before next year's tournament, i.e. the use of the mercy rule, as there were some complaints about stopping games before the time limit expired. There were 20 ten-run games and 6 fifteen-run games. Breithaupt handed out a sheet showing expenditures for the tournament (excluding the fields cost), which showed a total expenditure of \$2,556 → \$320 for 70's umpires, \$2,010 for Wed. umpires, \$100 for assistants, \$90 for runners and \$36 for supplies.

Anderson raised an issue regarding the competitive differential with the 70's league teams. This issue will be addressed before next year's season by the new CSSA Board.

6. **League & Tournament Awards:** Sanelli handed out a sheet showing the awards for the league and tournament winners (champions). The awards shirts were displayed. The league champs shirts were obtained from AAA Wholesale Services Inc. and the tournament shirts from Sportline in Arvada. There was a total of 437 shirts purchased. Distribution of shirts to the champion teams will be handled by Sanelli and Fernandez from the Highlands Recreation Center.

Sanelli noted that in the B-1 Division, Kennel Kough won both halves of the regular season, and therefore the second place team in the second half, Wheat Ridge Express, will get award shirts. Lowrey pointed out the Board had agreed earlier that if Kennel Kough won their tournament group, that the second place

team would be awarded shirts. Sanelli and Spoerke will include the Longmont Scrappers, the second place team, in their shirt distribution.

7. **Fall Manager's Meeting (Announcements & Packet Items):** Sanelli has the package of items to be sent out, envelopes are prepared and ready to go.  
**Post meeting note: Packages were mailed out to managers on Friday, 9-18-09, in the afternoon.**
8. **Board & Secretary Vacancies:** Sanelli reviewed the situation with the Board positions:
  - Harbour and Massong are finishing their second year of their first term. Harbour agreed to be considered for a second term. Sanelli will contact Massong regarding his desire to be considered for a second term.
  - Poirot is finishing the second year of his first term. Sanelli will contact Poirot regarding his desire to be considered for a second term.
  - Anderson is finishing the second year of Bill Breithaupt's second term.
  - Lowrey is resigning his Board position for personal reasons. He has completed the first year of a two year term. Lowrey offered to continue with handling standings, but not be the web-site contact.

The other duties that Lowrey has been handling are being assigned to other Board members as follows:

- Web-site contact will now be shown as Sanelli with his phone number.
- Maintaining the list of team managers- Spoerke will handle.
- Rules revisions- Lowrey will not handle the rules revisions for this fall; therefore the rules revision will be addressed at the November Board meeting. Harbour pointed out that some cleanup of the Rules needs to be done and suggested a "Rules Committee" be formed to address these issues before the Spring Managers Meeting. No action taken.

Lowrey suggested that a clear communication to the Standings Secretaries be made in regard to what is expected from them. Then Standing Secretaries would need to communicate with the managers in their division on what managers responsibilities are in regard to reporting scores, rain-outs, make-ups, etc.

9. **Board Recommended Rule Changes:**
  - General discussion on possible rule changes was held.
  - Harbour handed out a draft 'Flip/Flop' rule and asked for comments. Some discussion was held.
10. **Discuss & Set Dates for Upcoming Season:** Reviewed and discussed 2010 dates. Tentative dates are as follows:
  - 70's League starts April 19, 2010, with no games on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Wed. League starts April 21, 2010; June 9th is week off and second half would start June 16<sup>th</sup>. Board will need to decide if June 30<sup>th</sup> is an off day and determine remaining dates for the second half and the tournament.

**11. Assign Sept./Oct. Timeline Duties:**

- All Sept. items have been handled.
- Sanelli has the information for the packages to be sent to the managers and will mail the packages ASAP.
- Host Fall Managers Meeting- Meeting scheduled for Oct. 22,2009
- Rules Committee collects revised rules, etc.- This will be done as motions are received and voted on at the Managers Meeting.

**12. Web Site Updates:**

- Minutes of the Aug. 7, 2009 meeting have been posted.

**13. Other:**

- Sanelli reported that the team from Brush still wants to participate. Also, a Colorado Springs 70's team is interested in joining. Discussion was held in regards to the "distance limits" that the Board wants to implement. Further discussion on this issue will be addressed by the new Board. Representatives from the Brush and Colorado Springs teams will be invited to the Fall Managers Meeting.
- Sanelli raised a question regarding voting on motions at the Managers Meeting. There is concern that sometimes a situation occurs when more than one representative from one team has a voting card. Discussion was held and action will be taken at the meeting to control the voting cards.
- Sanelli reported that he had been approached by a representative from Aurora Recreation had approached Sanelli at the tournament in August, indicating an interest in having the 2010 tournament at the Aurora Sports Complex. Discussion was held regarding the tournament venue. More discussion and a plan will be developed at the November Board meeting.

**14. Next Meeting & Adjournment:**

- Fall Managers Meeting is scheduled for Oct. 22, 2009
- Next Board meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2009
- Adjournment- Spoerke motioned for adjournment, seconded by Lowrey and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 9-18-09