

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2009
Highlands Senior Center

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by Emilio Sanelli. Board members present: Emilio Sanelli, Stan Harbour, Dennis Murray, Joe Carabello & David Spoerke
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Robin Garneau, Mike Massong, Jerry Nethercot, Bob Poirot
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Bob Jennings (sitting in for Bob Poirot).
3. **Approval of Minutes, Sept. 19, 2009 and Oct. 20, 2009 Meetings:** Spoerke motioned that the minutes of the Sept. 19, 2009 meeting be approved, seconded by Sanelli and approved unanimously. Spoerke motioned that the minutes of the Oct. 20, 2009 meeting (Fall Managers Meeting) be approved, seconded by Harbour and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's Report available. Sanelli will follow up with Garneau on the report, although the balance should be the same as reported at the Fall Managers Meeting on Oct. 22, 2009, i.e. a balance of \$3,547.66.
5. **Old Business/October Managers Meeting:**
 - The Brush, CO Parks and Rec Director was present and lead a discussion on their desire to have a team in CSSA in 2010. A general discussion was held regarding having a team from Brush.
6. **New Business:**
 - Any decision regarding the Brush team in 2010 will be deferred until future meetings. Although there was a general consensus among the Board members present of not having the Bruch team included, Sanelli will conduct a telephone poll of teams in the D-1 and D-2 Divisions to get a feel for their concerns about having a team located in Brush in 2010.
7. **Welcome to the New Board Members:** Sanelli welcomed the two new Board members, Joe Carabello and Dennis Murray.
8. **Approval of the Board Member's List:** Carabello and Murray reviewed the draft Board members list to check their information, and agreed with the accuracy of the information. The Board members list will be part of the package handed out to managers at the spring meeting in February.
9. **Review Rule Changes:** Spoerke reviewed the rule changes that resulted from the motions and votes of the Fall Managers Meeting held in October. Revised Rules

will be part of the package handed out to managers at the Spring Managers Meeting in February.

10. Review 2010 Season Dates: Using the 2009 Dates listing as a guide, the dates for the 2010 season were discussed and established as follows:

- Feb. 18- Spring Managers Meeting
- March 8- Team Registration Deadline
- April 19- 70's Division Begins
- April 21- B-E Divisions Begin- 1st 7-week session
- April 29- Jacket Order Deadline
- May 6- League Roster Deadline (See Rule 2.2)
- May 6- Team Fees Due – Fees not received by the due date will result in game forfeitures for the delinquent team until the required fees are paid.)
- May 31- Memorial Day Holiday- No 70's Division games
- June 9- No scheduled B-E Divisions games- Session break
- June 16- B-E Divisions Begin 2nd 7-week session
- July 5- July 4th Holiday- No 70's Division games
- July 12- 70's Division Roster Change Deadline
- July 21- B-E Divisions Roster Change Deadline
- July 28- B-E Divisions Last Scheduled League Games
- Aug 2- 70's Division Last Scheduled League Games
- Aug 9, 10 & 11- B-E Divisions Tournament
- Aug 16 & 18- 70's Division Tournament

Also, the Board reviewed the Spring Managers Meeting Agenda and set dates and assignments for the February 18, 2010 meeting.

11. Tournament Suggestions:

- Harbour pointed out that a motion had been made, and approved at the Fall Managers Meeting that teams be allowed to use 11 defensive players, per Rule 6.3a. The Tournament Director will take note of this for the 2010 tournament.
- Another point of discussion at the Fall Managers Meeting was in regards to the 175' line. Tournament Director will push this point with the management of whichever fields are used for the 2010 tournament.
- Carabello expressed concern of umpires being too firm regarding ASA rules, and over-riding the CSSA rules. General discussion was held regarding incidents of this during the 2009 season. It was suggested that the Tournament Director communicate with umpires to follow the CSSA rules, and maybe provide an "exceptions" sheet to umpires outlining the differences between ASA and CSSA rules.

12. Other:

- Review "Yearly Timeline Duties"- All Nov. items covered; no specific additional action items beyond what was covered during the meeting.

- Harbour will work with Bob Lowrey on Standings Secretary (SS) plans, i.e. SS duties, SS volunteer forms, discussion points for the Spring Managers Meeting, etc.
- Spoerke raised the issue of advertising for CSSA. Sanelli advised that he sends out “news releases” in the spring each year to a number of local newspapers.

13. Next Meeting Date: The next CSSA Board will be January 14, 2010, 9:30 AM, at the Highlands Senior Center.

14. Adjournment: Murray motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Spoerke. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 11-20-09