

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes –January 14, 2010
Highlands Senior 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, Dennis Murray, Joe Carabello, David Spoerke, Robin Garneau, Bob Poirot
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Mike Massong, Jerry Nethercot
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Sanelli introduced Lance Schwindt of the Brush Recreation Dept.; Larry Bodannes and Tom Flores of the Brush senior softball team.
3. **Approval of Minutes, Nov. 20, 2009 Meeting:** Murray motioned that the minutes of the Nov. 20, 2009 meeting be approved, seconded by Poirot and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garneau had sent out the latest Treasurer's report via e-mail earlier in the week; hard copies were provided to Board members who needed them. Report shows a balance of \$3,638.66. Harbour motioned that the Treasurer's Report be approved, seconded by Poirot and unanimously approved.

Special Item: Brush Team: Lance Schwindt of the Brush, CO Parks and Recreation Dept., lead a discussion on their desire to have a team in CSSA in 2010. Discussion was held on various related matters, such as the ability of Brush to field a team, the distance and drive times to Brush and Wiggins, and other locations, e.g. Greeley. Bodannes indicated that the field at Brush is probably better than the one at Wiggins. Sanelli gave results of his survey of the 2009 D-1 and D-2 Divisions team managers, who were asked if they were willing to travel to Brush, or Wiggins, if there was a Brush team playing in 2010. A spreadsheet with the results was distributed, which indicated that the D-1 teams voted 2 'Yes' and 4 'No' for playing at Brush, and 2 'Yes' and 3 'No' for playing at Wiggins; the D-2 teams voted 2 'Yes' and 5 'No' for playing at Brush, and 4 'Yes' and 3 'No' for playing at Wiggins. General discussion ensued with Garneau, Carabello, Spoerke and Poirot generally in favor of having a Brush team in 2010. Harbour commented that we should refer to the D-1 & D-2 teams survey. Schwindt asked when a decision would be made, and requested that they be informed ASAP on the Board's decision. Sanelli advised that a decision would be made very soon, and that they would be advised ASAP. Sanelli then thanked the Brush representatives for their attendance and input and they left the meeting.

Further discussion on the Brush team issue was deferred to the 'Other' item of the meeting's agenda. See more below under #11.

5. Board Vacancies Update:

Sanelli advised that he intended to retire as Commissioner and referred to a sheet in the meeting handout that read as follows:

January 14, 2010

To: CSSA Board

Emilio Sanelli (Commissioner of CSSA) hereby will end his position ending October 31, 2010. 1. Age- 80 years old; 2. Health 75%; 3. Retirement full time.

Thank you, (Signed Emilio Sanelli).

Discussion followed. Murray thanked Sanelli for his years of service and commented that his efforts had been exemplary over the years. Sanelli has been Commissioner since 2000.

The plan is to make an announcement at the Spring Managers Meeting of the Commissioner opening after October, and to ask for nominations/applications from anyone interested in serving as Commissioner. A sheet with Commissioner duties will be included in the package handed out to the managers at the meeting. Deadline for the nominations/applications is June 20, 2010.

6. Yearly Timeline:

January Items

- Post Spring Managers Meeting notice on the web-site. Harbour will provide information to Bob Lowrey for posting on the web-site.
- Package of information for managers. Sanelli will send out information to all managers about Jan. 26th, appx. 3 weeks before the meeting on Feb. 18th.
- Preparations for the Spring Managers Meeting. Softballs and scorebooks have been ordered. Assignment of duties to Board members will be made by Sanelli prior to the meeting. Forms for distribution of balls, scorebooks and ASA rule books will be used to distribute these items to managers.
- Sanelli reviewed the list of items to be included in the package of material to be handed out to managers at the meeting.

February Items

- All duties identified, planned and assigned.

7. Review Committee Assignments:

- Tournament Committee- Sanelli, Massong and Bill Breithaupt
- Scheduling Committee- Harbour plus others as needed.
- Protest Committee- Sanelli will organize as needed

8. Discuss Tournament Suggestions:

- Sanelli has been contacted by an assortment of people indicating that Aurora would be interested in CSSA having the tournament in 2010 at the Aurora Sports Complex, and Sanelli has advised them to submit a proposal for such.
- Some discussion among attendees occurred concerning the potential tournament venues, considerations regarding the tournament, etc.

- Garneau stated that Broomfield would again host the 70's Division tournament. Dates for the 70's tournament are August 16th and 18th.

9. Proof Final Draft/printed Rule Book, Bylaws & Spring Meeting items:

Sanelli and Spoerke have reviewed the rules and bylaws, and all Spring Meeting items have been covered in previous discussion.

10. Assign January/February Timeline Duties: All items covered; see Item 6 above.

11. Other:

- Brush team- Poirot motioned that the Brush team be accepted into the CSSA league, playing games in Wiggins, in either the D-1 or D-2 Division; seconded by Spoerke. Board voted 4 'For' (Carabello, Murray, Spoerke and Poirot) and 1 'Against' (Harbour). Sanelli will advise the representatives from Brush in regard to the Board's decision.
- Murray mentioned the issue highlighted near the end of the Fall Managers Meeting of the difficulty that attendees had hearing the proceedings. Discussion was held regarding how to improve the situation. Decided that speakers at the head table would utilize the 'squak box' microphone. Harbour stated that an announcement should be made at the start of the meeting that attendees should let it be known if they were having any problems hearing the discussions.
- News release- Sanelli advised that he had sent out a "news release" to Prime Time for Seniors newspaper for their February issue. Also, Sanelli will send to other papers.
- Harbour asked if there had been any further contacts regarding a 70's team from Colorado Springs, a suggestion made at the Fall Managers meeting in October. Sanelli stated that he had not heard anything more on this issue.
- Spoerke stated that it should be noted, regarding the Commissioner position, that it is a non-compensated position.
- Spoerke commented that he had heard from various CSSA team members that the league and tournament awards T-shirts had become "old hat". He suggested that other awards be considered.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting is the Spring Managers Meeting, to be held on February 18, 2010, at the Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Avenue, Denver, CO.

Post meeting Note: The March CSSA Board meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at the Highlands Senior Center at 9:30 AM.

13. Adjournment: Spoerke motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Murray. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 1-14-10