

COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Spring Managers Meeting - February 18, 2010
Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26th Avenue, Denver, CO

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Stan Harbour. Board members present: Stan Harbour, Mike Massong, David Spoerke, Robin Garneau, Bob Poirot, Joe Carabello, Jerry Nethercot & Tom Fernandez. Board members absent: Emilio Sanelli and Dennis Murray.
2. **Moment of Silence:** Harbour asked that a moment of silence to observed to honor members of the military serving our country in all areas of the world.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Harbour led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the Treasurer's Report was included in the package that all attendees received. Treasurer Garneau noted that the current situation looked good. Two invoices were paid since the last financial report was made. Paid \$95 for the website and domain name and paid \$10 for Colorado Secretary of State report for a balance of \$ 3,533.66. There were no questions from the attendees.

OTHER: Introduction of members of the CSSA Board: Harbour introduced members of the CSSA Board in attendance, as listed above, and mentioned that Sanelli and Murray were unable to attend today's meeting.

5. **Spring Packet Information:** Harbour reviewed the packet of information that was provided to each manager in attendance as follows, with appropriate comments on each page:
 - **CSSA Board of Directors**
 - **Important Dates for 2010 Season-** Harbour noted the following important dates from the list- 1) March 8- Team Registration Deadline, 2) May 6- Roster Deadline and Team Fees Due Date, 3) Aug. 9, 10 & 11- Wed. league Tournament, 4) Aug. 16 & 18- 70's Tournament
 - **Team Registration Forms (2 copies)- Due March 8-** Harbour noted the following regarding the Team Registration form: 1) Managers and Recreation Center Reps should communicate and work together to assure accurate and complete information is provided on these forms, 2) e-mail address- CSSA would like to have an e-mail address for each team. Ideally, it would be that of the manager, but if a manager does not have e-mail, then someone from the team could act as the team contact, 3) Field locations and scheduling conflicts- complete information should be included here to help in the scheduling process, 4) Bat restrictions- Any further bat restrictions, beyond the CSSA rules which follow USSSA bats, should be included, 5) the line on the form about "rate your team compared to last season"- provide details on your rating to assist the Board in placing teams in the proper division, 6)

League Division- this should be the division that you think your team should be placed in.

Note: A concern was raised by one attendee (rep from Louisville team??) that teams some times get placed in a higher division than they should be in, and the difficulties that teams, and specifically managers have in determining the competitive level of their team by the deadline date of March 8th for the team registration forms, due to new players on their teams, physical condition of returning players, etc. After discussion amongst the attendees, Harbour stated that the Board would use the best information available (2009 second half standings, information on the team registration forms, and any other info) to place teams in the divisions for 2010. Nethercot suggested that if anyone felt strongly enough about the placement of their team, then they should plan to attend the next Board meeting on March 11th at which time teams are placed in the divisions.

- **Roster-Due May 6-**
- **Invoice- Due May 6-** Harbour requested that recreation center reps work with their system to get the payments in by the due date.
- **Roster Change Form- Due July 12 for 70s Division teams and July 21 for the B-E Divisions teams-**
- **Pre-game Conference with Umpires sheet-** It should be noted that the copy handed out refers to the ASA non-approved bat list, which is an error- it should refer to the USSSA approved bat list.
- **Jacket Order Form-** Deadline for any jacket order is April 29, 2010.
- **CSSA Bylaws & Player Code of Conduct-**
- **2010 Rules**

6. Reporting Results to Division Standings Secretaries: Harbour stated that there would be a Standings Secretary assigned to each division, and referred to the change made in Rule 7.9 at the Managers Meeting in October 2009, where the time allowed for host team managers to get scores reported is 24 hours from the start of games. Harbour requested that scores be reported ASAP after games are finished, so that Standings Secretaries can gather the scores, and report them to Bob Lowrey who in turn reports all scores and standings to the web-site person for posting on the web-site. As Lowrey usually does this on Thursday mornings, any late reported scores may not be included on the web-site until the following week.

7. Strike Zone Mats and 2nd Home Plates: Harbour mentioned that any team needing a strike mat or second home plate should see him, or contact Sanelli.

OTHER: Rule Changes for 2010: Spoerke reviewed the rule changes motioned and approved at the Fall Managers Meeting in October 2009, as follows: 1) Rule 3.6- 175' line in the outfield for D, E & 70s- eliminate the rule for 70s, so Rule 3.6 now only applies to the D & E Divisions, 2) Rule 6.3d- Defensive players- Tournaments- permits the use of 11 defensive players per Rule 6.3a in tournament games, 3) 7.6a- addition of a FLIP/FLOP rule, 4) Rule 7.9- Reporting of scores- scores must now be reported within 24 hours of the start of games (old rule allowed 48 hours).

Note: One attendee raised a question on the FLLIP/FLOP rule asking if it is required to follow the rule always, or if it requires both managers to agree to use the rule. Harbour stated that it is not perfectly clear the way the rule is written now. The Board will advise on this issue, probably with a notice in the package that will be sent out with the schedules.

OTHER: Waiver form: A question was raised regarding the “Waiver form” used in 2009 with the roster form, and whether it should be included with the roster form for 2010 (due May 6, 2010). Harbour advised the meeting that Sanelli had told him that anyone who signed the waiver form in 2009 would not be required to sign in 2010, i.e. only new players need to sign the waiver form for 2010. Further clarification on this issue will be included in the schedules package that will be sent to all managers in late March or early April.

OTHER: Web-site: Harbour stated that the CSSA web-site is www.coloradoseniorsoftball.us, and has various items of information, such as a News section, schedules, standings, and includes the Minutes of Meetings for the CSSA Board meetings. Harbour further noted that in 2009 the Board made a concerted effort for the web-site information be accurate and timely, and that Bob Lowrey, the point man for the web-site, had done a great job in working with the web-site people. The Board will continue to utilize the web-site to provide accurate and complete information for all to use.

OTHER: Commissioner Vacancy: Harbour mentioned that all managers and coordinators should have received with their meeting notification two sheets, one was a notification by Sanelli that he would end his position as Commissioner effective Oct. 31, 2010, and the other which listed the duties of the Commissioner. Harbour stated that the list of duties is only a short list of duties, and that anyone interested in the Commissioner job should speak with Sanelli to get the full story on the requirements of the position. The deadline for the nomination/application is June 20, 2010.

OTHER: Tournament Location: Harbour explained that he wanted to take an “opinion” poll vote as to the preference that managers might have regarding the location of the B-E Divisions tournament location for 2010. The vote would be purely for gathering information, and the decision on the tournament location would still be made by the Board after considering all considerations. The options are 1) Shaeffer complex, Lakewood, 2) Aurora Sports Complex, Aurora, or 3) No preference, i.e either Shaeffer or Aurora would be OK. The vote was Shaeffer-17, Aurora-17 and Either-10.

OTHER: 70s Tournament Location: The 70s tournament will be held at Broomfield on August 16th & 18th, 2010.

OTHER: CSSTL Information: Massong spoke of the CSSTL (Colorado Senior Softball Travel League), a senior softball league that plays on some Saturdays during the spring/summer. Handout sheets were available on the entrance table. Anyone interested in entering a team, or even playing, should see Massong to discuss.

OTHER: Adam Elnicki of the Broomfield team spoke on their efforts to include a third team this year, and that they were looking for additional players. Anyone with interest or information should see Adam, or Robin Garneau after the meeting.

OTHER: A representative of the Louisville Bulls team (?Pete Sheffler) stated that they were looking for some additional players. Anyone with interest or information should see Pete after the meeting.

OTHER: Terry Goodrich of the JC & the Sunset Boys team stated that Foothills Rec Center has received some calls from guys looking for a place to play. As Terry's team roster is full, anyone looking for players should see him or contact Foothills for names and information.

OTHER: Harbour had Carabello review the packets remaining at the entrance table, to see if there was anyone present who could take the packets to managers unable to attend the meeting.

8. Softball & Scorebook Distribution: Massong advised all attendees that softballs and scorebooks would be distributed to team representatives after the meeting was adjourned in the lodge room on the first floor.

9. Next CSSA Board Meeting: The next CSSA Board meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2010, 9:30 AM, at the Highland Senior Center, 2880 Osceola, Denver, CO.

10. Adjournment: Massong motioned for adjournment, seconded by Spoerke and approved by all attendees. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 02-18-10

Note: After the meeting adjourned, team managers/coaches received softballs from CSSA stock piles. A listing of teams and who picked up the balls was prepared for invoicing purposes.