

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes –May 6, 2010**  
**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, Robin Garneau, Mike Massong  
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Jerry Nethercot, Bob Poirot
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Sanelli recognized Bill Breithaupt as a guest.
3. **Approval of Minutes, March 11, 2010 Meeting:** Murray motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Massong and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garneau handed out a hard copy of the latest Treasurer's Report. Balance shown was \$9,225.62. Team fee payments are continuing to come in which will increase the balance over the next week or so.
5. **Tournament Dates/Update:** Current plan is for the Wed. league tournament to be held the week of Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at Shaeffer, and the 70s tournament to be held on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Broomfield. Harbour pointed out that there could be a potential schedule problem regarding games on June 30<sup>th</sup>, as there are 20 identified teams who can not have home games. After discussing several different options, such as not playing games on June 30<sup>th</sup>, pushing the dates out a week and developing tournament groups based on six weeks of play, changing the tournament dates, etc., it was agreed that the current dates would stay as is, and in regard to the potential June 30<sup>th</sup> issue, the following would be recognized and done: 1) schedule as many of the identified teams with away games, 2) if games have to be scheduled at the identified teams fields, then they will have to treat them as make-ups and play them at another time. Also, it is possible that the identified teams may find an alternate field to play their games on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tournaments Director will be Bill Breithaupt. Breithaupt raised the following points for discussion and decision:

- As 51 teams is the limit for the tournament unless extra days are added, then any new team that comes in for the second half will not be guaranteed a spot in the tournament, and would only be allowed to play in the tournament if some other team does not play.
- Mercy rule- Question on whether to keep the 15 run/4 inning rule- discussion. Agreed to discontinue the 15 run/4 inning mercy rule, but keep the 10 run/5 inning mercy rule.
- Do we allow/use the over-running for the E Division teams (E Division teams will likely be in the same tournament group). Agreed to allow/use the over run rule for this group, and Breithaupt will advise umpires of games where this applies.

- 175' Line- discussion. Agreed to use the 175' line for the D and E Division groups.
  - Date to commit to play in the tournament- discussion. Agreed that Standings Secretaries would poll teams for a decision as to whether they will play in the tournament. The deadline for teams to declare their tournament participation will be July 21- the same date as the roster change deadline.
6. **Roster and payments update (May 6, 2010 deadline):** Sanelli provided lists of “delinquents” for both roster submissions and payments submissions. Although the deadline for these submissions and payments is today, May 6, there are now 35 roster delinquents and 11 payment delinquents. Sanelli will continue to make phone calls to managers and rec center representatives to resolve all delinquents.
7. **League and tournament awards:** Discussion was held on what to use for awards, i.e. T-shirts as has been done in previous years, or possibly something else. Sanelli and Spoerke will work on this and report at the next Board meeting.
8. **Review League and discuss problem areas:**
- Spoerke commented on an issue at Broomfield on Wed., regarding the height of the pitch arc. Garneau stated that ASA has changed their rule regarding the height from 6' to 12', to 6' to 10'. It was agreed that CSSA would keep their rule of 6' to 12' (Section 8 of CSSA Rules).
  - Harbour commented on a question received from Dean Morris of the Castle Rockies (C-1 Division) regarding whether a Miken UltraII bat was legal in CSSA. Harbour had received information from Massong, (which stated that the bat was NOT legal) and provided it to Morris which resolved the issue.
9. **Assign May and June timeline duties:** The May and June Timeline Duties were reviewed and it was determined that all duties have been covered for May, and in preparation for the June Board meeting.
10. **Website Update:** Discussion was held in regards to several aspects of the CSSA website as follows:
- News Section- Harbour will provide write-ups for the website on the Commissioner Vacancy, next Board meeting and used softballs for sale.
  - Discussion on whether the 2010 Rules have been placed on the website. Spoerke and Harbour will work with Bob Lowrey to get the 2010 Rules on the website.
  - Discussion was held on whether we should place all the various CSSA forms on the website for possible use by managers, etc. Spoerke and Harbour will work with Lowrey on this subject.

**11. Other:**

- Harbour asked if there were any plans to have a CSSA Day at Coors Field this year as was done in 2007 and 2008. Sanelli will coordinate with Tom Fernandez on this matter and report at the next Board meeting.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 4, 2010, 9:30 AM, at the Highlands Senior Center. This June meeting will be two days after the last scheduled Wednesday games of the first half of the season, and at the meeting decisions will be made regarding the make-up of the divisions for the second half of the season.

**13. Adjournment:** Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Murray. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 3-6-10