

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes –June 4, 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, Robin Garneau, Bob Poirot  
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, Jerry Nethercot, Mike Massong, David Spoerke
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Sanelli recognized Richard Parks of the Horsemen team (D-1) and Lloyd Lehrke of the Erie Tigers #2 team. Lehrke was also representing the Erie Tigers #1 team.
3. **Approval of Minutes, May 6, 2010 Meeting:** Murray motioned that the minutes be approved, seconded by Poirot and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Garneau handed out a hard copy of the latest Treasurer's Report. Balance shown was \$15,054.12. All team fee payments have been received. A brief discussion was held about the projected balance at the end of the year, and possibilities of adjusting expenditures, reducing team fees for 2011, etc. Major upcoming expenditures will be the tournament costs, and the league/tournament awards. Further discussion on this matter will be held in future meetings.
5. **Tournament Updates for 70s and Wed. leagues:** Plan is for the Wed. league tournament to be held at Shaeffer the week of Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>), with Thursday and Friday available for make-ups in case there are any rainouts on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. The cost for the Shaeffer fields from Foothills Recreation is a total of \$1300, regardless of how many days we use the fields. There are an additional costs for porta-pots of approximately \$400 or \$500 and umpires. The 70s tournament will be held on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Broomfield; there is no charge for the 70s tournament at Broomfield. Sanelli thanked Robin Garneau for the generous offer of the Broomfield facility for the 70s tournament.  
  
Tournaments Director will be Bill Breithaupt. Breithaupt is moving forward on plans for the tournaments, organizing things, hiring umpires, etc. Harbour will assist Breithaupt as he did for last year's tournaments. Harbour stated that he and Breithaupt might need a little assistance in "manning the tent" if there is a situation where both of them are playing in games at the same time.
6. **Awards/shirts update:** Sanelli and Spoerke are working on options for the league and tournament awards. Sanelli has received proposals from AAA Wholesale and Sportline. Short discussion was held regarding what to give out as

awards, i.e. T-shirts as in past years, or maybe something else. Sanelli and Spoerke will follow up.

7. **Roster/payments update:** Sanelli reported that all team rosters have been received. Sanelli and Garneau reported that all team payments have been received.
  
8. **Review standings for 1<sup>st</sup> seven weeks and revise divisions:** Discussions were held regarding the realignment of teams and divisions. The divisions standings through games completed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> were considered, along with runs for and against for each team, and any other considerations available at the meeting. Input from the Board members and the guests were considered. One thing that was considered was to not have the same divisions in the second half have the six or seven team make-up, as teams in divisions with less than eight teams are somewhat disadvantaged, especially the seven team division. After much discussion, considerations and looking at many options, the final make-up of the divisions are as follows:
  - B-1 Division (6 teams)- Evergreen #1, Longmont, Scrap Iron Diamonds, Mind Imprint/Loveland, Texaco Xpress Lube, Ace-Hi.
  
  - B-2 Division (8 teams)- Frontier Club, Golden Team Combat, Edward Jones #1, Greeley, JC & the Boys, Evergreen #2, Denver Eagles, Hector's.
  
  - C-1 Division (8 teams)- Broomfield Dairy Queen, Castle Rockies, Colorado Cougars, APEX Red, Prime Time, Louisville Bulls, APEX Blue, Horsemen.
  
  - C-2 Division (6 teams)- JR Engineering, Evergreen #3, Louisville Miners, Broomfield Fields, Lakewood Bears, Erie Tigers #1.
  
  - D-1 Division (8 teams)- Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Perkins, Scrap Iron Reds/65s, Desert Foxes (Longmont), Lakewood Hawks, Lakewood Cougars, Triple D Ranch, APEX White.
  
  - D-2 Division (7 teams)- Berkeley Braves, Evergreen #4, Golden Eagles, Castle Rockers, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes, Scrap Iron 80s, Edward Jones #2.
  
  - E Division (8 teams)- Nestle Butterfingers, Brown Insurance, Erie Tigers #2, Greeley Gray Gophers, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Coldwell Banker, Louisville Sluggers, Wheeler Management (Greeley).
  
9. **League and tournament awards:** See item 6. Above. More discussion was held on possibilities of awards, better awards for league and tournament championship winners, shirts for players of all teams, etc. Further discussion will be in future meetings before final decisions.

## **10. Review league and discuss problem areas:**

- Carabello (and Murray) raised an issue regarding make-up games, and the current rules related to them, i.e. Rule 7.2b. Discussion was held. Harbour noted that we have never held teams hard to the rule about finishing make-up games “by three (3) days after the last scheduled league date”. Make-up games played “late”, will obviously not be considered in the consideration of moving teams up or down in the divisions, done today, but will be considered in the final standings to determine league championship winners.
- Poirot raised an issue and a problem that he had regarding the “FLIP/FLOP Rule”, and how his opposing team, and the umpire would not do the flip/flop, although the situation called for it. It was discussed, and clarified that the FLIP/FLOP Rule (Rule 7.6a) calls for a flip/flop if one team is leading by 8 or more runs. Instructions regarding the FLIP/FLOP rule were sent out with the schedules to all managers in April, which stated that “When the situation prevails this rule must/shall apply”. A reminder will be sent out again with the second half schedules.
- Sanelli initiated a discussion regarding teams playing in “high wind” conditions in recent weeks. Several cases were described, and discussed. It was agreed that the team managers and the umpire will address these situations at the time, and agree on a means of dealing with it, e.g. suspend calling balls, or adjusting the count in a reasonable manner.

11. **Assign June and July timeline duties:** The June and July Timeline Duties were reviewed and it was determined that all duties have been covered for June, and in preparation for the next Board meeting. Points to be made here are:

- The Fall Managers meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 22, 2010.
- Contact the 1<sup>st</sup> 7 week Champions- this will be done once all pertinent make-up games have been played, and final standings are developed. There is no rush on this action as the awards are not given out until the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season since all awards are ordered at that time.

12. **Website Update:** Website activities continue with Bob Lowrey as the focal point for any CSSA info being posted on the website. Harbour will provide information to Lowrey regarding the next Board meeting, the tournament dates and locations and the Fall Managers meeting date.

## **13. Other:**

- CSSA Commissioner Vacancy- Sanelli reported that he had one casual inquiry regarding the vacancy, but did not progress much once he started to explain the entirety of the job.

14. **Next Meeting:** The next CSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 30, 2010, 9:30 AM, at the Highlands Senior Center. At this meeting, final plans for

the tournament will be addressed, and the make-up of the tournament groups will be determined.

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

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 6-4-10