

**COLORADO SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**Board Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2010**  
**Highlands Senior Center, 2880 Osceola, Denver, CO**

1. **Meeting Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM by Emilio Sanelli. Board members present: Emilio Sanelli, Stan Harbour, Dennis Murray, Joe Carabello, Bob Poirot, Mike Massong, Jerry Nethercot  
Board members absent: Tom Fernandez, David Spoerke and Robin Garneau
2. **Introduction of Guests:** Sanelli recognized Bill Breithaupt, Tournament Director, Gene Anderson of Covenant Village (70s), Lloyd Lehrke of Erie Tigers #2, J.C. Moore of Erie Tigers #1 and Myron Horst of Loveland.
3. **Approval of Minutes, June 4, 2010 Meeting:** Murray motioned that the minutes of the June 4, 2010 meeting be approved, seconded by Nethercot and approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Sanelli advised that Garneau was unable to attend the meeting, but she will send an updated Treasurer's Report out via e-mail. Balance should be about the same as the last report as there have been no significant revenues or expenditures.
5. **Tournament Updates for 70s and Wed. leagues:** Plan is for the Wed. league tournament to be held at Daniel Schaefer Athletic Complex in Lakewood 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 70s tournament will be held on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Community Park in Broomfield.

Tournaments Director is Bill Breithaupt. Breithaupt reported that all plans for the tournaments, organizing things, hiring umpires, etc. are in place. Harbour will assist Breithaupt as he did for last year's tournaments. Harbour noted that there may be times when he and Breithaupt are playing in games and it would be nice to have someone from the Board "man the tent". Massong, Murray and Carabello volunteered to help.

6. **Awards/shirts update:** Sanelli and Spoerke are working on options for the league and tournament awards. Sanelli is receiving orders from teams who won their divisions in the first half. Harbour, Standings Secretary for the E Division, noted that for the first half in the E Division, the top two teams (Erie Tigers #2 and Greeley Gray Gophers) both had 10-4 records, and both won one game by one run in their head-to-head games. Harbour recommended that these two teams be declared co-champions for the first half. It was also noted that Erie Tigers #2 had won the second half of the E Division. Therefore, Greeley Gray Gophers and Erie Tigers #2 will receive league champion awards for 2010. Also, Harbour, Standings Secretary for the B-2 Division, noted that for the first half in the B-2

Division, the top two teams (Greeley and Edward Jones #1) both had 10-4 records, but that Edward Jones had won both games in their head-to-head games. Harbour recommended that Edward Jones #1 be declared champion for the first half. All agreed on these recommendations.

7. **Review standings/build tournament groups:** Breithaupt provided a listing of 50 teams divided into ten 5 team groups. There is one team (Broomfield Fields) from the Wednesday league that will not participate in the tournament.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed group make-up, possible adjustments, moving teams up or down, and the specific make-up of each group. Final make-up of the groups are as follows:

- Group 1- Evergreen #1, Longmont Scrappers, Scrap Iron Diamonds, Texaco Xpress Lube, and Ace Hi.
- Group 2- Mind Imprint/Loveland, Golden Team Combat, Frontier Club, Greeley, Hector's.
- Group 3- JC & the Boys, Denver Eagles, Edward Jones #1, Evergreen #2, Broomfield Dairy Queen.
- Group 4- APEX Red, Castle Rockies, Prime Timers, The Horsemen, APEX Blue.
- Group 5- Louisville Bulls, Colorado Cougars, Lakewood Bears, JR Engineering, Erie Tigers #1.
- Group 6- Evergreen #3, Louisville Miners, Scrap Iron Red/65s, Broomfield Screaming Eagles, Perkins.
- Group 7- Lakewood Cougars, Desert Foxes (Longmont), Triple D Ranch, Lakewood Hawks, APEX White.
- Group 8- Berkeley Braves, Scrap Iron 80s, Edward Jones #2, Golden Eagles, Castle Rockers.
- Group 9- Evergreen #4, Wheat Ridge Silver Foxes, Erie Tigers #2, Nestle Butterfingers, Greeley Gray Gophers.
- Group 10- Brown Insurance Agency, Mercedes Benz of Westminster, Coldwell Banker, Louisville Sluggers, Wheeler Management.

All teams will play four games in a round robin format, two games on one day and two games on another day. Champions of each group will be decided by best record. In the case of teams having the same record, tie-breaker will be 1st) results of head to head games, 2nd) least number of runs allowed, 3) coin flip.

Discussions were held regarding the use of the "overrunning" rule (CSSA Rule 9.4) in the tournament. This rule only applies to the E Division in regular play. After discussion, Nethercot made a motion to use this rule in Groups 9 and 10 during the tournament; seconded by Poirot and approved unanimously.

Tournament schedules will be sent via e-mail by Harbour to those managers who have e-mail access, and via regular mail by Sanelli to those who do not have e-mail access.

Breithaupt stated that for the 70s Tournament, the plan is to divide the 13 teams into three groups as follows: Group 1- Top 5 teams in the Gold Division; Group 2- Remaining team from the Gold Division + top 4 teams in the Silver Division; 3rd) Remaining three teams in the Silver Division . Each team will play four games, with the two top groups playing each team in their group once. The 3rd group will play teams in their group twice. Champions of each group will be determined in the same manner as described above for the Wednesday league tournament.

8. **Review standings for 2nd seven weeks:** Discussions were held regarding the standings in each division for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season, specifically how to handle the B-1 Division, where the Evergreen #1 team won both the first and second halves of the year. As this is the top division, and there is no option of moving a team with a good record up to the higher division, then there are some who think that the second place team should be recognized. After a long discussion on this, Nethercot made a motion “to not award shirts to the second place team”; seconded by Poirot. Motion passed 4 For, 1 Against and 1 Abstain. For all divisions, it was decided to wait until any make-up games were played during the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, before a final decision on the league champions in each division.
9. **League and tournament awards:** See item 6 & 8 above.
10. **Review league and discuss problem areas:** See items under Section 13 below.
11. **Assign August and September timeline duties:** The August and September Timeline Duties were reviewed and it was determined that all duties have been assigned and are being handled.
12. **Website Update:** Harbour reported that website activities continue with Bob Lowrey as the focal point for any CSSA info being posted on the website, and that information is being provided on the website for all to use, i.e. news, rules, schedules, standings, etc. In general, things have gone well, although there have been times when there was a little delay in getting updated standings posted to the website. Harbour will provide information to Lowrey regarding the next Board meeting for updating on the website.
13. **Other:**
  - Harbour mentioned that Bob Lowrey has advised the Board that he will no longer perform the duties that he has been doing in regards to collecting scores, organizing the scores and standings and communicating that information to the website person. The Board will need to address this matter in future meetings.

- Moore described a situation that he had during a game regarding a particular bat that his team was using, and how the opposing team manager and the umpire raised questions about the legality of the bat. Discussion was held. It was noted that the bat had a "USSSA" stamp on it, and therefore was a legal bat per CSSA Rule 5.4.

- Moore noted some problems that he had in trying to arrange make-up games, mainly due to communications with the other manager. Discussion was held regarding problems with late make-up games, their impact on standings and being able to declare the proper champion. Harbour stated that there is a CSSA rule that addresses make-up games- Rule 7.2b- which states that "All league games (make-up games included) shall be completed by three (3) days after the last scheduled league date.". It was noted that this rule has not been vigorously enforced, but that it does give a direction on this subject.

- Moore raised a point regarding communication, and recommended that each team should have an e-mail contact, ideally the manager, but if the manager does not have e-mail, then he should have a "Communications Representative" to receive information from the Board or other teams. Brief discussion was held. The Board will address this issue in future meetings.

- Horst described a problem that he had with the ejection of a player, and the umpire saying that there should be an out called each time the ejected player's turn at bat came up. Sanelli stated that there is a rule on this and that this should not be the case.

**Post Meeting Note:** CSSA Rule 11.4 addresses how to handle ejected players as far as games for which the ejected player would not be eligible. Also, CSSA Rule 6.2b- addresses "Vacating Players", but states that "Any player who vacates his position in the line-up due to injury or having to leave early will NOT BE CALLED OUT when the players time to bat comes up in the batting order". Further clarification is needed on this issue.

- CSSA Commissioner Vacancy- Nethercot asked about the status of the Commissioner vacancy. Sanelli reported that he has not received any applications or nominations for the position.

- Sanelli reported on a 'Thank You' note that he had received from Nita Ferraro, widow of Tony Ferraro, in response to a sympathy card that Sanelli had sent to recognize her husband's death. Tony Ferraro had helped CSSA years ago in setting up CSSA as a non-profit group. A \$100 check was included in the note which read: "Dear Emilio, Thank you for your card of sympathy. The Senior Softball meant so much to Tony. I would like to give this check to you in Tony's memory. Keep up the good work and God's blessings to all Senior Softball players. Sincerely, Nita Ferraro "

14. **Next Meeting:** The next CSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2010, **9:00 AM**, at the Highlands Senior Center. The Fall Manager's meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 22, 2010, 10:00 AM, at the Denver Elks Club, 2475 W 26<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO.

15. **Adjournment:** Massong motioned that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Poirot. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Minutes recorded by Stan Harbour; 7-30-10