

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 3, 2021
Hanamaulu Pavillion

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Joe Bertucci. A quorum was present, as determined by roll call. Absent: *Barteks, Kuku's (but proxy present), Rebels (proxy present), Da Killas.*

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda, distributed by email prior to the meeting, was approved.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting February 3, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2021, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen Fujii's Treasurer's Report, distributed before the meeting, showing all income and disbursements from January 1, 2021, through February 28, 2021, was approved upon motion and vote.

The Report showed disbursements since the last report of \$375 for membership in USA Softball Hawaii, and \$601.92 for 8 Philips Cartridges to replace pads on the League's AEDs. The League's bank account's ending balance February 28, 2021, was \$8,360.64. A check will need to be written for Directors & Officers Insurance in the amount of \$674.

League Coordinator Report: Mike Curtis

League Schedule for 2021 - Second Half

Prior to the meeting, Mike distributed by email some Round 2 Options, and another email contained a further suggestion.

There is no longer time to do a complete second round of each team against each other. Mike thinks 2 divisions of top 8 teams and bottom 7, based upon first round record, for a seven game round, each team playing within its division. This leaves the last weekend (before the State Tournament) open, and allows the potential for a single elimination bracket tournament for the final playing weeks. It would have to be decided on what basis the Kauai top team prizes would be based. State Tournament seedings would be based upon the first round.

There was discussion of many aspects and consequences of the different suggestions.

A motion was made and seconded that the first round determine Kauai league champions. Motion was carried without objection.

A motion was made to accept the top 8 bottom 7 format for the second round as explained by Mike, above. The motion was seconded and carried.

Make-Up Games/Rainouts

The acceptance of the division format will leave dates for make-up games.

State Tournament 2020-21

We will have a State Tournament August 3-6: 45st Annual Hawaii State Senior Softball Tournament at eight parks. Mike passed out sign-up sheets/check list for the teams. Big Island will bring 3 teams (at this point). Mike has reserved the Harbor House, and talked to Jeff Kimoto about the booklets. Joe has designs ready for shirts for sale and for umpires/staff.

Mike is seeking a \$5,000 (or more) grant from the County to pay expenses and have some cash to pay umpires and scorekeepers a minor gratuity. Money from advertising will still be necessary.

Each field should have two teams assigned.

League Liability and D&O Insurance

Mike had sent out an email before the meeting with the new issued insurance policy.

League President Report and Old Business: Joe Bertucci

Pads for AEDs

Mike passed out new pads for the AEDs at the meeting. Make sure the AEDs are operating properly (green light when started).

Joe noted that CPR certifications are expiring, and that we need more certified players. We'll try to set up some sessions with Nelson Chiba and the Airport Fire Department.

Covid 19 Regulations

County sent Joe (who sent it on to all Board members) a letter about Covid protocols for organized sports. The League needs to do a better job if the County is giving us a warning.

No post-game pot lucks or get-togethers. No comingling. Keep social distancing in dugouts and bleachers.

Obedying the Covid 19 playing rules is a condition for continued play! Any players remaining after the game, or there pre-game, must wear masks and social distance. Any positive Covid-19 tests for league members must be reported to Joe Bertucci.

Team/Player Letter

Joe received a letter from a player about the League and its President. Joe has two corroborating statements. It concerns conduct unbecoming of a coach. It may be on the agenda for the next meeting, after he shares some particulars with the League officers. A coach fired the complaining player, who as a result cannot play on any other team this season The coach suggested that the League or officers told the coach to kick the player off the team.

Traveling Tournaments

"808 Senior Softball" is promoting 12" traveling tournaments, with a pilot tournament in April on the Big Island. Divisions by age: 55, 60, 65. Kauai has been invited to participate. Please go the website for more information. They will handle all registration, etc. The entry fee is \$400/team, with any balance after expenses given to the League.

Senior Softball USA is also doing some tournaments. If we wish to host, we need to provide a welcome party, pupus, some umpires, etc. Joe will send further information.

NEW BUSINESS

Umpire Talk - JC Crouch

JC clarified that a runner going to first base should touch the orange base only, while the fielder has the right to the white base. Upon returning to first base after passing it, however, runner and fielder can use either base!

Pitchers can be substituted in and out of that position, even to pitch only to one batter. If removed from the defensive field, the substitution re-entry rules control.

A batter/baserunner who is hit by the ball on the way to first base or forces the catcher to modify his throw because he is on the field of play rather than within the running lane, is out.

If a batter throws the bat onto the field of play, and the batted or a thrown ball hits the bat, the ball is live, unless there is intent to interfere.

Team Reports

No team reports.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **April 7, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavillion, unless otherwise instructed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit, Secretary