

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 7, 2021
Hanamaulu Pavilion

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*, *Gents* (proxy present), *Rebels*, *Da Killas* (proxy present).

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda, distributed by email prior to the meeting, was approved, after changing the date of the next meeting to May 5, 2021.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting March 3, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2021, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved after corrections to the Treasurer's Report to conform the dates and balance to the prior Treasurer's Report, and putting an "allegedly" in the Team/Player Letter section, last line, before the word "suggested".

Treasurer's Report

Stephen Fujii's Treasurer's Report, distributed before the meeting, showing all income and disbursements from January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021, was approved upon motion and vote.

The Report showed disbursements since the last report \$674 for Directors & Officers Insurance and \$894.50 for six dozen softballs. The League's bank account's ending balance on March 31, 2021, was \$6,792.14.

League Coordinator Report: Mike Curtis

League Schedule for 2021 - First Half Make-Up Games/Rainouts

Mike Curtis distributed prior to the meeting an undated schedule for the first half, but noted the listed *Barteks-Kruzers* game on 4/17 is eliminated.

Mike Curtis also distributed prior to the meeting a League Standings recap. He noted that the West Kauai-Solid Steel game, now a tie, may have to be replayed if it affects standings.

League Schedule for 2021 - Second Half

The first season will now finish 4/24, if no further rainouts. Mike asked if the teams wanted a week off before the second half, or to start immediately on 5/1.

State Tournament 2020-21

15 Teams from Big Island, and 15 from Kauai, so far are committed to the State Tournament. Oahu and Maui are just starting play now, so their status, participation, and team make-up is not known. He has had five calls from Maui and two from Oahu, so there seems to be interest. Mike will accept the other islands' bracketing, recognizing

the danger that Oahu and Maui could possibly stack their teams. There will probably be only five brackets, so 3 Kauai teams will be in each bracket.

Deadline for registering for the Tournament is June 1st.

Parks & Rec hasn't officially approved permits for the Tournament in writing, although our application has been received. Mike is told orally that the permit is approved, but no writing has been received.

Joe Bertucci announced that the logo and T-shirt design is completed: pretty much the same as last year. He will send out the form to order tomorrow. Sales should bring in enough to pay umpires.

Update on County Grant

Nothing definite at this point. No response. Mike also complained about locking the gate to the Hanamaulu school parking lot on game days, and also locking the gate to the field beyond the outfield. He suggests someone diplomatic talk to the County and the Major.

League President Report and Old Business: Joe Bertucci

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

Before the meeting, League Coordinator Mike Curtis emailed Covid protocols from National Senior Softball and Hawaii USA Softball.

Remember: No post-game pot lucks or get-togethers. No comingling. Keep social distancing and mask-wearing 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

The League did not suggest what the letter alleges. The issue is considered moot, pau.

NEW BUSINESS

Umpire Talk - JC Crouch

·Joe Bertucci noted that he contacted USS Softball, which stated the pitcher can be removed from the mound at any time, and return at any time, except when removed for cause by the umpire. Normal substitution rules apply.

·A player suffered a bleeding injury, but then pulled his sock over. Is that sufficient to allow him to continue play? USSSA Rule 5, Section 4 requires that the bleeding must have been stopped, not simply covered and out of view.

“Player/substitute, manager, coach, trainer or other team member or umpire who is bleeding or who has an open wound shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until the bleeding is stopped and the wound covered.”

·Does a batter need to have 2 feet in the box prior to the pitch, as ASA rules say? Rule is that before the pitch, batter must have both feet in the box and when the ball is hit, both feet must be in the box; if one foot is outside, the batter is out. USS?? Section 7.3. A. Batter must have at least some portion of both feet on or inside the lines of the batters box at the start of the pitch. A batter who steps out of the box at any time during the pitch and then hits the ball, fair or foul, shall be called out.” USSSA: Rule 3: **“ILLEGALLY BATTED BALL** is one batted fair or foul by the batter when either one or both of his feet are in contact with the ground COMPLETELY outside the lines of the batter’s box or when his foot is in contact with home plate, or when the ball is batted with an illegal bat.” Guideline: Further, the following batter’s box guidelines will be used: the batter must set up with his back foot no further forward than home plate. Any forward stride will be allowed. The batter will be called out, when either one or both of his feet are in contact with the ground COMPLETELY outside the lines of the batter’s box in front of home plate or when his foot is in contact with home plate while contact is made with the ball. Any batter, who runs forward through the batter’s box to hit a ball will be judged in or out of the box at the time they contact the ball.

·Baserunner is hit by batted ball in fair territory. USSSA Rule 2020 Rule 8, Section 5: “Base Runner Out: When a base runner is struck by a fair, batted ball on fair ground while off his base and before it touches a fielder or passes a fielder.” USSSA Rule 8, Section 2 Effect: “If the fair batted ball hits the umpire or base runner after passing a fielder other than the pitcher, or touches any fielder including the pitcher, it remains in play with all runners being in jeopardy.”

·First throw by an infielder which goes out of bounds is two bases from time of pitch. Overthrow by outfielder is two bases from time of release. USSSA Rule 8, Section 7. Baserunner may advance without liability to be put out: “F. When a ball is live after a batted ball and is overthrown into foul territory and is blocked. EFFECT Sec. 7.F. In all cases, when a blocked ball occurs on an overthrown live ball, the ball is immediately dead. Each and every base runner is awarded two bases from last base occupied, unless required to retouch.” **“BLOCKED BALL** is a batted or thrown ball that is touched, stopped or handled by a spectatotr or person not engaged in the game, or that touches any object which is not part of the legal official equipment, or which hits or boes beyond a designation out-of-play area.”

·A fielder who blocks access to a base, when there is no play, is obstructing the runner. The baserunner is awarded the base, even if the baserunner did not touch in order to avoid a collision. Same rule applies to an legal overrun of a base with a subsequent attempt to go back to the base in order to advance. The runner must have the opportunity to get back to the base if there is no play; obstructed baserunner is awarded the base, or the next base if in the umpire’s discretion that would have occurred but for the obstruction. Even with a play, fielder must give some opportunity to get to the base, because baserunner must try to avoid contact.

·If there is no play at a base, other than first base, including when there is no

fielder there, the baserunner must touch the base; until he does so, he is liable to be tagged out. Rationale: there was no potential collision to avoid so no need for the overrun rule.

Team Reports

Barteks: Asked about team pictures for the Tournament brochure. In the works, Mike said.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **May 5, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavilion, unless otherwise instructed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit, Secretary