

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 4, 2023  
War Memorial Convention Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Eric Sakazaki.  
Roll was called. All teams were represented. A quorum was declared.

*Approval of the Agenda*

Upon motion, second, and vote, the Agenda was approved.

*Approval of Minutes of March 1, 2023*

The Minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2023, distributed by email prior to the meeting, were approved by motion, second and vote.

*Treasurer's Report*

Prior to the meeting Treasurer Stephen Fujii distributed by email his Treasurer's Report for the 2023 Season, through March 31, 2023. The year's beginning balance was \$12,065.46; the ending balance for the month of March was \$13,030.29. Recent disbursement include reimbursement for maintenance of two AED units. Stephen noted he was waiting for invoices for the softballs on order, which invoice was given to him at the meeting.

Upon motion, second and vote, the Report was approved.

*Team Reports*

Sarge voiced a concern that for a game scheduled for 10:30 a.m., the umpire said they had to start before the scheduled time. Our local Rules do not have an express penalty; they simply provide say a team must be "ready to play" 30 minutes prior to scheduled time (after the first game). SSUSA rules provide for forfeit if a team is not ready when the umpire calls "Play Ball."

*League Coordinator's Report: Charlie Fafard*

*Election of League Coordinator.* Charlie Fafard has volunteered to be League Coordinator, and has been meeting with league officers to carry out the functions of the League Coordinator. A resolution was made to elect him, which was seconded, and passed upon vote without dissension. President Sakazaki noted that only Charlie Fafard shall contact Russell Wellington for League matters.

Maui State Tournament Update. State Tournament is August 1-3 (Tuesday-Thursday), but little else is known. Charlie will get more information by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Maui has

not finalized its preparations.

### Season 2023 Second Half Schedule

A proposed schedule for the second round robin, to begin April 22<sup>nd</sup>, was distributed by email prior to the meeting. This issue is connected with make ups of rained out games, below, as that affects when the second round starts.

Under the make-up schedule adopted, April 22<sup>nd</sup> becomes available to start the second round robin (leaving some open dates at the end of the season).

### Make-Up Rained Out Games of First Half

JC distributed two proposals (“A”, “B”) by email prior to the meeting to make up the rained out games (beyond those already played) of the first half of the 2023 schedule.

Charlie noted there have been four rainouts in 14 weeks. Adding a fourth game to the schedule doesn’t work well, as it takes three weeks to make up one rainout Saturday, on top of the difficulty in finding appropriate teams for the make-up games (both have to be scheduled at the same field), on top of fairness of some teams playing double headers and others not.

Both options push Round Two back one week. Both options have *Hillsiders* with a double-header this week (4/8), no game the following week (4/15). It still allows the teams to agree to play at other times, if fields (unlined?) and umpires can be found.

Sarge passed out another proposed schedule for April 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (“C”), with doubleheaders at all parks, with *Gents vs Solid Steel* make-ups played at other times.

Some players counted on not playing on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, as originally scheduled as open dates.

Voting on options:	A	3
	B	0
	C (Sarge’s)	Most votes.

Option C is the schedule for April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup> (unless the teams agree otherwise).

Sia Salusa offered to umpire games if changed from the schedule.

### *President’s Report* - Eric Sakazaki

No Report.

### OLD BUSINESS

SSUSA Rules booklets: No further info.

Balls: Balls were distributed at the meeting: home teams take 4 or 5 balls for the next few weeks. Sufficient balls are on order for the remainder of the season.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fields: Eleele is out of service (too small) for League games. Puhi is damaged. [Banners for Eleele may be placed at other fields when an Eleele home team plays there.]

AEDs: Dave “Doc” Sable spoke about the risk of Sudden Cardiac Death for our age group. We have 8 AEDs, one for each field. CPR, started promptly, is necessary to prevent death in a SCD event. Please get CPR training (through police, Airport Fire Department, Red Cross, etc.).

The AEDs should be at each field for each game (and for practices). Teams sharing a field should agree on how make this happen.

Doc demonstrated how to inspect the AED for a good battery. At the top there should be a flashing green light: that means OK. If not flashing, or if the unit is chirping or beeping, a new battery is needed (although the unit may still be operable). A blue “information” light may also be flashing; if pressed, the unit will state whether it is ready to use, or may state what needs to be replaced.

Let Doc know if your device starts beeping; if units need maintenance at the same time, there may be advantages in bulk ordering.

Replacement batteries are available; the League will pay. The handout has sources for battery and pad replacement. Kauai Fire Department gets AED supplies from the place mentioned in his handout.

Pads on the AED may also dry up and need to be replaced; the gel is needed for good electrical contact. The device will detect if pads needs to be replaced: again, the green light will stop flashing.

Once turned on, the device will talk to you and walk you through the process. But remember, start CPR immediately (and continue) and call 911 if the person is not conscious and not breathing.

Getting familiar with the AED is not just for senior softball; an SCD event can happen at any time, anywhere, and your knowledge may save a life.

*UMPIRE CLINIC*: JC Crouch  
None.

### *Adjournment*

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **May 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**, at the War Memorial Convention Center, unless otherwise instructed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,  
Secretary