

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 1, 2021
Hanamaulu Pavilion

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by V.P. JC Crouch, with an encomium to former president Joe Bertucci. A quorum was present as determined by roll call. Absent: *Blackies*. This was the annual dinner meeting.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda, distributed by email prior to the meeting, was approved by motion, second and vote.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 3, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2021, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved by motion, second and vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Stephen Fujii distributed 3 reports prior to the meeting.

1. Treasurer's Report from January 1, 2021, through November 30, 2021. Of note is the receipt of the County Grant of \$5,000 for the 2021 State Tournament. The November 30, 2021 Ending Balance was \$10,711.77. Four teams still have to pay 2022 Entry fees, and one team owes \$50.

2. 2022 Expenditure Budget, with comparison to 2021. The Budget suggests that the Association will have \$4,636 after covering all expenses for the 2022 season.

3. Income Statement for the 45th Hawaii State Senior Softball Tournament, showing revenues of \$23,850, and expenses of \$15,301.37, for a Net Gain of \$8,548.63.

Money for last season's winners has not yet been distributed. Stephen will take care of this.

The Report and Budget and Income Statement were approved by motion, second and vote.

League Coordinator Report: Mike Curtis

Original signed rosters are due on January 5, 2022, by latest!

Bryon Baptiste Stadium (Kapa'a), Hanapepe (Baniaga Field), and Hanamaulu, Mondays through Thursdays will be taken over by women's softball, February through May, so practice schedules will have to change for several teams. *Blackies* will practice at Eleele on Wednesdays. Mike will talk to Russell Wellington and see what other fields are available.

Mike will schedule the 2022 season for 15 teams, two full rounds.

The existing Covid Protocol will remain in effect until we hear otherwise.

Catchers, coaches, umpires must wear masks. No gatherings, no tables, no tents (pop-ups are okay). Wipe down the ball every half inning. We'll see if the Mayor's recent

changes will affect us, potentially allowing more after-game gatherings and reduced in-game requirements.

January 8th will be opening day, with games at Eisenberg and Hanapepe. There will be no opening day ceremony.

Election of Officers and League Coordinator for 2022 and 2023

President: Nominated: Eric Sakazaki, Jeff Kimoto (who withdrew upon Eric's nomination).

Eric spoke briefly, saying he should "give back to a sport I grew up with" and would do a good job as president. He noted he worked for the County and can have a good rapport.

Upon acclamation, Eric Sakazaki was elected President of the Association, to assume responsibilities at the next meeting.

League President Report:

No president prior to the meeting, so no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

TEAM REPORTS:

None.

UMPIRING CLINIC (JC Crouch)

None.

NEW BUSINESS

John Patt: 70's Division

[Last meeting's Minutes note John's presentation on a 70's Division.]

John distributed an undated Resolution for the 70's Division. There seem to be four teams in progress for that division.

John explained that most of the rules changes conform to the rules which apply for Mainland tournaments.

Mike Curtis felt it should be a separate league, due to changes in field dimensions imposing new duties on the County. "We have our hands full with the 60's league without adding this in."

John said he plans 70's Division games on Friday mornings, so changes to the field on the same day won't occur.

There was extended discussion.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolution, with minor changes to the organization (collect all 70's League Playing Rules under one heading, and eliminating mention of the State Tournament):

Resolved: A Seventies Division (a.k.a. "Baniaga Division") is established within the Association, which will compete only within itself in league play, and whose teams will be entitled to all of the rights and privileges, and will be subject to all of the duties of, and will play according to the same playing rules, of regular Association teams, except as provided in the following Amendments to Kauai Playing Rules.

Amendments to Kauai Playing Rules: Add after "General Rules" and prior to "Arbitration Committee":

Seventies Division.

These Playing Rules shall control for teams and games in the Seventies Division over otherwise applicable inconsistent Playing Rules.

1. Short Handed Rule.
 - a. Eleven (11) players shall constitute a team. However, a team may start the game with no less than ten (10) players. An eleventh (11th) player may be added at any time during the game, batting in the last (11th) position. Until the 11th position is filled, an out will be declared only the first time that position comes to bat.
 - b. A team unable to field ten (10) players shall automatically forfeit the game.
2. League Awards. Seventies Division teams are not eligible for League Awards.
3. A pitcher's mask is required.
4. Membership.
 - a. Male players must be 70 years of age; female players must be 55 years of age.
 - b. Any number of female players may be on the roster, or on a team's lineup for any game.
 - c. Upon approval of the majority of Seventies Division coaches, up to three (3) male players, 68 and 69 years old may be in the field, or on the lineup at a given time.
5. Field Dimensions.
 - a. Bases shall be sixty-five (65) feet apart.
 - b. The pitcher's box shall measure fifty (50) to sixty (60) feet from the forward edge of home plate.
6. Games will be played with a 12" ball with a COR of .44 and a compression rating of no more than 375 psi.
7. Umpires. Teams from adjacent games will provide umpires for each game.
8. The Seventies Division will submit its season schedule with suggested venues to the League Coordinator for approval by the County.
9. The Seventies Division may schedule multiple rounds within a calendar year.

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded.

There was a motion to table the Resolution, and add it to the agenda for next meeting, to then review an amended Resolution reflecting some of the comments of the discussion. There was no second.

The vote on the Resolution (one vote per team) was 8 in favor, and 4 opposed.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **January 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavilion, unless otherwise instructed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,
Secretary