

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 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* (arrived later); *Kuku's Aces* (arrived later); *Da Killas*.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 6, 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of January 6, 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 January 31, 2021, was approved upon motion and vote.

The Report shows recent receipts for the 2021 season for *Islanders* and *Solid Steel*, for a total of \$500. There were no disbursements. The League's bank account's ending balance on January 31, 2021, was \$9,337.56.

League Coordinator Report: Mike Curtis

Mike noted that the County is supposed to line the fields for games.

League Schedule for 2021 - Second Half

Mike says to think about how we want to play the second half. Let's assume there will be a State Tournament. Do we want to split into divisions, which could shorten the season and allow make-up of rainouts and some time off between the end of the season and the Tournament? Or play a full round-robin slate, which requires all Saturdays until the one before the State Tournament? Or?

State Tournament 2020-21

Big Island said they have thirty teams which want to come. Maui is uncertain, since the County no longer wants to run the league. The County wants fees for their league. A straw poll of players showed they don't want to pay the demanded fees for a private league. Teams on Maui are not playing at this time. Oahu is not playing either at this time, but may want to send teams by Tournament time. May seems to be the time to make the final decision on whether to go ahead with the State Tournament on Kauai.

League Liability and D&O Insurance

Mike submitted an application for D&O Insurance, and received a series of prices for different levels of coverage and “retention” – the amount we would have to pay at the outset of a claim against expenses and judgments. There was discussion of the coverage and costs. A motion was made to accept the \$500,000 level of coverage with \$1,000 retention quote, at a cost of \$674 for one year. Treasurer Steve Fujii noted this expense was not included in his 2021 budget, and might necessitate an additional team fee. Upon a vote, after a second, the motion was approved.

League President Report and Old Business: Joe Bertucci

League Fees and Rosters

The rosters turned in are treated as for League use only, said Mike Curtis, and are not given out. Any team can do what it wants with its own roster. Mike will send out pdfs of all rosters, but please respect other teams’ privacy.

Covid 19 Regulations

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

NEW BUSINESS

Pads for AEDs

Nelson Chiba has noted his concern about the pads. The pads for the AEDs have expired (they have only a 2-3 year life). Replacing the complete set for the 8 AEDs will cost about \$600. Joe Bertucci noted that this cost should become a line item in the annual budget. Upon motion made, seconded, and passed, the expenditure was approved.

Balls

Mike Curtis has 4 dozen balls, at \$150/dozen.

Umpire Talk - JC Crouch

1. Baserunning: First Base can be overrun so long as one of the bases (white/orange) is touched, but if the baserunner makes a purposeful motion towards Second Base, even if he decides not to continue, he is at risk of being tagged out, and must return to First Base (either one).

For Second and Third Bases: the base can be missed entirely coming in to the base, but the base must be touched in order to continue to the next base. Going back to any base, the base cannot be overrun without liability to be put out.

It is a judgment call whether a baserunner has made an attempt to go to the next base.

For Third to Home: once the commit line is touched, the baserunner must stay in foul territory and continue to the outside Home Plate. There are no tag plays after the

commit line, only the force out. Unless, because of slipperiness, a line is used instead of Home Plate, the plate must be touched before the ball is caught with the fielder on the regular Home Plate. When touching the plate is not required, the baserunner's foot must touch down before the ball is caught.

It is the baserunner's responsibility to avoid contact.

A fielder who is in the way of a baserunner's trying to touch the base to continue on can be called for obstruction.

2. If a fielder touches a batted ball, then carries or deflects the ball into foul territory and drops the ball, the place where the ball is first touched determines whether the call is "strike-foul ball" or a live play.

3. Pinch Runner: a courtesy runner may only run once in an inning, and a player for whom a courtesy runner is used cannot be a courtesy runner during that inning.

4. Swipe tag: (See last month's discussion) If the swipe touches the runner, the runner is usually out for failure to avoid contact.

5. Third base coach cannot touch the runner at all during a play: if he does, the runner is out. When in a coaches box, if a thrown ball hits the coach, the play is live; if the coach is outside the box when hit, the baserunner is out (a type of interference).

6. If a bat is left in fair territory by the batter, and the ball hits the bat while the play is live, the ball is dead and the runner is out.

Team Reports

Kuku's Aces: Home team for each game is responsible for providing the umpire with wipes to sanitize the balls for that game.

Ohana: Mike was criticized by Parks & Rec for moving two games to Kaumakani, when Puhi was unplayable due to rain.

League officers should be available for arbitrations on game days.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **March 3, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavillion, unless otherwise instructed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit, Secretary