

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 5, 2022  
Hanamaulu Pavilion

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by President Erik Sakazaki. A quorum was present as determined by roll call. Absent: All Teams Present.

*Approval of Agenda*

The Agenda, distributed by email by Mike Curtis prior to the meeting, was approved by motion, second and vote, with an addition to New Business to discuss what to do if a team member tests positive for Covid.

*Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 1, 2021*

The Minutes of the meeting of December 1, 2021, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved by motion, second and vote, with a change of team name and spelling correction.

*Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Stephen Fujii distributed his 2021 Season Report by email prior to the meeting. There were total receipts over 2021 of \$28,630, including 2022 Team Entry Fees, \$5,000 in State Tournament Fees and \$5,000 in County of Kauai grant, while expenditures totaled \$19,353.80, for a Net Increase of \$9,276.20. Added to the \$8,837.56 Beginning Balance of 1/1/21, the year end balance for the Association was \$18,113.76

The Report was approved by motion, second and vote.

*League Coordinator Report: Mike Curtis*

Original signed rosters were due today, but must be received by Mike Curtis before January 5, 2022. All but two teams had filed their rosters. The Additional Player form is online.

January 8<sup>th</sup> will be opening day, with games at Isenberg and Kaumakani. There will be no opening day ceremony.

*Schedule*

Prior to the meeting Mike distributed a schedule for 14 teams (*The Islanders* disbanded) playing two full rounds by email. However, County permitting is "jammed up", so we don't have full approval for the schedule.

Isenberg second game *Kauai Son's/Bushwackas* is moved to Kaumakani, while *Gents/Kawaihau* game was moved to the vacated time slot at Isenberg, with corresponding changes in umpires.

The schedule was approved by motion, second and vote.

*Softballs*

Mike will order 12 dozen softballs for the season. He asked if teams wished to

add to that order for their own use and several added to the order.

An errant ball busted a window of a new vehicle. Mike asked that we pay the \$100 deductible. The motion was seconded, and passed without dissent.

#### *AEDs*

Mike suggested that the League buy six more AEDs (the League has eight), to make sure each team has an AED, and that an AED (with a First Aid kit) is available at all practices and games. AED training is available through Nelson Chiba at the Airport Fire Station.

Mike estimated the cost at about \$500/AED. On motion, second and vote, the League approved the expenditure.

#### *Covid*

The existing Covid Protocol will remain in effect until we hear otherwise. Catchers, base coaches, and umpires must wear masks. No gatherings, no tables, no tents (pop-ups are okay). Wipe down the ball every half inning. Home team should provide sanitary wipes. Practice social distancing in the dugout.

*League President Report: None*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*John Patt: 70's Division.* There are four teams in the Seventies Division, but rosters not yet full. John asked for modified dues of \$125/team, and they will provide their own game balls. Our League Coordinator requested a budget for the 70's Division, which should include insurance at about \$30/team, balls, and whatever else.

John also requested advice on scheduling. Mike replied that it should go through him. Games will be scheduled for Isenberg on Friday mornings.

The two requests (\$125/team League dues; schedules through Mike) were approved by motion, second and vote.

#### UMPIRING CLINIC (JC Crouch)

JC noted that most meetings will include discussion of issues which arose with umpiring, and requested that those be reported to him.

Two umpires are required, but more (up to four) are welcome. JC noted that responsibilities and umpire positioning change when you change from two to more umpires.

JC noted that the hardest call for an umpire is the unexpected call, when the play doesn't develop as expected. His advice: don't rush the call: let the play happen and be complete so you can see everything necessary, and then make the call.

Be safety oriented. If a runner does not make an effort to avoid hitting a fielder, call him out. If there was no reason for the fielder to be there, and the runner slows to avoid him, call obstruction and award the appropriate base.

JC noted that the home plate umpire often has to get out onto the field to be able to adjust to developing plays.

JC reviewed some aspects of the Infield Fly Rule. The ball must be able to be caught with ordinary effort; a ball beyond the actual infield which an infielder can catch

with ordinary effort (sun blindness may negate) can be an infield fly. Any ump may make the call, even after the ball hits the ground. The play remains live. The batter is out (and the umpire should signal an out). Umpire may also call, "Infield Fly if fair."

JC said he would be happy to work with any umpire or team who reaches out to him.

#### TEAM REPORTS:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

*Positive Covid Test:* If a player tests positive, what should team do? Mike said he would check with County to see if there is a protocol. If there is one positive, must the entire team test? Quarantine?

Games should not be forfeited due to a Covid problem, Mike felt.

If someone tests positive, let the team know. Anyone who was around that person should be tested, and perhaps quarantine.

#### *Adjournment*

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **February 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavilion, unless otherwise instructed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,  
Secretary