

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. (at the Isenberg Field picnic benches) by President Mike Curtis.

All teams were represented, except West Kauai, upon the roll call.

*Approval of Agenda*

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

*Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2018*

The Minutes of the meeting of December 5, 2018, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved as circulated.

*Treasurer's Report*

Stephen Fujii's Treasurer's Report for the 2018 season through December 31, 2018, distributed by email prior to the meeting, was approved as circulated.

President Curtis noted that the Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance policy application has been turned in, but an expense quote has not yet been received.

*League Coordinator Report: Pat Baniaga*

*Opening Day Ceremony*

Opening day for the 2019 season is January 5, 2019.

The Opening Day Ceremony starts at 8:30 a.m. at the main field (*Barteks'*) in Hanepepe.

Three former players who died in the past year will be remembered: Audie Bernardino, *Ohana/Rookies*; Paul Parongao, *West Kauai*; and, Joseph Kauahi, *Kuku's Aces*. Their families will receive \$50 in accordance with League procedure.

The ceremony will also will recognize the 2018 winning teams.

Team Positions:

Around the pitchers mound: Center: *Gents*; shortstop side: *Hana Hou*; first base side: *Solid Steal*.

Home Plate to Third Base: *Rebels, Rookies*.

Third Base to Second Base: *Lihue, West Kauai, Barteks*.

Second Base to First Base: *Ohana, Islanders, Legends*.

First Base to Home Plate: *Hillsiders, Da Kruzers, Kuku's Aces*.

Mayor Kawakami (who will throw the first pitch) and two councilmen (Kanishiro, Brun) will attend. No state officers have confirmed at this point.

*Islanders* will lei the mayor. *Rebels* will lei Kaneshiro. *Barteks*: Brun.

President Curtis will do opening remarks.

Come into the park through the canal side road. Some parking on the fields.

*Schedule Issues:*

January 19th: *Aces* need to umpire the fourth game at Kamakani.

2/16: *West Kauai* to umpire.

3/9: *Lihue* to umpire the fourth game.

*Potential Meeting with Parks and Recreation:*

Pat wants discussion of whether the Kauai County Park and Recreation Department should administer the League, subject to the Board's making the rules and schedules, as is the arrangement on other islands. Pat notes that he won't be League Coordinator forever: probably not past next year (2020).

*Balls*

Only two cases of balls have been received; six cases are on order, supposedly due beginning of February (current stock of balls will last for League games through March). So, until more balls arrive, no ball sales to teams.

Home team for each game takes the used softball. The extra ball for the field goes to the host team.

*Rosters*

Almost all rosters have been turned in, but not *Lihue* or *Da Kruzers* (not signed). If a person hasn't *signed* a roster, the player cannot play.

OLD BUSINESS

*Update of Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules*

Prior to the meeting President Curtis distributed by email a set of a proposed updated Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules.

Changes in the proposed Association governing documents were reviewed by President Curtis:

League Winner Determination (change to Playing Rules): Win-loss record, then head-to-head outcome, then run differential in the games between the two teams, to determine Kauai winners. Thus, no playoff games.

League Coordinator will control the make-up games. A forfeit results if a team doesn't play at the make-up game. Pat Baniaga says he generally will schedule a rained-out game for the next time the teams are at the same park, as the last game of the day.

Umpire: Umpire in charge "may", rather than must, be appointed.

The Playing Rules Code of Conduct was reviewed item by item. In #7, the penalty is for the playing year, subject to potential increase by the Board. The President reminded the directors (coaches) and officers that, as officers of the League, they have the responsibility to enforce the Code of Conduct.

Signatures on Association Checks: one signature will be sufficient for checks less than \$10,000.

Upon motion, second, and vote of more than 2/3 of the teams (unanimously), the changes in the proposed Constitution, By-Laws and Rules were approved, and the proposed Constitution, By-Laws and Rules were approved and adopted.

*Proper Procedure for Amending Playing Rules*

The Playing Rules are now a part of the By-Laws and Constitution, and thus rules applicable to amending the Constitution and By-Laws apply to changing Playing Rules.

*AEDs*

All teams present reported that the AED is at their park. All eight are working.

President Curtis requested that each team give him on Saturday (or afterwards) the list of team members who want AED/CPR certification; Nelson Chiba will schedule a free training.

*Team Reports*

There are 15 teams.

OLD BUSINESS

*Rules Review and Umpire Clinic*

Joe Bertucci sent out a video of a half-hour umpiring clinic, with a test. The video stresses proper positioning of umpires. Each coach should tell umpire-players on the team to watch. Bertucci noted that most players want consistent calls, which requires proper positioning for umpires.

Coaches should have their players who are good umpires do the umpiring to the extent possible, and avoid appointing players who lack the knowledge or disposition to umpire, while remembering that it is a volunteer position.

NEW BUSINESS

*Uniforms:*

New teams will not be held to uniform rules for the first two games.

*Adjournment*

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

The next Association meeting will be on February 6, 2019 , at 6:30 p.m., at the Lihue Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jed Somit, Secretary