

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 2, 2022
Hanamaulu Pavilion

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by League Coordinator Mike Curtis, and led for a bit by JC, and then by President Eric Sakazaki. Roll was called (and winning teams of the 2022 season were paid): All present except *olid Steel*. A quorum was declared.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of July 6, 2022

The Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2022, distributed by email prior to the meeting, were approved by motion, second and vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Stephen Fujii distributed a final Treasurer's Report for the 2022 season (through October 31st) by email prior to the meeting. The beginning balance for the 2022 season was \$18,113.76; the ending balance (starting balance for 2023) is \$13,335.76.

Upon motion and vote, the Report was accepted and approved subject to audit.

Team Reports

Kruzers: Jerry Garcia was severely injured in a motorcycle crash. This team needs additional players.

West Kauai: Eleele field needed a new booth, storage facility, etc. The County is willing to pay for supplies to build a replacement structure, but the softball teams must provide labor. They are looking for volunteers.

Joe Silva passed away.

President's Report

Eric Sakasaki congratulated the teams winning at the national senior softball tournaments (*Hillsiders*, *Barteks*, *Bushwackers*).

Eric met with the County to discuss the parking situation at Hanamaulu for games, with a further meeting scheduled. The League wishes to resume game parking outside of the outfield fence, and to build a permanent outfield fence.

If you have problems with your park, call Eric at 651-5790.

League Coordinator's Report

Teams

Prior to the meeting, League Coordinator Mike Curtis sent out a list of teams, practice schedules and coaches' contact information.

Teams may start practices, although there are some remaining conflicts. Mike's requests for practices has been given to the County, as well as the request for Saturday games for the 2023 season, but he hasn't heard back yet.

A new team, replacing Blackies, would be the 15th team. The team will be recognized when its entry fee (\$250) is paid. The entry fee for all teams is due next meeting: December 7th.

State Rules

Prior to the meeting, League Coordinator Mike Curtis sent the revised 2023 Hawaii Senior Softball State Rules.

Two changes: (1) [9.1c] if batter swings, the baserunner may leave the base upon the start of the swing. If there is no swing, the baserunner can't leave the base until the ball hits the ground; if the baserunner leaves early, the baserunner should be called out.

(2) A player can play on only one team in the State Tournament.

Schedule

Mike sent out a proposed schedule for the 2023 season with two round robins, assuming 14 teams.

Steve Kauai also proposed a schedule: of one round robin and then intra-division, two divisions by win-loss record, games only (6 or 7 games) for the second half. The season ends much earlier (start of July, with two weeks between the halve seasons for make-ups, etc.) under this schedule.

Selecting the 2023 schedule will be on the agenda for the next meeting, when the number of teams will be clearer.

Reimbursement

Mike asked for reimbursement of \$345 for his expenses in attending the State meeting for League Coordinators. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Balls

Mike has 12 dozen softballs, which is sufficient for the first round of the 2023 season. Current cost is \$150/dozen.

The League doesn't yet have 12" balls for the 70's Division.

OLD BUSINESS

70's Division

Don Lutao assured Mike there were still 4 teams in the 70's Division.

NEW BUSINESS

JC stated he will be scheduling a December Umpire Clinic for volunteer umpires. He would explain umpire positioning and also answer any questions. Each team should send at least a few players.

Received post-meeting from JC:

SENIOR LEAGUE UMPIRES CLINIC, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 9am-12pm, Puhi Park, Rain or Shine

- Aloha League Coaches and Administrators- This clinic is open to any League members interested in learning about and/or improving their Umpiring knowledge and skills. Please offer your Teams the invitation to attend.
- With only a limited amount of time and given the vast amount of information required by Umpires at all levels, we will focus primarily on basic skills, plate and bases positioning, communication emphasis and selected rules interpretations. One situation already submitted to me is the Runner/Fielder contact at the bases (interference/obstruction/incidental); I would ask that you send me anything else you wish to have covered. We will discuss 2-Man mechanics in detail, and if time permits, go over 3-man rotations and responsibilities.
- For those Umpires who have volunteered their time and energies over the many years, I commend you. For those players who have yelled at and otherwise complained about our Umpires, I encourage you to attend the Clinic. Please know that I will provide my own viewpoint on umpiring and do not claim to be perfect. However, if you are a veteran Umpire who is experienced, confident and satisfied with your own skills, do not feel compelled to attend. My focus will be on Umpires interested in learning more, and also encouraging new players who want to become League Umpires.

UMPIRE CLINIC: JC Crouch

No specific issue this meeting.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **December 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at Hanamaulu Pavilion, unless otherwise instructed.** This will be the annual dinner meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,
Secretary