

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by President Mike Curtis.
All teams were represented, including the new teams, "Solid Steal" and "Hana Hou"; a quorum was noted after the roll call.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2018

The Minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2018, distributed by email before the meeting, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report

Stephen Fujii's Treasurer's Report through October 31, 2018, distributed by email prior to the meeting, was approved as circulated.. Stephen distributed checks to the 2017 Season winning teams: East Kauai Gents (League Champtions) for \$130.00; Ohana Rebels (Second Place) for \$80.00; Rookies (Third Place) for \$50; and, Lihue A's (Fourth Place) for \$40.00.

League Coordinator Report: Pat Baniaga

Maui State Tournament July 29-August 2

Kauai teams did well.

New Rules:

Only three new Hawaii State Rules were adopted; these will apply to the State Tournaments, not necessarily to the Kauai League.

- All pitchers must wear a mask.
- "Flip-flop" rule applies if the home team is down by 12 runs or more at the start of the open inning. In more detail:

"3.2 (2) The flip-flop rule will be invoked in any game where there is a 12-run differential in favor of the visiting team at the start of the "open inning," with the exception of CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES 3.2(1) If the visiting team is ahead by 12 or more runs, the home team will remain at bat and start a new at-bats (beginning their seventh or last inning at-bats), meaning all runners then on base will return to the dugout. It will be an open inning. If the home team fails to tie or go ahead of the visiting team, the game ends and the visiting team wins. If the home team ties or goes ahead, the visiting team takes its turn at bat."

- As of league year 2019, only players 60 and older (except those grandfathered because on rosters in league year 2018) will be allowed to play. [By rule, a female aged

55 is treated as age 60.]

A proposal is still being considered, in light of the high cost of inter-island flights, to have the State Tournament in Las Vegas once every five years, after the complete Island Rotation. This proposal will be investigated further and reported to the Softball Coordinators in 2019. If this proposal passes, the first Las Vegas tournament will be after the next Maui Tournament (Vegas in 2023).

None of the other State Rule proposals passed.

Pat reminded the coaches that the USSSA Rules have provisions about disabled players' participation.

Hawaii State Tournament, Kona

Coaches Meeting: Monday, August 5, 2019. Games Tuesday - Thursday, August 6, 7, & 8, 2019.

Team Reports

Two new teams bring the Association to 15 teams total, if all existing teams continue (which was what all coaches indicated). New teams must commit and pay the \$200 entry fee (amount subject to review based on the Treasurer's tentative budget, to be presented at the December meeting) and show at least 9 players on the roster by the December meeting.

All continuing teams must also pay the entry fee, and file rosters at or before the December meeting.

Pat Baniaga distributed a draft schedule for the first round of 2019, for 15 teams. The second round will end about July 27, 2019, without any inter-round break, only a week before the State Tournament. If there are ties, etc., the teams should be prepared to play the tie-breaker on the last day of the round, after the regularly scheduled games. Managers should call or email Pat with any problems with the draft schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

The Kauai Local Rule about commit lines and force plays at 2nd and 3rd bases remains in effect on Kauai.

There was discussion about whether Kauai should change its Local Rules on: "flip-flop" (see above); pitcher face mask; 60 and up players only; and. commit lines (a Kauai rule but not a State rule). State Rules apply to Kauai games in the absence of a contrary Kauai Local Rule, so unless the Kauai Local Rules are amended, the first three rules mentioned immediately above will apply (there is no contrary Kauai Local Rule), and the Kauai commit-line rule will continue in effect for Kauai games.

Any coach who wants to amend the Kauai rules should put the proposal in writing and submit it before the next meeting (as with any changes to or eliminations of our Kauai Local Rules).

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Review and Umpire Clinic

Umpire and Rules Clinic: Joe Bertucci will come up with a date as well as an outline of an umpiring and rules clinic. Suggestions for topics should be directed to him.

2018 Winners

Checks were distributed to the 2018 Championship and Second and Third place teams.

Adjournment

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be on December 5, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., at a location to be announced. This will be the annual dinner meeting. Two attendees per team are allowed (plus the five League Officers).

Respectfully submitted,
Jed Somit, Secretary