

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
War Memorial Convention Hall
January 2, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President JC Crouch.
Roll was called: *Rookies, Barteks, Bushwackas, Aloha Kia A's, ImiOla, Kawaihau, Kuku's Aces, Mako's, Keominana Gents, East Kauai Legends, Hanamaulu Hillsiders, West Kauai, Barteks; E Ola Pono; One Way; and Kukus' Aces.*
Absent: *Barteks, Gents, Imi Ola, West Kauai, Kuku's Aces, E Ola Pono.*
A quorum was uncertain.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion, second, and vote, the Agenda (previously distributed by email) was approved.

Approval of Minutes of December 4, 2024

The Minutes of the meeting on December 4, 2024, distributed by email prior to the meeting, were approved by motion, second and vote.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Stauber

The Treasurer's Report through December, 2024, distributed prior to the meeting, shows \$2,257.77 in expenditures (mainly for softballs), and \$3,150 in receipts (team fees). The balance in the Association's (non-Tournament) account at the end of December was \$9,691.33.

The 2025 State Tournament Report shows \$2,400 in the bank, unchanged from the last report. Some new donation money came in at the meeting. A check to renew the Association's membership in SSUSA was just sent, which should (in theory) result in new SSUSA Rulebooks.

Upon motion, second and vote, the Treasurer's Reports were accepted.

Team Reports

George Hitchborn was introduced as the new president of *West Kauai*.

League Coordinator's and President's Reports: Charlie Fafard, JC Crouch

Fields: Practice Permits: Three fields are at issue with P&R (Kalawai and Wailua, and now Hanamaulu). P&R says to use the fields so long as the girls' groups who have conflicting reservations don't show up. But last week, a girls team did demand the field.

No response or offer of alternative fields so far from P&R on this ongoing problem. Charlie will keep on this issue; he sent an email noting that the seniors have used the fields for years, and in many cases helped build and maintain the fields, and our League's permit requests were in early. Youth groups have priority, according to

P&R, even if the seniors contributed greatly to the fields.

Some teams are working out conflicts by themselves where established practice fields and times conflict with youth groups' reservations, through agreements to start earlier or later, or to change the day of the week the team practices. The basic problem is a lack of facilities to handle the number of field requests, compounded by a lack of options offered by, and communication from P&R. There was a discussion of how to deal with this.

2025 Schedule: The first round's schedule is all set. There are 7 Saturday dates when all games will be at the same venue.

Rosters Due: A player not on a filed roster cannot play.

Balls for the January games were distributed at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

14" Balls For Sale: Let JC know (808-755-5061) if you want a dozen or so, and he'll bring them to the next meeting.

2025 Kaua'i State Tournament Planning

1. Sell More Ads: GET ON THIS.
- a. Thanks to Paris Resinto of *Bushwackas* for securing a reasonably priced printing estimate for the Tournament brochure.
 - i. Paris Resinto needs: (i) sponsors names for advertisement in the booklet (it can be a colored photo of any size, business cards, or just the business name); (ii) a team photo (like a 5x7) and the typed names of the players in the order shown in the photo. Please check spelling; (iii) the names of any team players who passed away in 2024. Email or text him (808-645-1618) any item as soon as you have it ready. Make sure you state what team you're with.
 - ii. May be \$3,000 printing cost for 1300 booklets, Paris says.
- b. Each Team must provide Mark Koehler of *Makos* with names of 3 or more Umpires who will umpire during the State Tournament. Get that in soon. Also, recruit scorekeepers.
- c. The League has a request in to the County to contribute \$6,500 towards the Tournament. JC should hear soon on this.

2025 Season

- I. January 4th: Opening Day Bash: We are ready! Wes Kauai will put together a band.
- II. AED/Strikemat:/Scoreboard/Balls: Home team must bring game balls, AED, strikemat and scoreboard.
- III. AED Training: Three people on each team must be trained.
- IV. Line-Up Cards: Charlie distributed linne-up cards at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SSUSA: Bat heaters are illegal under a new SSUSA rule. Not clear if this will be enforced on Kauai.

70s Division wants a work day to improve Puhi field. They are thinking about Friday, January 24th, 8:00 a.m., but this hasn't been confirmed with the County (who could provide a Kubuta and dirt to greatly facilitate the process).

UMPIRE CLINIC

At first base only, a baserunner does not have to retouch after running through the base. But once a step is taken towards second base, the baserunner is at risk of being tagged out.

New Batter's Box Rule: none of the islands are using the new rule (back foot cannot be in front of front of home plate when ball is hit); current batter's box rule will be in effect. This is also for the State Tournament.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,
Secretary