

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
War Memorial Convention Hall
November 6, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President JC Crouch.
Roll was called: *Rookies, Barteks, Bushwackas, Aloha Kia A's, ImiOla, Kawaihau, Kuku's Aces, Mako's, East Kauai Legends, Hanamaulu Hillsideers, West Kauai, Barteks*; new team "Pono" and *Kukus' Aces*.

Absent: *Keominana Gents*.

Guest: Roann S. Okamura, Elderly Activities Division Operations Director, Hawai'i County Parks and Recreation. She ran the Kona Tournament and will assist us in planning the 2025 Hawaii State Senior Softball Tournament at Kauai.

A quorum was declared.

President Crouch noted that the teams' responsibilities and contact people were listed on a dry-erase board.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2024

The Minutes of the meeting on September 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 October, 2024, shows seven distributions (no new receipts) in October, for the 2024 season's winning teams, for Charlie Fafard's Tournament expenses (as approved) and for the Kona Coordinator (\$711.30) aggregating \$1,737.23. The balance in the Association's account at the end of October was \$7,007.77.

Upon motion, second and vote, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

JC noted that Tournament funds from advertising are already coming in, which Mike will have to keep separate from general funds. If you give Mike checks for the 2025 season, put on the check the exact purpose, name of team, etc.

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

New Teams: *Solid Steel* will not be returning. There are two new teams. All other teams averred they could field a team for the season.

Fields: Charlie is in frequent contact with the County for practice permits and the Saturday game permits. Some practice conflicts are still to be resolved. Charlie said all

the practice permits were received for 14 teams, now including Hanamaulu and Kalawai fields. But the week after that, P&R noted that Youth Baseball wanted some of the reserved fields. Then after, it was all good. But in a more recent email, Kalawai and Wailua Houselots fields were cancelled for our League's practice fields. It is not clear that the youth baseball teams practice at the same field at the parks as do Association teams. Youth Baseball and girls softball are given priority over the seniors. Charlie will keep on this.

JC gave congrats to the Kauai teams which did well at the State Tournament and at the Huntsmen Games.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

2025 Kaua'i State Tournament Planning

I. Team Tasks And/Or Appointed Contact

A.	Tournament Finances	Mike Stauber	
B.	Team Registration/Fees	<i>Gents</i>	Sia Salusa
C.	Rules and Schedules	<i>EK Legends</i>	Ricky Ramones
D.	Umpires/Scorekeepers	<i>Makos/Kawaihau</i>	Mark
E.	Facilities	<i>Kuku's Aces</i>	Francis/Kane Kauai
		Hanepepe/Koloa	
		Kalawai	TBD
F.	T-Shirts	<i>West Kauai</i>	Leroy
G.	Souvenir Program	<i>Bushwackers</i>	Paris
H.	Opening Ceremony	<i>Barteks</i>	Sarge Soto
I.	Food Booth/Truck	<i>Rookies</i>	Aaron
J.	Designated Hitters	<i>Lihue A's</i>	John
K.	Coaches Mtg/Lvrw	<i>Imi'Ola</i>	Garrett/Nathan
		<i>Hillsiders</i>	Steven/Clifford

II. Sell More Ads: Rate Card for the Souvenir Booklet was sent last month. Let J.C. know if you need another copy. Please get your teammates on board to help sell ads. Reach out to family, friends, your company, etc., to solicit donations of cash, supplies, Goodie Bag items, etc.

III. Souvenir Booklet: 14 teams in our League should mean \$14,000 minimum income for the Tournament Booklet. Kauai's 2021 tournament booklet was about 40 pages; using a Mainland printer it cost about \$7,000. Currently, the price is "through the roof" to have this printed locally. RoAnn thinks the cost will be about \$8,000, leaving some profit to add to the T-Shirt and application fees revenue. However, current estimates start at over \$8,000, and go much higher (so there would be no profit) but we're still looking.

- IV. Funding the Association From Profits From The Tournament:
- A. If we want to net \$7,000 after the Tournament, it seems as if each team must sell over \$3,000 in ads. So it is no longer clear that the teams will keep excess sold over \$1,000.
 - B. The Preliminary Budget does not afford pay for umpires. If we bring in enough revenue from other sources, then we can restore umpire pay. We must sell ads, sell T-shirts and cut costs wherever possible to make it work.
 - C. We raised the Entry Fee to the other islands to \$350/team; no fee for Kauai teams.
 - D. We need someone to update the Web Site now and up to the Tournament. Jeff Kimoto is willing to do this.
 - E. Roann has offered a Zip Drive of all Kona Notices, Flyers and Signage for our use. Ask for a copy if you are looking for forms, etc., for your task.
 - F. Good planning is thinking of everything which can go wrong, and having a plan for it, so there is no panic at the last minute when everything does go wrong.
 - G. Each team must provide three trained umpires. We'll get some more from the Big Island. Need for fill about 300 umpire slots, a task complicated greatly since most of the umpires will also be players. And umpires should be matched, if possible, to the division: no high school umps for the upper division games, for example. We'll need a plan for no-shows and conflicts created by scheduled umpires being on winning teams.

2025 Season

- A. Opening Day Bash January 4, 2025. The baseball field is not available, so we've been bumped from Hanapepe. JC proposed to move opening day to Waimea, which has three fields, and make it a big party: all teams at one field. We won't be doing an opening ceremony (saving that for the State Tournament). The third game will be between last year's First and Second place teams, so all can watch. Eastside teams will not play the first games.
- B. Thanks to Jeff Kimoto for his efforts over the last few years, but we need someone to regularly update the Association's website going forward. Jed has volunteered to be trained. Perhaps the website can be used to inform teams of rainouts at particular fields and games moved to a new field.
- C. League Fees will remain at \$300/team for the 2025 season. If the Tournament loses money, then we must make up the shortfall this year and in coming seasons.
- D. AED, Scoreboard and Strike Mat to each game; whose responsibility? Need to figure out a plan so home team doesn't have to wait until the end of the fourth game. Come to the next meeting with some ideas.
- E. Welcome Laureen Naumu-Balocan as a Consultant.
- F. No dinner at December Meeting, which will save about \$1,000. If you want to eat dinner, bring your own.
- G. Doubleheaders: We voted last month to play doubleheaders if we have too many

rainouts. The other option is to not play make-up games because the schedule may not allow it.

1. With 14 teams, we'll have two open days at the end of each half.
2. Charlie proposed we do double-headers right from the start, even before rainouts, on the field with only 3 games scheduled. After 7 weeks, every team will have played a doubleheader, and if there are massive rainouts, there will be three weeks open at the end of each round to handle rescheduled games. This doubleheader approach would preserve more balance for home/away games, travel, umpires, etc., which is virtually impossible to maintain when scheduling rainouts. Charlie has prepared a schedule for this option, with teams from the second and third games playing the doubleheader; those teams will not ump any game. Motion: Approve the League Coordinator's approach: Seconded. Passed.

H. Team fees are due at the December 4th Board meeting.

I. Motion: if the other team agrees, more than one 55 year old may play. Four teams at this point have more than one 55 year old on their roster. It was noted that if this would be a rule change, the motion cannot be voted upon at this meeting. A motion to table was made.

1. JC asked who was in favor of this as a gentleman's agreement, an experiment, up to two 55 year olds. Six in favor. Six in favor of tabling. Six opposed entirely. Matter tabled.

UMPIRE CLINIC

December 14th 9:00 a.m. - noon at Puhi Park.. We need to have a strong turnout of three umpires from each Team who will also be umpiring the State Tournament, so we are clear on the new rules, as well as improving our umpires

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **WEDNESDAY, December 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** (no dinner provided) at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,
Secretary