

KAUAI SENIOR CITIZEN SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
War Memorial Convention Hall
December 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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: [All teams represented]
Guest: Clyde Vito, Department of Parks and Recreation
A quorum was declared.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of November 6, 2024

The Minutes of the meeting on November 6, 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 November, 2024, distributed prior to the meeting, shows two checks written, totaling \$122.67 (costs of establishing a separate account for the Tournament), and \$900 in receipts (team fees from three teams). The balance in the Association's (non-Tournament) account at the end of October was \$7,785.10

The 2025 State Tournament Report shows receipts of \$2,400 in ad revenue, highlighted by \$1,000 from Island Comfort, an ad secured by team *One Way*.

Upon motion, second and vote, the Treasurer's Reports were accepted.
Mike noted that he had brought the Association current on tax filings.

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

New Teams: *E Ola Pono, One Way.*

Fields: Charlie noted that all the practice fields were requested (11 fields), but we have expanded by one team. Conflicts arose with other field users. Educational and youth groups have priority on access to the fields, but often don't request until after the Senior League. At this point, we don't have practice permits for Kalawai or Houselots, but the teams have started practicing there anyway.

Clyde Vito, Parks and Recreation, based out of Hanepepe: He's been working with the League for several years. "Charlie's been great ... almost too efficient." So he waits after Charlie's permit requests to see what the youth leagues want, but even more

requests come in later, because the different organizations work separately. This is why issues were created. Clyde went through the teams' practice fields at the meeting to confirm his understanding. Even when there are technical conflicts, often the different users work it out, he noted No real problems right now with practices. Clyde did note that Junior Olympics will be putting in requests for several fields; J.O. may have five teams of girls softball; he'll know more by Friday (BJB (Kapa'a), Houselots, and Kalawai are potentially affected).

Our League's game schedule is not final; Clyde has to check for conflicts. Opening day at Waimea has been secured.

2025 Schedule: Charlie handed out a game schedule for the first round. All Saturdays after the opening day are in red, meaning tentative. He will update when permits are secured.

BJB (Kapa'a), Puhi and Waimea fields will have improvements to the backstops constructed sometime during the season, so there may be scheduled dates or practices which have to be changed.

If there are rainouts, the missed games will be played at the end of the first round schedule, starting March 29th.

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

I. Sell More Ads: A rate card for the Souvenir Booklet was previously distributed; let J.C. know if you need another copy. Please get your teammates on board to help sell ads, solicit donations of cash, supplies, Goodie Bag items, etc. Printing costs have increased greatly since the last Kauai tournament, so a minimum of \$1,000/team in ad sales is necessary.

A. JC discussed specific businesses to target and donations which would be useful. The Program will have a page listing donors as Supporters.

Kaua'i Coffee	Bulk Ice
Honolulu Cookies	Bottled Water
Big Island Candies	Plantation Gardens
Koloa Rum (worth a shot!)	Waimea Steakhouse
Chicken In A Barrel	
Hanapepe/Ele'ele/Port Allen restaurants	
Koloa/Kalaheo restaurants (we will have one Division playing at one of these fields)	
Cash is always appreciated!	

JC distributed a "2025 State Tournament Team Responsibilities" page with team tasks and contacts.

B. Each Team must provide Mark Koehler of *Makos* with names of 3 or more Umpires who will umpire during the State Tournament.

- C. Laureen Naumu-Balocan has agreed to be a consultant and help run the Tournament. She will use the contact list to help solve issues as they arise.

2025 Season

- I. January 4th: Opening Day Bash: Waimea: three fields. Make it a big party: all teams at one venue. 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 our "A" division teams battle. Eastside teams will not play the first games. Bring food and drink and your ohana. There is extra time between games to allow umpires to rest.
- II. League Fees/Rosters: League fees will remain at \$300/team for the 2025 season, due at this meeting with rosters. Get fees in ASAP if not already done. Must turn in roster before first game.
- III. JC raised the issue of whether an extra 55 year old may play upon a "Gentlemen's Agreement" of both teams. Discussion followed. On a vote, those opposed were in the majority.
- IV. AED/Strikemat/Scoreboard/Balls: Normally there will be four games at each field. JC suggested first game home team covers first two games, and third game home team provides for last two games.

NEW BUSINESS

Remember new interpretation (SSUSA Rule) that batter cannot step in front of batter's box when hitting; JC will check whether the other islands are implementing this rule.

AED Training: Mike Stauber noted that the AED training at the Airport Fire Station was "awesome." Quick video and then hands-on training. (Three people on each team must be trained.)

UMPIRE CLINIC

December 14th 9:00 a.m. - noon at Puhi Park. New umpires welcome!

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **THURSDAY, January 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.** at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,
Secretary