

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by President JC Crouch.

Roll was called: *Rookies, Barteks, Keominana Gents, Solid Steel, Bushwackas, Aloha Kia A's, ImiOla, Kawaihau, Kuku's Aces, Mako's, East Kauai Legends, Hanamaulu Hillsiders, West Kauai, and Kukus*

Absent: *Barteks; Solid Steel*

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 Kauai Hawaii State Senior Softball Tournament.

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 July 3, 2024*

The Minutes of the meeting of July 3, 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 August, 2024, shows one new distribution (no new receipts) since the June Report: a check for \$300 as reimbursement to J.C. for softballs. The balance in the Association's account at the end of June was \$9,235.77.

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

*League Coordinator's and President's Reports: Charlie Fafard (abs), JC Crouch*

New Teams: Commitments have been received from two new teams. If both follow through we will be at 15 teams for the 2025 season (odd number means some byes).

Doubleheaders: With 15 teams, a full 2 round schedule keeping some open Saturdays for rainouts will be difficult. One option to maintain rainout open dates is to play doubleheaders; another option is to have 5 games at one field each Saturday; a final option is not to leave any open Saturdays to make up rained out games, but deal with them (or skip making them up) as they happen.

Motion: Doubleheaders will be used to maintain open Saturdays for rained out games. Seconded; passed upon vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

*League Coordinator Kona Expenses:* JC had asked League Coordinator Charlie Fafard, a non-player, to stay at the Tournament for the entire four days, not just attend the county co-ordinators' meeting. Unfortunately, after making his plans, Charlie's wife had urgent surgery on the eve of the Tournament. After cancelling what expenses he could, he was left with \$700 in costs. A motion was made to reimburse that amount to Charlie Fafard. Seconded. Passed upon unanimous vote.

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

Awards: Treasurer Mike Stauber has the (monetary) awards for the top four 2024 season teams.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Changed State Rules:*

Must play five regular season games to be eligible for the Tournament.

60' bases.

Players must play a minimum of 5 games in the regular season to be eligible for State Tournament play.

Amends State Rule 9.10 to add: A batter/baserunner advancing to first base shall be automatically out if he/she carries their bat and touches First Base.

Every player in the State Tournament must participate in [at least] one game in the pool rounds to be eligible to play in the Championship rounds.

Clarifies Rule 1.81 to state that once a baserunner has one foot on or past the commit line, the baserunner cannot be tagged out.

*2025 Kaua'i State Tournament Planning:* Each team must sign up for specific responsibilities, for example: Team Registrations, Rules and Schedules, Umpires and Scorekeepers, Fields/Facilities, Souvenir Booklets, Tournament T-shirts, Opening Ceremonies, Tournament Luau, Food Booth, etc.

Roann reviewed and provided documentation about everything we needed to know to run a tournament, with anticipated expenses, schedules, etc. "If you follow the guideline, you will have a successful tournament."

She approved our early Board meeting, noting it takes about a year to do the entire planning. Without county support, all the duties have to be divided between the teams. Need playing schedules, umpire assignments, scorekeeper assignments, etc.

About 56 teams is the minimum to cover expenses, which can exceed \$50,000. Try to get donations, to offset costs to scorekeepers, umpires, booklets (considerable savings possible there), T-shirts (should be a fundraiser: Hawaii County sold about \$23,000 for \$8,000 production cost); shirts for umpires are usually free). Cash prizes, lineup cards, umpires and scorekeepers will be the major expenses.

JC submitted a grant request to the County, and is also looking for a Tournament Sponsor. Each team must generate \$1,000 in booklet ad revenue to offset costs; the team may keep any amount raised over \$1,000. P&R will do the field preparation.

Roann will continue to work with us. She suggests we seek some individual and

corporate donors.

JC notes 7 teams have accepted Tournament responsibilities. JC will assign aspects to the teams which have not yet chosen. Each team will also appoint a contact person for JC to communicate with to see what is being done. Among open responsibilities: finance issues (to go through Mike); umpire and scorekeeper assignments (last Tournament, local umpires were not paid; probably \$7,200 if they need to be paid \$25/game). Each team should have 3 people willing to umpire (for free). Scheduling umpires needs to take into account the umpires' playing in games.

JC is already talking with P&R about preparing the fields for the Tournament. A point person needs to follow up on that in advance and during the Tournament.

We'll need someone to run a central posting, online, to keep track of scores; Jeff Kimoto can't do this during the tournament.

The coaches meeting, which can be large, and the league coordinators meeting must be planned. Garrett will look for venues; T-shirts, schedules and other information (and dinner) must be provided. Someone needs to do this.

Luau can be a money maker, if handled well and some donations acquired. Perhaps we can charge \$20 and have catered at \$15/per person.

We'll try to do 3 fields in Hanapepe (perhaps more are possible there as cut-ins), and 3 fields in Waimea, also Kaumakani, perhaps Koloa or Kalawai (if 8 fields are necessary).

Need advertising cost rate cards soon for the booklet, so solicitation may begin, but JC advises to contact prospects even now in advance.

JC will prepare a letter for potential donors, on Association letterhead and noting our nonprofit status.

Roann also noted that we have to watch out for cheating; we might have to verify rosters (and demand them in advance). Under the new rules, each Tournament player must have played five regular season games. Check Rule 9.5 in the event of 3-way ties.

Probably we'll need an extra umpire per division/field, to jump in to replace a missing ump (missing umpires are not rare).

Food trucks must be fully licensed and insured; food for sale must be from a certified kitchen, per County rules.

### *Adjournment*

On motion duly made, seconded and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

The next Association meeting will be **WEDNESDAY, November 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.** at the War Memorial Convention Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jed Somit,  
Secretary