



**Board Meeting
Minutes
July 20, 2022 4:00 PM
Good Company
Colorado Springs, CO**

Board Members Present

X Joe Ribeiro, Commissioner (12/31/22) X Steve Everson, Secretary (12/31/22)
X Tom Breck, Treasurer (10/21/23) X Greg Broeckelman (12/31/22)
X Gary Cunninghame (12/31/22) X Richard Olson (12/31/23) X Tim Ryan (12/31/22)

Others Present Don Trutwin, Brenda Florian, Jim Tiedemann, Amanda Hergenrader and Bob Anderson

Call to Order Joe called meeting to order at 5:40

Approval of Minutes March 16, 2022 Motion by Rich, Seconded by Tom. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner's Update

Joe noted that the PPRSSA logo for the team shirts, merchandise apparel and letterheads on the business cards have incorporated a simpler logo design and have reduced costs by making everything easier and cheaper to produce.

Treasurer's Report

Joe noted the reported balances in the accounts and noted that expenses are as previously projected for the season.

The hitting/skills camp at Cottonwood Park fields netted \$671 this year, so he may want to upgrade the prizes and swag for next year. The camp had around 32 participants in total with many able to attend fewer than all sessions. Tried to maintain a 10:1 ration of players to coaches. Lots of positive comments.

Softballs are very hard to get and we should expect the cost of balls to increase significantly. We may need to conserve balls used in games in order to stay at one full season of balls in our supply.

PPRSSA financial position is very solid without any new fees needed for 2022. Joe noted that he and Tom Breck are authorized signers on the account and Steve is still on the account for an emergency signature. Joe also noted the Association purchased a new wagon for batting practice gear. The new nets seem to be performing very well.



League Updates

We need to decide the awards for regular season championships and the playoff championships. The board consensus was to provide shirts for regular season championship team members and \$15 gift cards for playoff champions.

New Business

Fall season registration was discussed. The plan is for the 60/70 leagues to combine and play on Friday mornings at Skyview. Fall league is planned for a start date of 9/9.

50s league plans to start the season on 9/12. Gary noted that we may need to drop back to 6 teams for Fall. Do we want to invite players who are 40+ to supplement the league?

Player Ratings for all leagues: Try to get ratings for all players as of 8/1 in time for managers to review prior to Fall drafts. Plan is to hold the drafts before Labor Day, so registration needs to begin in early August using online registration. For any players continuing to play in the Fall after being on teams in Summer, no fee will be charged. For new players, a \$35 fee will be charged for Fall.

Rules discussion was related to walking male players to pitch to a following woman player. No resolution, but it should continue to a focus to be addressed. One other suggestion was whether automatic out needs to be assessed to teams when no women players show up to play. Also discussion considered a requirement to start hitting in the 2nd games where the first game ended in the lineup. No action was taken to change rules in order to complete the season. Rule changes will be considered for next year.

Other game concerns: Bad calls by base coaches, remind managers to find coaches who can make calls confidently. Should we change rules regarding players coming from an older league to join teams without enough players if managers agree? Determined to keep rules as written and let league reps handle as best they can.

Balls discussion was raised by Jim Tiedemann related to the Worth balls not being as lively as the other balls. Board agreed with Jim but recommended we finish Summer season with the balls we have and then move balls between 50s and 60s league to help the situation.

Cancellation of games on 8/19 due to out of town tournaments for 60s league. We'll meet at Skyview for practice only.



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Board authorized a donation from the Association in memory of Linda Armbruster in the amount of \$270 – \$1 per player registration fee. Members can make donations on their own if they choose. Charity is St Jude Hospital.

The question was asked about drinking beer in the parking lot following games and it was determined the Association would take no position other than players drink there at their own risk.

Adjourn: Greg offered a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tim, and the meeting ended at approximately 7pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven L. Everson".

Steven L. Everson, Secretary