



**Annual Board Meeting
AGENDA
January 11, 5:30 PM
Ruth Holley Library
685 N Murray Blvd
Colorado Springs, CO 80915**

Board Members Present

X Joe Ribeiro, Commissioner (12/31/25) X Steve Everson, Secretary (12/31/25)
X Tom Breck, Treasurer (10/21/23) X Greg Broeckelman (12/31/25)
X Gary Cunninghame (12/31/25) X Richard Olson (12/31/23) X Tim Ryan (12/31/25)

Others Present: Ken D, Ken A, Brenda F, Helen W, Ed S, Louis O, Don T, John K.

Call to Order and Acknowledgement of the Annual Meeting Meeting called to order at 5:37.

Approval of Minutes December 6, 2022 Meeting Joe made the motion to approve the 12/6/22 minutes, with a second by Greg. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner's Update Hitting camp for 2023- Joe is still trying to schedule a weekend in June, but the coaches are asking about May dates. Joe is looking for alternatives for the camp if we run into scheduling problems with last year's coaches. An alternative may be a hitting only camp (rather than other skills/drills as well) with the chance to accommodate larger numbers of players at a lower cost.

Joe is evaluating the use of a storage unit for PPRSSA ball inventory, pitcher's nets, etc.

Joe is planning to have surgery soon and will be unable to play again until September.

Park & Rec contract for 2023 is now signed, and we are paying the same \$35/player/league as last year for each registered player in each league. Based on that cost, we should be able to maintain our player fees at 2022 level (\$75).

Joe and John K working on finding softballs for 2024. We'll use our existing balls for 2023 season and stay one year ahead.

Treasurer's Report

Year End Financial Report - The financial report for 2022 was provided to the board for review and questions. During the 2022 year, the PPRSSA netted an increase in the cash balances of \$2,426. At the end of 12/31/22, cash reserves totaled \$15,725.21. Joe noted that this level of reserves is quite high in relationship to the annual expenses (\$35,342.47 for 2022). Steve pointed out that reserves at this level give the Board an opportunity to keep player fees without any increase for 2023, even if certain costs increase due to inflation (cost of balls to maintain inventory of balls, etc).



League Updates

Indoor Tom noted that some costs were incurred for the new winter indoor league late in 2022 for special indoor balls and bases (bases can be used for practices), which might cause indoor to spend a few dollars more than the player fees. Players involved report that the indoor league is a lot of fun and great for maintaining fitness.

Wednesday BP DBats batting practices for PPRSSA are now reserved for at least 2 batting cages from noon to 1pm on Wednesdays, which will cost the Association \$49/session at most. Players who participate have already contributed most of the costs incurred, so it's not likely to add much if any expense to PPRSSA. Rich noted that approximately 30 players showed up on 1/11 and were able to get 2 or 3 rounds of hitting in the cages, as well as hitting some live pitching in the open lanes.

New Business

2023 Camp Still in the planning stages per the discussion above in Commissioners report.

2023 League Planning (Defer to Committees?)

Season structure, do we need a different plan for '23?

- season April - mid sept. before worlds, be done.
- if a fall season, charge all players for fall so there is commitment (**lower price of summer as needed**) After significant discussion, the Board consensus was to schedule a 15-16 week summer league to end in August before the tournament in Denver Metro, and a fall league of 5-6 weeks to start after Labor Day and end in mid-October. To address the problem of players registering for fall league but not showing because it was free, the Board will plan for the fee structure to reduce summer fees to \$65 per player and charge \$25 for fall participation.

Target date to begin registration is not later than March 1st (we will start early if everything is ready to go) and end registration on 3/31. League drafts will be scheduled for the week of 4/10, unless league reps make other arrangements. Practice games for all teams should be ready to begin on or about 4/24.

40+ League

BYOT (bring your own team)

- 4 teams, flat fee for team = 1125 (15 *75).
- max 15 person roster and must be submitted with fees to lock in players for that

division

- no specific requirements for having female players.
- MGR finds subs, subs must meet age requirement, no approvals needed for 1 off

subs

- 10 man defense , everyone bats



- **teams must be registered by 4/1.**
- **first 4 teams to pay + produce roster lock in for Division A , remainder of players in draft for Div B**

Joe intends to continue to pursue implementation of a 40+ league. If successful, the Board will seek to find someone to take responsibility for running that league with Joe's oversight.

50+ League Tom Breck will be the league representative for the upcoming seasons.

60+ League Rich Olson returns as league representative with Steve Everson to continue to help as needed.

70+ League Tim Ryan volunteered to continue as league representative and will be helped by Greg Broeckelman as in 2022.

Old Business

Rules Discussion

Time Limits

- **6 inning**
- **55 minute time limit**
- **time limit could mean play diff teams rather than same team twice**

After discussion regarding time limits for 50+ league, the Board left the games without time limits, but with emphasis on moving games along to end earlier in the evening.

Tie Breakers for season documented as part of rules

- 1. Head to head record, winning % if more than 2 teams**
- 2. Head to Head total runs against (lower RA wins)**
- 3. Coin flip**

Board agreed to add these tie breakers to the formal PPRSSA rules.

Women specific rules

- **walk man in front of women, she optionally walks too. if she hits, man only gets 1b**
- **women hit smaller ball**
- **rover behind line too**

Several rules were considered by the Board, but were not recommended for change in 2023.

Board determined to further discuss rules recommendations listed above or suggested by players in the survey at a special Rules Committee meeting and scheduled the meeting for Wednesday, 2/8 at 5:30 at the Ruth Holley Library.



Draft system

- **Give Managers the same team from previous year, fill gaps from draft.** Board did not support that suggestion at this time.
- **Document draft procedures as part of rules :**
 - **designated women's round round 6 - if you don't already have a women you must draft a women. round 11 - if you don't already have 2 women you must draft a 2nd women (to be clear, you CAN draft a women earlier) or, have a requirement to draft two women and it's up to the manager. If the pool of women gets down to their requirement, they must then use their next (2) to draft a woman.** With regard to mechanics of drafting women players, League coordinators/representatives will work with Managers to set the strategy for the draft after registrations are complete.
 - **Should assistant managers be allowed? under what circumstances is it OK and how do we document a rule for it. how does it impact draft.** The Board's preference is not to allow assistant managers for the draft (managers instead encouraged to draft players who can help during the season). Managers draft slots will be evaluated and assigned in conjunction with managers input before the draft begins to allow for fairer draft seeding of managers.

Adjourn

Tim to adjourn and Greg seconded, motion passed unanimously at 7:38.

Steven L Everson
Secretary