



**Annual Board Meeting  
MINUTES  
December 6, 2022, 5:00 PM  
Ruth Holley Library  
685 N Murray Blvd  
Colorado Springs, CO 80915**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Others Present:**

- Don T (50 & 60 coach)
- Jason R (50 asst. coach, for Amanda)
- John K, (50 coach)
- Brenda F (50 coach)
- Ed Stegner (60 coach)
- John Reilly (60 coach)
- Ken Armbruster (60 & 70 coach)
- Bob A (60 coach)
- Ken Davis (60 coach)
- Helen W (50 & 60 player)
- Art (60s coach)

**Call to Order and Acknowledgement of the Annual Meeting at 5:05**

**Approval of Minutes July 20, 2022 Meeting** – Motion by Greg, second by Gary.

**Board Member Election**

Five members have completed their terms:

Joe Ribeiro, Gary Cunningham, Greg Broeckelman, Steve Everson and Tim Ryan

Nominations for the open positions: Joe, Gary, Greg, Steve and Tim agreed to run for another 3 year term. No nominations were offered from the other meeting participants, so the returning board members were elected by acclamation.



### **Appointment of Officers**

**Commissioner** Greg nominated Joe Ribeiro for Commissioner, Steve seconded. Joe was elected to serve for 2023.

**Secretary** Greg nominated Steve Everson for Secretary, Tim seconded. Steve elected to serve for 2023.

**Treasurer** Steve nominated Tom Breck for Treasurer, Rich seconded. Tom elected to serve for 2023.

### **Appointment of League Representatives**

**50s League Representative** – Joe nominated Tom Breck, Gary seconded. Tom elected to serve for 2023.

**60s League Representative** – Joe nominated Rich Olson, Greg seconded. Rich elected to serve for 2023.

**70s League Representative** – Joe nominated Tim Ryan, Rich seconded. Tim elected to serve for 2023.

**Commissioner's Update:** Joe reported that the Indoor League is underway with 33 players who paid \$65 fee (\$2,145). The facility cost is \$100/hour for a total of \$2,000 for the season. The league may have a modest cost overrun due to purchase of our own bases (\$400) for safety reasons. These bases will be available for use at outdoor practices, so not solely attributable to the indoor league. Another indoor season is under consideration to start in February.

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **Cash Position**

<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$ 35.56</b>
<b>Checking</b>	<b>\$12,482.43</b>
<b>PayPal</b>	<b>\$ 3,814.80</b>
<b>Cash</b>	<b>\$ 240.00</b>

**TOTAL** **\$16,572.70**

There were no questions regarding the financial report and it was accepted by Board.

### **League Updates**

**Survey Results** – From our total registration of 275 players, less than half responded to the Survey. Nearly all respondents indicated plans to return next year. Split season (Summer and Fall) seemed to be ok for most of those in the survey or was at least a neutral response.





The Board and Association members present had a general discussion of the survey results which were characterized by suggestions which were favorable to several respondents but unfavorable by similar numbers of respondents. An example of such suggestions is umpires for games, even if the costs increase. As many or more remain opposed to umpires.

**50s League** 140 players registered, of whom 34 were new players this year. Average age 58.

**60s League** 99 players registered, of whom 26 were new players. Note that several new players were assigned to teams and played a portion of the season to replace players who were injured/unavailable. Board members commented about the league's competitive balance this year, due to replacing injured players and Rich's efforts to make those decisions in part on making the league more competitive.

**70s League** 65 players registered, of whom 6 were new.

General discussion affecting all leagues included the following concerns/opportunities:

Continue to target 15 players per team for all leagues.

Consider carrying over 5 or 6 players from Summer to Fall, with the rest of the Fall teams redrafted from those players available.

Continue to evaluate and discuss the seasons' structure.

Explore and exploit opportunities to grow the PPRSSA scope/players.

## **New Business**

**2023 Parks and Rec Contract:** Joe indicated that Joe Braun, our primary P&R contact has been promoted, but we'll still be working with him during the transition. Joe will try to sign that contract soon with a cost structure similar to 2022 – per player fees charged for actual league registrations. The plan is to include fields available for a potential 40s league as well.

**2023 Camp:** Joe is working on a weekend date with P&R for the hitting/skills camp, with the current target date the first weekend in June. The 2022 camp produced an overall surplus of fees over costs, and many positive comments from the participants. Joe mentioned a couple of enhancements for more individual attention from coaches for the 2023 camp.

**2023 Equipment Needs:** Pitchers nets survived the seasons in good shape, but may be worth it to buy some net material since that may be the first component to show damage. PPRSSA now has 4 nets at Skyview and 2 at Cottonwood. 2 bigger batting practice wagons were authorized to be added for practices at \$120 each along with some buckets.

5 cases of balls are now in Joe's inventory, with league coordinators still have some new balls on hand. Board consensus is not to use the Gold Dot balls if possible. Joe will continue to work on acquiring better balls with the best cost structure possible, but noted that costs continue to increase, working with a variety of sources including Mike Dill who may be able to reduce our anticipated costs for new balls from our other sources. With 30 dozen balls on hand, we expect that we have enough for the 2023 seasons, but will continue to look for new balls for 2024.

## **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)

Board consensus was to continue to assume that we will have 2 seasons with the same basic structure for all leagues. Actual start/end dates will be league specific, but all leagues will use the 2 seasons for current planning. Probably 20 total weeks available, so we'll work on determining how to split the seasons, such as ending Summer league schedule in mid-August before the Rocky Mountain Tournament. The assumption is that we'll combine 60s and 70s leagues for the Fall season like this year.

**40+ League:** Various ideas were presented by Joe, such as a "Bring your own team" competitive division and an open division for 40+ as well. Expect the games to be played at Skyview on Thursday nights. Joe will continue to work on this league formation and will serve as the League representative for the time being.

#### 50+ League 2 Divisions

**Division A - 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

- No pulling players from Division B without league approval.
- 200 ft rule for females if they play
- 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

**Division B - Draft League (league as we know it today)**

- 4 teams, per player fee \$75. max 15 man roster
- 11 man defense
- 200 ft rule for females

Teams play within division ~75% of games , when A plays B, B gets 11 defenders AND

5 runs

After discussion, the competitive division may be a better fit for the new 40+ league, while the 50+ league stays as draft league as currently operated.

#### 60+ League

#### 70+League





## Old Business

### Rules Discussion

#### Time Limits

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

Discussion considered whether a time limit for these games should be used to deal with the late night finishes. Perhaps a 60 minute target after which the following inning is an open inning to finish the game.

#### Tie Breakers for season documented as part of rules

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

Board deferred these discussions to a subsequent meeting.

#### 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

Should there be a rule requiring a minimum number of defensive innings played by each player, such as little league baseball rules?

After some brief discussion of the suggested changes, these discussions and possible action were deferred to a subsequent meeting.

#### Draft system

- Give Managers the same team from previous year, fill gaps from draft.
- 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)
  - 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

Board discussed some of these issues/suggestions, but delayed taking final determination to a future meeting.

**Adjourned at 7:30 upon a motion by Steve Everson and a second by Greg.**

  
**Steve Everson, Secretary of the Board**