



## CEDAR RAPIDS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

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Following are the minutes from the April 2024 meeting. The meeting was held on April 10th at the HOF Building and there were and there were 17 members present. **The next meeting will be at 6:00 on Wednesday, May 8th at the CR HOF Building. (Note new start time!)**

### CEDAR RAPIDS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME MINUTES

- \*President Hilby called the meeting to order on April 10th, 2023. MSC to approve (Hessenius/Horak)  
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- \* President Hilby asked for a moment of silence for HOF Member Wayne Murdoch. There are no new updates on the status of our new building. At some point we will need to form a fund raising committee for the new building.
- \* The Iowa Women's Softball League is scheduled to play their double header at Ellis Park on Sunday, June 23rd. Game times would be 11am and 1:30pm with a short program between games. The CRSHOF would be responsible for the Food Truck, PA speakers, Beer/Pop/Water and the program between games. The games will be televised live by KCRG 9.2.
- \* President Hilby has asked for someone to step up and take the lead with organizing the June 23rd Women's game festivities. President Hilby is also asking for someone to step up and help Gregg Bosch with the followup calls to all previous sponsors who have bought a sign from us in the past.
- \* Ed Lala gave the Treasurer Report as a total of \$24,430.09 in Mutual Funds and \$12,551.59 in checking for a total of \$36,981.68. MSC to Approve (Wignall/Horak)
- \* Gregg Bosch reported that the Jim Caviness Celebration of Life will be on Saturday May 11th from 2pm to 4pm at Shuey's Restaurant/Bar in Shueyville! Jim was a long time manager of Welty Way / Modern Piping mens fast pitch teams from the late 60's thru the 80's. Jim had more to do with putting Cedar Rapids on the National Softball map than any other individual. Gregg also reported that the KCC recipient of the CRSHOF scholarship for 2023-24 is Peyton Johnson from Marion, Iowa. Peyton is currently leading the KCC Eagle softball team in batting average, hits, home runs, and RBI's.
- \* Gary Wignall reported that teams will be scheduling out there summer tournaments real soon and we should have an update soon on who will be attending our tournament. Gary also requested to get Chris Richards from the IWSL to come to our next meeting.

- \* President Hilby again mentioned that we may look to cook our own food this year. Lot's of discussion on how this would work and who would take the lead. In the mean time Termite will check for the availability of Hatch BBQ for both weekend events (Women's and Men's).
- \* Union Station will be our "HOST TEAM" for the HOF weekend.
- \* Dave Kahler reported that the golf tournament is starting to fill up. This years price will be \$65 and will include a meal and 2 drink tickets. The event is Friday, July 12th at Airport National Golf Course with a noon shotgun start. If you are interested in getting a team in please contact either Dave Kahler or Bob Hanson.
- \* Steve Anderson had a great idea about doing a 50/50 drawing during the HOF Weekend. We will talk more about this at the next meeting.
- \* Steve Anderson reported that we are also looking for more resumes. Committee has been updated and now consists of the following; Shawn O'Brien, Janet Sargent, Al Deerberg, Larry Pilcher, Mike Hesse-nius, Roger Bruner, Greg Mara, Dave Kahler, and Steve Erceg.
- \* Gary Wignall and Leroy Wegmann reported that we made a commitment to a 2nd Kirkwood Scholarship and we will need to replace the Jim Caviness scholarship. An endowment for this 2nd Scholarship will cost \$20,000.
- \* **Bob Hanson notes-** Last year was a record year for us raising money for our HOF Weekend. With our concentrated efforts, we were able to almost double our revenue from the previous year raising close to \$10,000 dollars. The majority of this revenue was from selling \$100 signs. Last year we sold 28 new sponsors. We need to take this to a new level. We basically have one big weekend to make it happen. The signs cost \$100 and we are a 501c3 organization so the \$100 is tax deductible. The signs will be displayed around the practice green at Airport National during our Golf Tournament and will also be displayed at Ellis Park on Saturday and Sunday during our event. We really need every member to help us out. Some members have purchased there own signs. If you means to do that it would be much appreciated. If not, you can still help us out and here are some ideas. Ask a business that you are familiar with. Here are some suggestions for potential sponsors. Realtors, Insurance Agents/Companies, Auto (dealers, mechanics, body shops, tires), Construction (home builders, plumbers, electricians, roofers, flooring, siding, painting, etc.) Restaurants/Taverns, your old softball sponsor. \$100 is not out of the price range of any business owner. Sometimes they just need to be asked. Once we get a new business sold and we have a sign made for them history shows that they are very easy to renew. We have enclosed a **2024 Sponsorship Form**. Please consider making a call or two to help us out! **Much appreciated!!**

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