



## CEDAR RAPIDS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

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Following are the minutes from the May 2024 meeting. The meeting was held on May 8th at the HOF Building and there were and there were 19 members present. **The next meeting will be at 6:00 on Wednesday, June 12th at the CR HOF Building. Be sure attend the next meeting as we will be voting in new members to the 2024 class.**

### CEDAR RAPIDS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME MINUTES

- \*President Hilby called the meeting to order on May 8th, 2023. MSC to approve (Hessenius/Horak)  
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- \* President Hilby asked for a moment of silence for Bill Quimby and Jim Caviness. Kevin Thorp reported that there are no new updates on the status of our new building. Kevin will also be the lead person to line up the portal potties for the HOF Weekend.
- \* 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. Gregg Bosch reported that the IWSL is close to having enough players to fill 4 teams. Once again President Hilby has asked for someone to step up and take the lead with organizing the June 23rd Women's game festivities. Chris Richards from the IWSL will be attending our June meeting.
- \* Ed Lala gave the Treasurer Report as a total of \$24,430.09 in Mutual Funds and \$12,911.59 in checking for a total of \$37,341.68. MSC to Approve (Wignall/Weaver)
- \* A small meeting was held on April at Gregg Bosch's house. A group of volunteers will be calling past sign sponsors who already have a sign made and haven't sent us a check in over a year to see if we can get them to renew. Letters have been sent out to most of the businesses (if we had their contact info) that purchased signs from us last year asking them to renew. A reminder to everybody that if you were the lead contact person for a business that purchased a sign last year it is your responsibility to contact that business once again to renew in 2024. Do not rely on them to automatically send in a check just because we sent them a letter. We will have a stack of sponsorship forms at the next meeting. Once again, we are asking every member to grab a form and attempt to sell a sign sponsorship or purchase one for yourself. Last year we went just north of \$10,000 in fundraising thanks in part to a couple of large donations. We will challenge this group to up this total to \$12,000 in 2024. With a concentrated effort this should be very doable.

- \* Gary Wignall reported that we currently have 2 teams signed up but it is still early. Gary will be going to the Fairfax Tournament in mid-May to recruit more teams. He also stated that he is getting some interest from Chicago teams.
- \* President Hilby announced that Greg Mara (TERMITE) has secured Hackett BBQ (FOOD TRUCK) for both weekend events (Women's and Men's). Gary Wignall will be looking to purchase a portable cart to help us sell more beer.
- \* Union Station will be our "HOST TEAM" for the HOF weekend.
- \* Dave Kahler reported that the golf tournament is starting to fill up. Several new teams. 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. There will be a max of 30 teams and we are getting close to hitting that number.
- \* It was decided that we will be doing a 50/50 drawing during the HOF Weekend. We will talk more about this at the next meeting.
- \* The nomination committee met and new potential inductees for 2024 have been selected. We will be voting at the June meeting. If you cannot make the meeting and would like to vote you can request a mail-in ballot by contacting Steve Erceg @ 17eeivets@gmail.com.
- \* There was a lot of discussion about the possibility of endowing a 2nd scholarship to Kirkwood CC. A little history...in 2010 Rocky Woods made a motion to form a scholarship for \$1000 to Kirkwood CC that would be used by a softball player from the Cedar Rapids Metro area with a GPA minimum. In 2018 we endowed the scholarship for \$20,000, which means that we no longer have an annual expense to cover this scholarship. In 2019 we took on a 2nd \$1,000 scholarship that has never been endowed. Gary Wignall made a motion that we endow this 2nd scholarship for \$20,000. After much discussion this motion was tabled without a vote.
- \* Larry Pilcher mentioned that the CRHOF is looking for a tax consultant. If anybody knows someone contact Dan Hilby.

· **Next meeting will be on Wednesday June 12th at 6:00 pm (note new time) at the CR Softball HOF building.**· MSC to adjourn: (Kahler/Horak).