

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGION ONE	REGION TWO	REGION THREE	REGION FOUR	REGION FIVE
Bob Fernandez	Tom Bussey	John Reedy	Gary Tryhorn	Bob Elwood
John Moran	Darryl Watson	Don Wever	Joe Lewis	Bill Picht
Dave Cabral	Bill Hill	Don Angle	Sam Scott	Pete Lewis

Minutes of the January 12, 2022 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

Directors Present: Bill Picht, Bob Fernandez, Don Angle, Tom Bussey, Gary Tryhorn, Darryl Watson, John Reedy, Don Wever, Sam Scott, Joe Lewis, Bob Elwood

Directors Absent: Dave Cabral, Bill Hill, Pete Lewis, John Moran

Board President Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2021 meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Wever presented the Treasurer's report indicating a current account balance of \$16,103.71. After minimal discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved by all present. Don also stated that the annual registration fee per team of \$75 will remain the same for 2022. A portion of each team's \$75 fee goes to SSUSA to cover the team's annual registration with that organization. It has been set up this way so that teams only have to make one payment, rather than having to write separate checks to each organization. It was mentioned that some teams have already paid their SSUSA registration fee directly to SSUSA. Don explained that whether a team has paid their SSUSA registration or not, the NCSSA registration fee remains \$75, and any team in that situation can contact SSUSA to request a refund of their previous amount paid.

Election of Officers for 2022:

Section 5 (B) of the NCSSA By Laws states that at their first Board meeting of each year, the Board of Directors shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and any other necessary officers. The motion was made and seconded to keep all current officers the same for 2022. The motion was approved by all present. There was some discussion regarding the idea of making the President's position, a 2-year appointment, however, it was decided to keep the position a 1-year appointment and no motion was made regarding this proposal. The officers for 2022 are:

President:	Bill Picht
Vice President:	Gary Tryhorn
Secretary:	Darryl Watson
Treasurer:	Don Wever
Recording Secretary:	Bob Elwood

Committee Chairmen for 2022:

The Board confirmed the Committee Heads for 2022:

Scheduling Committee:	Gary Tryhorn
Rules Committee:	Gary Tryhorn
Hall of Fame Tournament Committee:	Don Angle
Hall of Fame Selection Committee:	Bob Elwood
Disciplinary Committee:	Don Angle
By Laws Committee:	Darryl Watson
Rankings Committee:	John Reedy
Roster Committee:	Pete Lewis
Tournament Liaison Committee:	John Moran

Bill Picht asked all committee heads to make a list of their committee members and provide that to him as soon as possible.

Hall of Fame Tournament:

The dates for the 2022 Hall of Fame (HOF) Tournament have been confirmed. The dates are August 11, 12, 13 and 14. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of requiring players to wear wrist bands throughout the tournament, similar to those used by SSUSA, The Huntsman Games and others. Following the discussion, the consensus of the Board was that we should employ the use of wrist bands. The HOF Committee will work out the specific details and bring recommendations to the Board for consideration and approval.

Rankings:

The Rankings Committee is compiling the team rankings for 2022. The Rankings should be ready to post on-line by early February 2022, ahead of the first NCSSA tournament which is scheduled for February 26 – 27 in Yuba City.

Tournament Schedule:

Gary Tryhorn presented the 2022 Tournament Schedule. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Schedule as presented. It was noted that some of the tournament directors were still waiting on approval of field assignments from their local Parks & Recreation Districts and therefore, some of the dates could possibly change. Gary also mentioned that there are several “Open” dates on the schedule and that any tournament director can obtain these dates upon request. It was decided to post the Tournament Schedule as it currently stands in recognition of the fact that team managers want to start meeting with their players and developing their team’s tournament schedule for the season. Gary pointed out that the Schedule posted on-line has a date at the top so that managers and players will always know the current schedule. Any revised schedules will show a new date and changes will be highlighted in “Red”. The Tournament Schedule should be posted on-line by Sunday, January 16.

Pleasanton Tournaments:

John Reedy and Gary Tryhorn discussed the challenges the Board is facing in trying to regain use of the Ken Mercer Sports Complex in Pleasanton, for senior softball tournaments. John Reedy reported that Pleasanton has raised their fees significantly and tournament directors must obtain a license from the city. Pleasanton will not provide field maintenance during the tournaments, they are denying the use of any of their equipment, therefore, tournament directors would have to provide maintenance equipment, bases, and any other necessary equipment. It was also mentioned that Hayward was imposing similar

requirements for their facilities. So as it stands right now, it is not likely that there will be any NCSSA tournaments in Pleasanton (and possibly Hayward) during the 2022 season.

Hall of Fame Elections:

A motion was made and seconded to change the name of the Hall of Fame Election Committee to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. The motion was approved. Bob Elwood and Don Angle reported that the Committee is working on revisions to the selection criteria that will help open it up to a broader range of candidates. The Committee will bring the proposed revisions to the Board for consideration and approval.

Rule Changes:

Gary Tryhorn reported that the 2022 Rules for NCSSA Softball Tournaments will be posted online today (January 12). Rule changes are highlighted in "Red". There are two changes to the rules:

- Rule 26 was revised to add the Demarini GSL .44/375 softball to the list of official softballs that can be used at NCSSA tournaments.
- Rule 29 was added which states... "*All Groups in NCSSA will play with the 1-1 count*".

Disciplinary Action:

A team has been placed on a 1-year probation resulting from actions contrary to and in violation of NCSSA rules. In addition, one player from that team has been suspended from participating in any NCSSA tournaments for a period of 1 year. A report of these disciplinary actions will be shared with SSUSA.

New Business:

There was a discussion regarding the NCSSA Tournament Directors Contract. Revisions and/or deletions were proposed for four of the twelve policy items on the contract:

- Item #4: Remove this requirement from the TD Contract as these requirements in some cases are out of the TD's control and could open the TD up to an unfair lawsuit.
- Item #5: Remove this requirement as it is no longer advisable due to COVID-19 concerns. Instead, teams should be responsible for providing their own water.
- Item #8: Add wording stating that...*this requirement does not apply if the teams involved are in the same Group in the official rankings.*
- Item #9: Add wording stating that...*once approved, all TD's must send a copy of the tournament brackets to the Tournament Liaison.*

Separate motions were made to accept each proposal. All motions were seconded and approved by all present.

Don Weaver informed the Board that he was stepping down effective immediately. The Board plans to elect a new Treasurer at the next Board meeting.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary 1/16/22