

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

Directors Present: Bill Picht, Gary Tryhorn, Darryl Watson, John Reedy, Don Wever, Sam Scott, Joe Lewis

Directors Absent: Dave Cabral, Bill Hill, Tom Bussey, Bob Fernandez, John Moran, Don Angle, Bob Elwood, Pete Lewis

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 July 20, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Wever presented the Treasurer's report showing a current account balance of \$17,937.01. Don mentioned that per the NCSSA Tournament Director's Contract, T.D.s are required to pay a fee of \$125 for each site in which they are hosting a tournament if those sites have different city/county government requirements. The fees must be paid to have their tournaments covered by our NCSSA insurance policy and listed on the NCSSA tournament schedule. T.D.s have the option of obtaining their own insurance policy from another source, but if they chose to do so, the NCSSA must be named on the policy. Don stated that some T.D.s/associations have not paid the \$125 fee and that he will follow up with them regarding the unpaid fees. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved by all present.

Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the general membership is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Manteca City Council Chambers. Saturday, December 10 was chosen as an alternate date for the meeting, in the event the meeting location is not available on December 3. It was decided that the Board pre-meeting will begin at 9:00 AM, followed by the Annual Member's meeting at 10:00.

New BLD Requirements:

The board needs to submit the required paperwork to reserve the Big League Dreams facilities for the 2023 NCSSA Hall of Fame Tournament. John Reedy stated that the deadline for submitting the paperwork is October 21, 2022. Reedy volunteered to fill out and submit the application to BLD requesting the dates of August 10 – 13, 2023 for the HOF Tournament.

The question was brought up as to whether or not the NCSSA Board should continue to organize and run the annual HOF Tournament or, let one of the Tournament Directors run the Tournament. Following a short discussion, it was decided that this subject will be added as an agenda item for the NCSSA Annual Member's Meeting to obtain membership input.

Open Rosters in October and November:

Bill Picht stated that Pete Lewis, who coordinates the NCSSA Roster Desk along with Bob Elwood, felt that some clarification was needed regarding roster eligibility for NCSSA tournaments held each year in October and November. There was some discussion as to whether rosters are considered "open" during that time, and if so, what exactly does that mean. It was stated that in this regard, NCSSA policy has always been that teams are allowed to add additional players to their roster for October and November tournaments as long as (1) the team is registered with NCSSA during the current season, and (2) the added players meet team age group requirements. The purpose of the policy is to allow teams to try out new players for the following season. It was also stated that tournament rosters adding the new players for October/November tournaments, are to be submitted directly to the tournament director and not to the NCSSA Roster Desk.

Electronic Payments for Team Fees:

Bill Picht stated that Pete Lewis had raised the idea of the Board allowing teams to pay their NCSSA registration fees using VENMO, an on-line payment system similar to ZELLE, PayPal, etc. The Board Members present felt that as the Roster Desk coordinator, it was up to Pete and Board Treasurer Don Wever to determine and agree on how team fees should be paid (whether by check, electronic payment, or other option); Pete could chose to use his personal VENMO account to collect the fees and then send a check to the Board Treasurer if that makes the process easier, but the Board at this time would not be involved in opening and managing a VENMO account.

Board of Directors Open Slots:

There was a discussion regarding open Board positions. The Board is looking for new candidates to fill open positions for 2023. Board member elections are held each year during the Annual Membership Meeting. Any individuals interested in representing their district and serving on the Board should attend the Annual Meeting in December.

NCSSA Supplied Scoreboards:

At the December 4, 2021 Board Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to have NCSSA provide portable scoreboards at all tournaments. The motion passed unanimously. At today's meeting, there was follow up discussion regarding how many scoreboards to purchase, who gets them, are they needed for every field, etc. Several recommendations were made, but the Board did not reach final decisions. John Reedy will look into available scoreboard options (electronic versus manual) and pricing, and will report his findings at our next meeting.

Club History:

Bill Picht reported that Bob Elwood is working on compiling a history of the NCSSA, from its earliest days to the present. He also noted that Bob Fernandez is working on updating the Board of Director's Handbook.

2023 Tournament Dates:

Gary Tryhorn reported that a notice has been posted on the NCSSA website asking all Tournament Directors to submit their requests for tournament dates for 2023 and that the request period will be open from October 1, 2022 through December 1, 2022. Upon approval of the Board, the final schedule will be available on the website on or before February 1, 2023.

Open Discussion:

- It was suggested that the Board consider a rule change regarding the flip-flop rule. It was decided to add this as an agenda item for the Annual Membership Meeting to get input from the membership.
- It was suggested that the “distance rule” used for compiling the brackets for the HOF Tournament be eliminated because it results in some teams having to play three or more of their five games in conditions that prevent the batters from being able to see the pitched ball due to the location of the sun. This applied to both early games and late afternoon games. To make the brackets more equitable for all teams involved, the bracket should be compiled so that no team has to play more than two games under those conditions. No motion was made regarding this item.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022 at the Manteca Council Chambers at 9:00 AM. Annual Membership Meeting will follow at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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