

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
Gene Hanson	Darryl Watson	Don Wever	Joe Lewis	Bill Picht
Bob Jacques		Don Angle	Sam Scott	Pete Lewis

Minutes of the January 11, 2023 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

Directors Present: Bill Picht, Bob Fernandez, Gene Hanson, Bob Jacques, Darryl Watson, John Reedy, Don Wever, Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn, Sam Scott, Bob Elwood, and Pete Lewis.

Directors Absent: Tom Bussey and Joe 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 December 3, 2022 Board Meeting and Annual 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 \$17,775.01. Don also stated that the annual registration fee per team of \$75 will remain the same for 2023. 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. Don also explained that in the event a team pays their SSUSA registration fee to SSUSA prior to registering with NCSSA, that team is still required to pay the full \$75 to NCSSA. They can then contact SSUSA to request a refund of the amount they previously paid. NCSSA does not accept anything less than the full \$75 registration fee. Following this discussion, a motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Election of Officers for 2023:

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 2023. The motion was approved by all present. The officers for 2023 are:

President:
Vice President:

Bill Picht
Gary Tryhorn

Secretary:	Darryl Watson
Treasurer:	Don Wever
Recording Secretary:	Bob Elwood

2023 NCSSA Tournament Schedule:

Gary Tryhorn presented a copy of the proposed tournament schedule for 2023. There are currently seventeen (17) “Open” weekend dates on the schedule. Part of the reason for the increase in Open dates is due to the fact that the Sacramento Tournament Players Association (STPA) is no longer part of NCSSA and instead, will operate their tournaments under SSUSA Recreational Tournament guidelines. Bob Jacques (Region 1) is trying to obtain permits for additional softball facilities in Lincoln, CA and if successful, would take some of the open dates. Gary reported that the NCSSA Tournament Schedule should be posted on the website by Thursday, January 18.

Rule Changes for 2023 – NCSSA and SSUSA:

Gary Tryhorn presented a copy of the NCSSA rule changes for 2023. These changes were voted on and approved at the December 3, 2022 Annual Meeting.

- Rule (2): Teams in the 65 age group are now allowed to use an 11th defensive player (same as the 70’s, 75’s and 80’s).
- Rule (9): Teams in Group 11 and Group 12 are now allowed to have up to five (5) add-ons for any tournament.
- Rule (19): This rule was amended to add the following provision: *Once a visiting team is ahead by 15 or more runs in the open inning, the teams flip flop, even though the visiting team has not completed their at-bat. The number of outs (if any) and the location of any runners is recorded, and the home team comes to bat. If the home team scores less than 15 runs, the game is over. If the home team takes the lead, the visiting team is allowed to continue their at-bats where they left off, prior to the flip flop*
- Rule (21): The commit line is to be 30 feet from home plate.
- Rule (30): Teams are not allowed to use pitching screens during tournament games.

Hall of Fame Tournament:

There was a discussion as to whether or not the NCSSA Board should continue to run the annual Hall of Fame Tournament. Some Board members felt that the Board should not operate tournaments. Instead, the HOF tournament should be run like all other NCSSA tournaments, that is, the planning, operating and managing of the tournament should be done by a Tournament Director, not the Board. The Tournament Director would be responsible for determining what awards are given, establishing roster requirements, etc. Additional discussion centered around the name and purpose of the tournament. Most Board Members held the opinion that the Tournament should be renamed the NCSSA Nor Cal Championships rather than the NCSSA Hall of Fame Tournament and that the Hall of Fame ceremonies should be moved to another date and time such as the Annual Membership Meeting.

A motion was made to call the tournament the NCSSA Championships and award the tournament to John Reedy, as Tournament Director. This would be done on a trial basis only and the change would be reevaluated at the end of the year. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

New Member Selection Process for the NCSSA Hall of Fame:

Pete Lewis and Don Angle have established new qualification criteria for the Hall of Fame. Pete will forward the new proposed criteria to each of the Board Members to review. This will be an agenda item at next Board meeting.

2023 Team Registration Process:

Pete Lewis described the team registration process for 2023. Key changes are:

- The email address for submitting rosters is now ncssa.teams@gmail.com.
- A note has been added to the manager's instructions stating that SSUSA fees are included in the NCSSA fee.
- A section has been added at the bottom of the tournament roster form for managers to write in the names of players they are adding for that particular tournament.

Pete will send current "official team rosters" to the tournament director a few days prior to the start of their tournament.

Tournament Liaison Position:

Bill Picht reported that since John Moran has stepped down from the Board, the position of Tournament Liaison is open. After a short discussion, it was decided that this position was no longer necessary since there are currently only 4 or 5 Tournament Directors. The Tournament Liaison which is a committee position, was abolished. Any issues that arise should be directed to the Primary Representative of that region.

Rankings:

The Rankings Committee is compiling the team rankings for 2023. The Rankings should be ready to post on-line by early February.

Open Seats on the Board:

Bob Fernandez announced that due to health reasons he will be stepping down as an active member of the Board of Directors but will be available to provide guidance to new Board members in Region 1 when he can. Board members present acknowledged Bob's many contributions to NCSSA and to Board, noting his time as Board President in particular.

With the departure of Bob Fernandez and Bill Hill, there are presently two open Board positions, one in Region 1 and the other in Region 2. John Reedy and Don Angle mentioned

that there were one or two team managers who expressed interest in serving on the Board during the election process that was held at the December 3rd Annual Meeting. Darryl Watson also mentioned that he and Tommy Bussey were aware of individuals who would be interested in serving on the Board, representing Region 2. It was decided that we would bring interested candidate(s) to the next Board Meeting and make decisions at that time.

Review the Need for 5 Regions:

There was a discussion regarding whether or not to continue with five (5) NCSSA regions or reduce the number of regions to four (4). Some Board members felt that Regions 1 and 2 should be combined into a single region since there are so few tournaments in Region 1 and both Regions have open Regional Representative positions. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that it would be in the best interest of NCSSA to keep the number of regions as it currently stands, at five (5) and to fill the two open Regional Rep positions.

New Business:

There was a discussion regarding the lack of tournaments in locations such as Hayward and Pleasanton. It was mentioned that the costs have gone up in these areas and we don't currently have tournament directors and/or senior softball associations that are planning to put on tournaments in those venues. There appear to be various obstacles that make it difficult to host tournaments there. Pete Lewis and Bill Picht stated that they would approach the Redwood City Board about running a tournament in Hayward.

Bob Elwood reported that he is still in the process of putting together a "History of the NCSSA" covering the early years of the Association through the present.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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