

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**REGION ONE**  
Bob Fernandez  
Bob Hunter  
John Moran

**REGION TWO**  
Bill Hill  
Tom Bussey  
TBD

**REGION THREE**  
John Reedy  
Don Wever  
Don Angle

**REGION FOUR**  
Gary Tryhorn  
Joe Lewis  
Sam Scott

**REGION FIVE**  
Bob Elwood  
Bill Picht  
Hal Feinberg

## Minutes of the December 3, 2016 General Meeting Held in Manteca

Directors Present: Bob Fernandez, Bob Hunter, John Moran, John Reedy, Don Wever, Gary Tryhorn, Bob Elwood, Bill Picht, Don Angle, Bill Hill, Joe Lewis, Ron McElyea

Not present: Tom Bussey, Hal Feinberg

Bob F opened the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Meeting ended at 12:20. Bob Elwood passed out a sign-up sheet for the managers in attendance. There were 20 teams represented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don W. passed out two sheets with the financial information and discussed the figures. The current balance as of 12/3/2016 is \$805.26. He mentioned that the team registration fee for 2017 will be raised from \$50 to \$75, effective January 1, 2017, which includes the fee paid to SSUSA for registration. He explained that the TD insurance fee will be raised \$25 to \$125 per tournament for each separate park. A member asked who had our insurance and Don said it is Wever Insurance. The question was raised if a team has to pay \$75 if they are not going to enter any SSUSA tournaments. The answer was yes because of the insurance. Motion to approve the report was made by Bob Hunter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Heaton. All ayes.

**Break Into Regions** The entire group broke into five groups, by each Region to select, if necessary, new directors.

**Region I:** retained the same Directors: Bob Fernandez, Bob Hunter, John Moran.

**Region II:** Ron McElyea stepped down, Bill Hill and Tom Bussey remained. There will be a candidate TBD.

**Region III:** retained the same Directors: John Reedy, Don Wever, Don Angle.

**Region IV:** added Sam Scott with the other two directors the same: Gary Tryhorn, Joe Lewis

**Region V:** retained the same Directors: Bob Elwood, Bill Picht, Hal Feinberg

## Committee Reports

**Hall of Fame Tournament:** John Reedy: says he is planning on 66 teams for the tournament at BLD Manteca as follows: 30 for Thurs/Fri and 36 for Sat/Sun. There were 5 inductees into the HOF in 2016. George Nunes asked if we had looked at other locations? He mentioned the cost of \$5 to get in to BLD each day and \$350 to enter the tournament. The answer was we are checking other places. Tracy BLD has no date for completion. Twin Creeks is a logistic nightmare ....bad traffic.

**Rosters:** Bob Elwood had 25 packets, which included the 2017 roster regulations and the Official Roster. One was given to each manager in attendance.

**Rankings:** John Reedy: October was the final rankings for 2016 .. John will update for 2017 on April 1<sup>st</sup>. A member from the audience said there should be more representation on the Rankings Committee for groups from 0, 1, & 2. He volunteered to be on the Committee. John Reedy agreed.

**Website:** Bob H asked for a show of hands as to how many are getting email notification of website entries, such as tournament brackets and results. He explained how to do it and that it would be a good idea to sign up.

**Scheduling Committee:** Gary T: deadline for TDs to get in their request for tournament dates was December 1<sup>st</sup>. Did not hear from Inman or McKinley. The schedule should be ready by the end of December or January 11, 2017 at the latest to be put on the website. The number of teams are about the same as prior. Don W said teams can apply for an Association Tournament. Bob F thanked Gary T for all his hard work on the schedule.

## New Business

**By Laws Changes for 2017:** Bob F asked if anyone wants to change any. No response.

**Rules:** Gary T listed some of the SSUSA rule changes for 2017 as follows:

- a) Age eligibility for 75s teams: may have seven under 75, but no more than (3) 73s
- b) Age eligibility for 80s teams: may have seven under 80, but no more than (3) 78s. Bill Butler put forth a motion to accept these SSUSA rules for NCSSA. 2<sup>nd</sup> Howard Harrington. PASSED
- c) Clarification of the following: batter/runner upon reaching 1<sup>st</sup> base may touch both bags at once and not be called out.
- d) Commit line: runner tagged after passing commit line is safe and may return immediately to dugout without touching the scoring line.

- e) Falsifying records penalty has been changed from lifetime to 10 years
- f) Dead ball: batted ball striking an umpire before getting to an infielder, ball is dead and the runner is awarded first base and other runners may only move up if forced. If the batted ball hits an umpire after passing the infielders it is a live ball.
- g) Courtesy runner: must report to, and be acknowledged by, the umpire prior to entering.
- h) Wind or sun affecting both pitchers or sun affecting batters: the 2015 rule allowing pitchers or batters to move if affected by wind or sun was repealed by SSUSA. Don Angle made a motion to keep SSUSA's 2015 rule re. wind and sun stating that the batter has the right to ask for movement 6' either way. The TD, or his authorized representative (umpire or other) must approve first. 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Wever PASSED  
Don Angle made a motion that the pitcher has the right to ask for movement, 6' either way, because of sun in eyes if authorized by TD or his rep (umpire) at any time during the at bat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Perrin. PASSED
- i) Consumption of alcohol or marijuana during a game is prohibited

Gary T will clarify Rule #13 to show fees have gone from \$50 to \$75. Also clarify Rule #20 to show the distance for bases will be either 65' or 70'. Henry Texeira made a motion to accept these clarifications. Gary Heaton 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED

Gary T said the rule for softballs, 44/375 Baden Firewall, will be added as it was previously passed. It will be added to the rules. Bob Holly made a motion to be able to add a 69 aged player to a 70s roster. Gary Heaton 2<sup>nd</sup>. FAILED Don Angle made a motion to accept the SSUSA rule that mandates pitchers having to wear face masks. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Elwood. PASSED

Don Angle made a motion for mandatory approved baseball/softball shin guards covering the knee. John Moran 2<sup>nd</sup>. FAILED Gary Robertson made a motion that some kind of shin guard be mandatory for pitchers. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Hill. PASSED Bob Holly motioned that teams giving runs are the home team. He feels that the team receiving runs has the option with coin flip. Gary T 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open for discussion and not voted on. Bob Holly amended his motion to go back to the coin flip for games. Sam Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED (the red part of rule #3 will be eliminated) Gary T made a motion to have a coin flip for ALL games. Bob Holly 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED (eliminate 2<sup>nd</sup> part of rule 4)

**Other Issues:** None were brought up

**Motion to adjourn.** Ron McElyea made the motion to adjourn, Don Wever 2<sup>nd</sup>. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20

**Submitted by Bob Hunter, secretary**