

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
Bob Hunter	Tom Avery	Don Wever	Joe Lewis	Bill Picht
John Moran	Darryl Watson	Don Angle	Sam Scott	Bob Sebring

Minutes of the December 2, 2017 General Meeting Held at Manteca in the City Council Chambers

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

Not present: John Moran, Tom Bussey, Hal Feinberg

Bob F opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: Don W passed out the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$7,264.99. Don discussed the report. George Nunes, from the floor, questioned the large balance and could the dues be lowered from \$75 to \$50? Don Wever gave an explanation of all the questions that were asked....\$25 goes to SSUSA and the insurance cost from SSUSA. Also mentioned was the \$10 fee for all roster changes after the first change. Don Angle further explained about the insurance being bought by SSUSA. Bob F said the Board is looking into possibly lowering HOF entry fees for BLD. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Bob Elwood and 2nd by Bill Picht. All approved.

Breaking into Regions

The 31 managers, and others, congregated in their respective Regions to elect/ or not new Representatives as needed. After these meetings were completed the Regions were as follow:

Region 1	No change
Region 2	Primary Representative is now Tom Bussey, 2 nd Representative is Tom Avery, and 3 rd Representative is Darryl Watson
Region 3	No change
Region 4	No change
Region 5	3 rd Representative is Bob Sebring

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame tournament: John Reedy said the dates for the HOF tournament will be Aug 9-12 with the older teams on the 9/10 (Thurs/Fri). The entry fee will be \$350. Working on better microphones. A committee will be formed to help with the ceremonies to make them better.

Rosters: Bob Elwood said that the forms will be on the website soon.

Rankings: John Reedy said the Rankings Committee makes the decisions for team rankings.

Tim Klick, from the floor, talked about when teams were ranked from 1-100. It was explained that there is no perfect ranking system, but the current one has been the best received.

Website: Bob Hunter mentioned about everyone needs to get registered on the website in order to get all notifications such as brackets, results, roster changes and many other notifications. He indicated that the signup is on the first page and that the website address is ncssa.club. Tim Klick asked "who does what?". That info is already available under the Board Officers.

Rules/ByLaws: Gary Tryhorn listed some SSUSA changes:

- 1) SSUSA changing ball to BSN 44 cor/375 Stote yellow ball. Nor Cal will stay with the Baden Fire.
- 2) Courtesy Runner: SSUSA rule now says a courtesy runner may only enter prior to the first pitch to any batter. It was voted that NCSSA also adopt this rule. It was made a motion and seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3) Any player may use a mitt for SSUSA. Nor Cal adopted this rule several years ago.
- 4) 85 year old teams may have 12 defensive players in SSUSA, This was voted on for NCSSA and passed unanimously.
- 5) 75s teams no longer can have age 73 players in 2018 and no more than 5 players age 74 in 2018. This rule was adopted by NCSSA last year. 80s teams may have 7 78s and 79s, but no more than 3 78s. This is the same as 2017.

- 6) Bob Sebring brought up that 11/12 groups should be able to field 12 players. This motion was seconded and voted yes unanimously. This will become a NCSA rule.
- 7) Georg Nunes made a motion that at the conclusion of the coin toss, a 62 minute game clock begins. This was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 8) Tim Klick asked about a 1-1 count. Gary T explained that SSUSA will be conducting a survey regarding this.
- 9) George Nunes brought up the five team-four game bracket and said he did not like it. He was told it is up to the tournament director. Bob Sebring asked about making a rule re. home runs...limiting to 6, then outs. This also is left to the tournament director. Don Wever mentioned that info needs to be put on the flyer for things such as home run rules. He also mentioned there could be an insurance problem using a different ball. Bob Sebring therefore withdrew his motion.
- 10) John Dambrosio brought up Rule 23, which says that any team that has played a minimum of five games and won over 50% must give teams they play five runs. Dambrosio said this was not fair once that team is moved to a higher group and that moving up should start the process over in reference to qualifying for Rule 23. His motion was seconded by Carlos Hernandez. Gary Tryhorn explained the fairness of the rule. The motion FAILED.
- 11) Bob Holly brought up that players should only be allowed on one roster. The motion was seconded by Bob Elwood. Motion FAILED.
- 12) Bob Sebring made a motion that add-ons had to be on the same group as the team they are being added to. This was seconded by Bob Elwood. The discussion determined this would be difficult to police. The motion was voted on and FAILED

New Business: Don Angle mentioned that anyone who needs softballs to see him.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Picht and 2nd by Bob Elwood. Meeting adjourned at 12:35.

Next meeting will be January 17, 2018, 11 am. Location to be determined. Submitted by Bob Hunter, secretary