

## 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 1, 2018 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Manteca City Council Chambers

**Directors Present:** Bob Fernandez, John Moran, Tom Avery, Darryl Watson, John Reedy, Don Wever, Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn, Sam Scott, Bob Elwood, Bill Picht

**Directors Absent:** Bob Hunter, Tom Bussey, Joe Lewis, Bob Sebring

Bob Fernandez called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM

**Reading of the Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Board meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Don Wever presented a look at the 2018 annual treasurer's report which showed a 12/1/18 balance of \$12,699.37; a net increase of \$5,434.37 from last year's ending balance. Bob Fernandez indicated that the Board would begin to develop ideas on how to directly benefit the members in next year in conjunction with acknowledging 2019 as our 30<sup>th</sup> year in existence.

**Scheduling Committee:** Gary Tryhorn reported that he had received requests from all expected tournament directors with the exception of Chico and Stanislaus. Gary indicated that there would be open dates in the calendar to accommodate either or both of these groups if they so desired. The Scheduling Committee will meet directly after the General meeting to put together a pro forma schedule. The current time frame for releasing the 2019 NCSSA schedule is shortly after the first of the year.

**Hall of Fame Tournament:** John Reedy confirmed that the dates for the next year's Hall of Fame Tournament are August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> 2019. John is planning on having 66 teams compete during the four days. As of now, the gate entrance fee remains at \$6.00.

**Hall of Fame:** John Moran reported that a list of revisions to the "point system" for nominating future Hall of Fame inductees has been developed. John and his HoF Committee will finalize the revisions for presentation to the full Board at the January 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting.

**Rosters:** Bob Elwood reported that he should be able to begin receiving roster submissions after Christmas. All documents required for submitting rosters will be available online. Bob also reported that he has obtained suitable software to assist in assigning the tournament scheduling/ bracketing process.

**Rankings:** John reported that there were no issues as of this date with rankings. He did explain how he and his committee interact to come up with and adjust rankings during the year.

**Rules/ByLaws:** Gary Tryhorn discussed the SSUSA rule changes for 2019 as they might apply to the NCSSA organization.

1. An SSUSA proposal to implement the 1+1 count rule for 70+ teams was not approved. No effect on us.
2. SSUSA has amended a rule that applies to a batter that intentionally obliterates the batter's box. The new rule calls for ejection of the player as opposed to calling the player out as was done previously. We need to address this as the consensus among the Board was that maintaining batter's boxes is difficult to control given all the different venues that the Club tournaments are held at. Our recommendation to the general membership will be to **not incorporate** the ejection penalty but continue as done in the past with calling the batter out. Tournament directors need to work with the umpires to make sure the application of this rule is consistent among all tournaments.
3. SSUSA has altered the list of approved bats for their tournaments. In the past, only Titanium bats and the original Miken Ultra bats were banned. The Board's recommendation will be to continue following the bat eligibility list we have used in the past. It was noted that a formal list of NCSSA approved/disapproved bats should be created as part of our rules.
4. SSUSA has changed the rule that calls for the unintentional user of an "illegal" bat to be changed from ejected from the tournament to ejected from the game. A second unintentional use will result in the player and manager being ejected from the tournament. The Board will propose that we continue to call for the ejection from the game for an unintentional use of an "illegal" bat.
5. SSUSA also clarified the rule that deals with a batter entering a "team area" after receiving a walk, base hit or catcher's interference call. Batter will be called out. No effect on our rule. Umpires will make the call.

The 2019 Rules for NCSSA Tournaments will be presented at the 1/16/19 Board meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Bob Fernandez asked that the Directors prioritize filling the open positions on the Board.
2. There was discussion on whether or not there are ways to streamline/ improve how Board members are elected each year. More discussion to follow.

**Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.**

Meeting adjourned by Bob Fernandez at 9:50 AM

Respectively submitted by Bill Picht