

## 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 General Meeting Held in Manteca CA at the 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 10:09 AM

**Selection of Regional Representatives:** The 29 managers/others gathered in their respective regional groups to elect Representatives for the 2019 NCSSA Board of Directors. Following the group meetings all current representatives in each of the five regions were reelected. See the heading at the top of this page for the names of the Directors in each region. The top name listed in each Region is the Primary Representative for that region.

**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 the December 2017 ending balance. A question was raised from the floor inquiring as to what plans, if any, were being considered to utilize some of the "excess" funds. Bob Fernandez and Don Wever explained that the Club has over the past year or so, successfully worked its way out of the yearly deficits that had arisen in the past. Bob and Don further explained that the Board will begin to develop ideas on how to directly benefit the members during next year in conjunction with acknowledging 2019 as our 30<sup>th</sup> year in existence. A motion was made and seconded to approve the financial report. The motion was approved by a show of hands.

**Hall of Fame:** John Moran gave an overview of the 2019 Hall of Fame nomination process and indicated that the procedures and forms could be found on the NCSSA website.

**Hall of Fame Tournament:** John Reedy confirmed the tournament dates: **August 8<sup>th</sup> –August 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**. John further explained that he was planning for 66 teams again this year. In response to a question from the floor, John indicated that gate entry fees, at this point, will remain the same as fees in 2018.

**Rosters:** Bob Elwood reported that he should be available to begin receiving roster submissions online after Christmas. The managers were also reminded that if they choose to register teams

with NCSSA, those registrations are forwarded to SSUSA on a regular basis and no further interaction with SSUSA regarding team registration is required.

**Rankings:** John Reedy briefly explained the process he and his ranking committee go through to create the ranking lists. John offered an invitation to the group to contact him if anyone was interested in becoming a member of the committee.

**Scheduling:** Gary Tryhorn reported that he had received requests from all expected Tournament Directors with the exceptions of Chico and Stanislaus. Gary indicated that there should 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 2019 schedule. The current time frame for releasing the 2019 NCSSA schedule is shortly after the first of the year.

#### **New Business:**

1. A motion was made from the floor to allow changes to the age make up of 75 year old teams. Currently the rules allow a 75 team to carry up to five 74 year olds on the permanent roster. A change to the rule was outlined as follows: A 75 team would be permitted to have five 74 year olds or three 74 year olds and two 73 year olds on the roster. The justification for this request was based on the manager's difficulty in finding 75 + players. It was suggested that as an alternative, he register his team as a 70's team, thereby minimizing his problem. The team's ranking would still be determined by how successful they were in tournaments. The motion was voted on by the members and turned down.
2. A similar motion was made from the floor by a manager for an 80's team with a slight twist. As per rule, any 78 or 79 year old player must be on the permanent roster. The motion as requested a rule change that would allow an 80's team to pick up 78 and 79 year old replacements (not to exceed the allowable numbers for each underage group) for specific tournaments as add ons and not required to be on the permanent roster. After discussion, this motion was approved by member vote.
3. Gary Tryhorn explained that SSUSA is introducing a new "approved" ball for tournament use. Currently, the Baden Fire Ball is currently authorized for use in NCSSA tournaments. The new ball, Trump MCT .44 -375, is said to hold up better throughout the day than the Baden Fire Ball, particularly in hot weather. After much discussion, a motion was made to allow the use of either ball during 2019. That way, an evaluation can be made as to the ability of the Trump ball to stand up longer and allow those Tournament Directors who still have Baden Fireballs to run through their inventory. The motion was voted on by the members and approved.
4. Gary Tryhorn mentioned that SSUSA had proposed that 70+ teams start using the 1 and 1 count rule as do the younger teams. The SSUSA motion did not pass. After discussion, the members agreed that NCSSA tournaments would continue to use the 4/3 approach for all teams which could be modified by the Tournament Director to a 1+1 if circumstances arose that required a change.

5. SSUSA modified the rule for any batter who unintentionally obliterated any portion of the batter's box. Calling the batter out for this infraction has been changed to ejection from the game. After discussion, a motion was made and approved **to not adopt** the new SSUSA rule but continue as has been done in the past – batter is called out; not ejected.
6. Gary Tryhorn informed the group that SSUSA is changing the approved bat list for their tournaments. In addition to banning Titanium bats and original Miken Ultras, other bats are to be added to the banned list. It was decided that NCSSA tournaments would continue to allow all senior bats (1.20 / 1.21) with the exception of the aforementioned Titanium and original Miken Ultras.
7. Gary also reported that SSUSA has clarified the rule that covers a batter who either walks, gets a hit or is involved with catcher interference and heads to the team area for whatever reason on his way to first base. Team area is the new term and replaces dugout and immediate surrounding area. The umpire will have discretion to call a batter out if he deviates away from first base and enters the "team area" (dugout, front of the dugout, etc.). Best approach is to drop your bat and head directly for first base.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned by Bob Fernandez at 12.27 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bill Picht