## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

**REGION ONE** Bob Fernandez John Moran REGION TWO Tom Bussey Tom Avery Darryl Watson

**REGION THREE** John Reedy Don Wever Don Angle **REGION FOUR** Gary Tryhorn Joe Lewis Sam Scott **REGION FIVE** Bob Elwood Bill Picht Bob Sebring

## Minutes of the May 15, 2019 NSCCA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

**Directors Present:** Bob Fernandez, John Moran, Tom Bussey, Darryl Watson, Don Wever Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn Joe Lewis, Bob Elwood, Bill Picht

Directors Absent: John Reedy, Sam Scott, Bob Sebring, Tom Avery

Bob Fernandez called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM

**Reading of the 3/13/19 Meeting Minutes:** made and seconded to accept the minutes as written. The motion was approved by all present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report was distributed to all present by Don Wever. In summary, the report showed an increase in net income of \$1,450.00 from the balance on the 3/13/19 statement. Team registrations and roster change fees were the main contributors to the increase. SSUSA registrations and web site charges were the most significant expenses. Balance as of 5/15/19 is \$17,874.37. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as written. The motion was approved by all present.

**Scheduling Committee:** Gary Tryhorn reported that there were no requests for tournament dates or any other issues to report. Gary indicated that he is currently tracking for future reference, all tournaments that have been cancelled and attendance numbers for all tournaments that have been completed.

**Hall of Fame:** John Moran indicated that there are three candidates who have met the criteria for induction into the Hall of Fame. The three individuals were discussed by the Board and all three candidates were unanimous approved for induction at the Hall Of Fame Tournament in August. The inductees will be contacted shortly and given the appropriate information regarding the upcoming ceremony.

The Board discussed several possible revisions that could improve the process for next year. Further discussions will be held at a future Board meeting.

**Hall of Fame Tournament:** John Reedy was not present so there was no "official" update as to the tournament status. Gary Tryhorn indicated that the watches for the first and second place winners need to be ordered now and all agreed that the order should be placed immediately to insure a timely delivery.

**Rules:** Gary Tryhorn reported that there was nothing new to report regarding rules. There was a subsequent discussion regarding concerns that some tournament directors are setting up brackets so that teams play only 4 games instead of 5. It was acknowledged that there are certain circumstances where two teams might agree to forego a fifth game. That continues to be an acceptable alternative. However, scheduling four game brackets does not follow the NSCCA Team Bracketing /schedule protocol. It was unanimously decided by the Board that, effective immediately, it is **mandatory** that all Tournament Directors adhere to the 5 game scheduling. Any exceptions must be approved in advance by the Tournament Liaison, John Moran.

By Laws: Don Wever reported that the proposed by law changes are on the website for review.

Rankings: Ranking sheet update was issued 5-3-19

Rosters: Bob Elwood reported that we have 91 teams registered to date.

**Website:** Bill Picht reported that our webmaster, AL Soares, would like to put a current team picture on the website (1 per year) attached to the team's roster page for any interested teams. The Board was fine with the idea as long as there was no additional cost.

**Disciplinary Committee:** A growing problem regarding the discretion Tournament Directors have to change ground rules, etc. for their individual tournaments was discussed. After much debate, it was decided that in the future, Tournament Directors who are also the Primary Representative for their region can no longer approve their own brackets/rules. The brackets, etc. must be sent to the Tournament Liaison for approval to insure that a second individual is reviewing all the information regarding each tournament and that NCSSA rules and guidelines are being met.

Tournament Liaison: John Moran indicated that he had no issues to report.

**New Business:** Discussed the complaints received from a number of sources about the lack of availability of water at tournament venues. NCSSA rules require that water be made available at all sites, whether by drinking fountains, snack bars or provided by the tournament director. Gary Tryhorn will purchase the bat testing equipment. A procedure for testing bats and handling questions/appeals from players whose bat(s) have been designated as altered will need to be developed before live testing can commence.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 24th 2019 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.

Meeting adjourned by Bob Fernandez at 1:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bill Picht