

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Bob Fernandez	Tom Bussey	John Reedy	Gary Tryhorn	Bob Elwood
John Moran	Darryl Watson	Don Wever	Joe Lewis	Bill Picht
Dave Cabral	Bill Hill	Don Angle	Sam Scott	Pete Lewis

Minutes of the December 4, 2021 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at Manteca Council Chambers

Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM

Directors Present: Bob Fernandez, John Moran, Dave Cabal, Tom Bussey, John Reedy, Don Wever, Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn, Joe Lewis, Sam Scott, Bob Elwood, Bill Picht and Pete Lewis, Bill Hill

Directors Absent: Darryl Watson

Welcome: Bill Picht welcomed all of the members to the meeting. 28 people were in attendance representing 17 different teams.

Treasurer's Report: Don Wever presented the Treasurer's report summarizing the 2020 and 2021 seasons. The beginning balance as of 12/7/19 was \$17,106.68. The ending balance as of 12/4/21 was \$16,384.71, a decrease of \$721.97. A proposal was made and seconded to accept to the Treasurer's report as written. The motion was approved by all present.

Selection of Regional Reps for 2022: The members separated into the five regions. Each group elected three representatives and designated one representative as the primary. Bob Elwood collected the names, primary reps and contact information.

2022 Tournament Scheduling Committee Report: Gary Tryhorn reported all of the tournament directors have submitted requests for tournament dates. The committee will meet after the annual meeting. The goal is to have the 2022 tournament schedule available by the first of the year. Some of the dates may change due to venue availability.

Hall of Fame Committee Report: Pete Lewis reported nominations for 2020 and 2021 were suspended due to Covid. 2022 nomination requests will be sent out in February.

Rosters: Bob Elwood reported that there will no longer be a fee charged for roster changes in 2022. In addition, the team registration form will be changed to require less personal player information. Bob encouraged all managers to use the website to register their teams.

Team Ranking Committee: John Reedy reported that first 2022 ranking will be completed in the middle of February. The strategy for new teams is to make sure that the teams are ranked higher (better) and adjusted down as needed. 70+ teams are ranked based having eleven players on defense.

Rules Changes for 2022: Gary Tryhorn lead a discussion of the SSUSA rules changes that would automatically be adopted by NCSSA if not modified:

- 1) SSUSA reduced the age for an extra defensive fielder from 70+ to 65+. NCSSA rule 2 allows eleven defensive fielders for 70+ teams. A motion was made and seconded to match the SSUSA rule reduce the age to 65+ teams for eleven defensive fielders. After discussion the motion was voted on and it **failed**. NCSSA will keep the age for eleven defensive fielders at 70+.
- 2) SSUSA adopted a rule that bans outside alcohol from all venues. No motion was made to change this rule therefore NCSSA will adopt this rule.
- 3) SSUSA adopted a rule which penalizes the batter for hitting an illegal ball. NCSSA determined that is rule does not apply to NCSSA play because our umpires control the balls used in our games.

The following rules changes came from our membership:

- 4) A motion was made and seconded to add DeMarini "GSL" balls to the approved list of balls for NCSSA play. The motion **passed** Unanimously. Note: the official name of the ball will be finalized at a later date.
- 5) NCSSA Rule 9 reads "Any team may add two temporary players for a tournament but they must be of the same age or older than their roster age group". A motion was made and seconded to add the following "and the player can only be two groups better" example a group 7 team can only pick-up players from Group 5 or higher ranking. After discussion the motion was voted on and it **failed**.
- 6) NCSSA Rule 14 "One up home run rule". A motion was made and seconded to change the home run rule for Groups 0, 1 and 2 to limit home runs to 6 per team and addition home runs would be outs. After discussion the motion was voted on and it **failed**.
- 7) Hall of Fame Players. A motion was made and seconded allow two temporary players for the Hall of Fame tournament like other tournaments. After discussion the motion was voted on and it **failed**.

- 8) NCSSA Rule 29 “All Groups in NCSSA will play with a 4-3 count”. A motion was made and seconded remove this rule and align with the SSUSA rule for batters to start with a 1 and 1 count. After discussion the motion was voted on and it **passed**.
- 9) NCSSA Rule 27 “Sun Rule”. A motion was made but NOT seconded remove this rule. Without a second the motion never was voted on.

New Business:

- 1) Analog portable scoreboards: A motion was made and seconded to have NCSSA provide to analog portable scoreboards at all tournaments. The motion **passed** Unanimously. NCSSA Board of Directors will research and determine next steps.

Meeting Adjourned: by Bill Picht at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Pete Lewis