

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGION ONE	REGION TWO	REGION THREE	REGION FOUR	REGION FIVE
Bob Jacques	Tom Bussey	John Reedy	Gary Tryhorn	Bob Elwood
	Darryl Watson	Don Wever	Joe Lewis	Bill Picht
		Don Angle	Sam Scott	Pete Lewis

Minutes of the August 30, 2023 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

Directors Present: Bill Picht, Pete Lewis, Gary Tryhorn, Sam Scott, Joe Lewis, Don Wever, Bob Elwood, Don Angle, John Reedy, Darryl Watson, and Bob Jacques

Directors Absent: Tom Bussey

Board President Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2023 Board Meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Wever presented the Treasurer's report indicating a current account balance of \$20,345.01. Board President Bill Picht's name was added to the bank account replacing Bob Elwood. Following a short discussion, a motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Hall of Fame Induction Process:

The Hall of Fame has received approximately 6-7 nominations to-date. The committee is reviewing the nominations and will make a determination as to which candidates will be included on the ballot, based on the evaluation criteria. The list of candidates on the ballot will be presented to the Board in October. Don Angle will verify email addresses of current HOF members; ballots will then be sent to all voting members (i.e., previous HOF inductees and current Board Members). The voting will occur in late

October/early November. The successful candidates will be inducted into the HOF at the Annual Board Meeting in December.

Nor Cal Championship Tournament:

John Reedy, the tournament director, reported that we lost approximately 10 or more teams due to the closeness of the SSUSA Western Nationals tournament which was held August 1 – 6. John will look into moving next year's Nor Cal Championships to sometime later in the month to avoid this conflict.

There was a short discussion regarding bracket scheduling. As a tournament director, John Reedy mentioned that many of the older teams prefer to play 4 games (2 per day) rather than 2 – 3 or 3 – 2. Since there were varying opinions on this, it was decided to make this an agenda item for the NCSSA General Meeting in December.

Rankings:

The rankings have been updated following the results of the Nor Cal Championships. They have not yet been posted on the website.

Tournament Insurance:

Don Wever mentioned that every city where we host an NCSSA tournament must be insured. A separate certificate per city is required. In practice, we have been requiring a separate certificate for each tournament director. It was proposed that we have the wording on the certificates amended to say: *...the NCSSA, its employees, staff, etc....* rather than specifically naming the tournament director. Don Wever will look into this as well as other options.

2024 Tournament Requests:

Gary Tryhorn reported that the period for tournament directors to request their tournament dates for 2024 is October 1 – December 1.

Rosters:

Pete Lewis reported that changing the roster requirements for the Nor Cal Championship Tournament (formerly the HOF Tournament) has resulted in considerably fewer requests for roster revisions. Previously, rosters were frozen prior to the HOF Tournament. Under the new format, rosters remain open and managers can add players to their roster for the tournament.

Manager Questionnaire:

There is a general perception that the number of teams participating in NCSSA tournaments is on the decline. It was decided to develop a questionnaire to be sent to all team managers to solicit their input as to why there may be fewer teams, what concerns they may have, what we can do to increase participation, etc. Sam Scott and Pete Lewis will work on developing the questionnaire.

Annual Meeting:

The NCSSA General Meeting will be Saturday, December 2 at the City Council Chambers in Manteca. The Board is looking into ways to encourage more managers to attend the Annual Meetings.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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