

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

REGION ONE	REGION TWO	REGION THREE	REGION FOUR	REGION FIVE
Bob Jacques	Tom Bussey	John Reedy	Gary Tryhorn	Bill Picht
Paul Enriquez	Darryl Watson	Darryl Cabral	Joe Lewis	Pete Lewis
Don Angle	Paul Rogers	Bob Holly	Sam Scott	Rick Bowlby

## Minutes of the January 10, 2024 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

**Directors Present:** Bill Picht, Pete Lewis, Rick Bowlby, Bob Jacques, Joe Lewis, Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn, Sam Scott, Paul Enriquez, John Reedy, Bob Holly, Tom Bussey, Darryl Watson, and Paul Rogers.

**Directors Absent:** Darryl Cabral

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 December 2, 2023 Board Meeting and Annual 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 \$19,744.14. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved by all present. This was Don Wever's final meeting as Treasurer. The Board acknowledged the exceptional job Don has done as Treasurer for the past 8+ years and thanked him for his service. Rick Bowlby was elected as the new Treasurer for 2024 (see Election of Officers for 2024, below). Bill Picht, President and Rick Bowlby, Treasurer are the two authorized check signers for NCSSA.

### **Election of Officers for 2023:**

Section 5 (B) of the NCSSA By Laws states that at their first Board meeting of each year, the Board of Directors shall elect the President, Vice President, Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and any other necessary officers. The motion was made and seconded to keep all current officers the same for 2024 with the exception of Treasurer as Don Wever is stepping down from the Board. The motion was approved by all present. Rick Bowlby was elected as the new Treasurer for 2024. The officers for 2024 are:

President:	Bill Picht
Vice President:	Gary Tryhorn
Secretary:	Darryl Watson
Treasurer:	Rick Bowlby
Recording Secretary:	Pete Lewis

### **Rule Changes for 2024 – SSUSA**

The SSUSA has adopted a new rule for 2024 which allows any team in the 70 age group to pick up three players who are age 69. A motion was made to adopt the same rule for NCSSA tournament play for 2024. After much discussion, the motion failed. Board members felt that we should wait one year to see how the new rule works for SSUSA; observe how it is received by SSUSA teams and revisit the rule change next year. It was also pointed out that under current NCSSA rules, if a team wishes to pick up younger players, that team can register as a younger team and pick up as many players in that registered age group as they wish. For example, a 70 team that wants to pick up players who are age 65-69, can register as a 65 team rather than a 70 team. This does not affect that team's ranking because the rankings are based on a team's actual performance, not their age group.

### **Ranking Committee:**

Darryl Watson presented a status report on the Ranking Committee for 2024. The Committee has expanded to 13 members:

- Darryl Watson
- Tommy Bussey
- Joe Lewis
- Bill Picht
- Gary Robertson
- Ernie Lopez
- Ellwin Jobe
- Herb Epple
- Lanny Witt
- Bob Holly
- Pete Lewis
- John Reedy
- Paul Enriquez

Darryl mentioned that a new database has been created into which every NCSSA tournament game will be input. This will allow the committee members to track each team's tournament performance (i.e., who they played, what their opponent's rankings were, the game scores, etc.). The team rankings in general have been fairly accurate in the past and with the addition of performance data for each team, the rankings should be even more improved. The Committee will go back to including each team's overall record on the rankings sheet.

### **Potential Ways to Improve Annual Rule Change Process:**

Bill Picht wants to find ways to get more team managers involved in the rule change process. Proposed rule changes are discussed and voted on once per year at the annual meeting, however, only a small number of managers attend the annual meeting. Consequently, the rules for each coming year are decided by a small representation of teams. One proposal was that the Board place proposed rule changes on-line prior to the annual meeting, where managers can discuss and vote on the proposed changes. After some discussion, no motion was made. It was decided that Bill Picht and Pete Lewis would look into this issue further. It will be made an agenda item for future Board Meeting(s).

### **Hall of Fame Process for 2024:**

Don Angle reported that the 2023 Hall of Fame process worked very well and that the same process will be used for 2024.

**2024 Registration Process:**

Pete Lewis presented copies of the 2024 team registration forms, one that will be posted on the website, and a slightly more detailed form that will be emailed back to the team manager. The registration fee remains at \$75 per team which includes NCSSA and SSUSA registration fees. Detailed instructions regarding the registration process have been posted on the website.

**2024 NCSSA Tournament Schedule:**

Gary Tryhorn presented a copy of the proposed tournament schedule for 2024. A motion was made to approve the proposed 2024 schedule. The motion was approved by all present. Gary reported that the NCSSA Tournament Schedule should be posted on the website by Thursday, January 12. There was also a discussion involving a tournament that is scheduled for Morro Bay on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. A flyer for this tournament, which was emailed to NCSSA team managers, mentions that the tournament is sanctioned by NCSSA. However, because this tournament will involve almost exclusively Southern California teams, and those teams are not registered with NCSSA, it was decided that NCSSA would not sanction this tournament, and the tournament would instead be included on the list of “Non-NCSSA Tournaments” that is posted on our website.

**New Business:**

- John Reedy reported that NCSSA tournaments at the Manteca Big League Dreams will no longer be played on the weekends. This includes the NCSSA Championship Tournament. For the Championship tournament, the Thursday and Friday games will be held at Manteca BLD, but the Saturday and Sunday games will be in Elk Grove. As in the past, the Thursday and Friday tournaments held throughout the year will continue to be played at Manteca BLD.
- Pete Lewis is looking into improving the team zip code application that is used for scheduling tournament brackets based on a team’s distance from the ball field.
- A question was asked as to whether NCSSA should have defibrillators on site at our tournaments. The item will be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

**Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 11:00 AM at the home of Gary Tryhorn.**

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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