

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 April 17, 2024 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at the Home of Gary Tryhorn

Directors Present: Bill Picht, Pete Lewis, Bob Jacques, Don Angle, Gary Tryhorn, Sam Scott, Paul Enriquez (via phone), Tom Bussey, Darryl Watson, and Paul Rogers.

Directors Absent: Darryl Cabral, John Reedy, Bob Holly, Joe Lewis, Rick Bowlby

Board President Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2024 Board Meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report:

President Bill Picht, for Rick Bowlby, presented the Treasurer's report indicating a current account balance of \$22,084.02. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved by all present.

Team Zip Codes:

Pete Lewis explained how the "distance to the ball field" for each team is calculated using team zip codes. The team zip code is calculated using the zip codes of all players on a team's roster, not just the manager's zip code. Pete is currently looking for new software that will do zip code calculations more expeditiously.

Registration Status:

Pete Lewis provided the current number of team registrations for 2024. So far this year, there are 67 teams with a total of 1,285 players, compared to 72 teams and 1,406 players in 2023. Additional team registrations are pending.

Rankings:

Darryl Watson reported that the March 1 rankings have not been updated due to the fact that three tournaments were cancelled (Manteca April 4-5, Elk Grove April 6-7, and Lodi April 13-14). The next rankings update will be May 1. Darryl also commented that a couple of teams have raised concerns about playing against teams that are 15 years younger, citing safety as the main issue. It was reemphasized that when a bracket consists of teams that are 15 years apart, the tournament director will call the manager of the older team, inform him of the situation, and get a confirmation from that manager that his team is okay playing against the younger team(s). If his team is not okay with it, they can withdraw from the tournament without penalty as long as it is done before the final brackets are issued.

Hall of Fame Update:

Don Angle reported that the 2024 HOF inductions will again be held at the year-end Annual Meeting in December, same as 2023. As in the past, HOF nominations will be submitted to current HOF members and Board Members for vote.

San Jose Tournament Review:

John Reedy, tournament director for the March 16 – 17 tournament held at the new softball complex in San Jose, in an email to Board President Bill Picht, stated that the tournament went very well, there were positive comments regarding the new complex, and that there was a great turnout. He said most teams indicated that they will definitely be back for future tournaments. John reported that he already has 10 teams signed up for the July 20 – 21 tournament in San Jose.

Purchase of Defibrillators:

The possible purchase of defibrillators for NCSSA tournaments was discussed. The consensus of the Board members was that the tournament director should be responsible for ensuring that in the event of an emergency, defibrillators are on site and/or that a hospital or fire station is in close enough proximity that there can be an adequate response time. It was agreed that language pertaining to this safety issue should be added to the tournament director's contract.

Other Business:**Roundtable:**

- One Board member raised a concern about the frequent Thursday-Friday tournaments held at the Manteca BLD. The concern is that Thursday-Friday tournaments can negatively impact the number of teams that participate in a weekend tournament when those tournaments are held during the same week or even a week apart. Some of the weekend tournaments are used as team fund raisers. Gary Tryhorn, Chair of the Scheduling Committee, stated that the committee does not approve weekend and Thursday-Friday tournaments in the same region, during the same week.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 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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