

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

Minutes for October 23, 2024 Meeting

Attendees: Region One: Bob Jacques and Don Angle
Region Two: Tom Busey and Paul Rogers
Region Three: John Reedy and Bob Holly
Region Four: Gary Tryhorn, Joe Lewis and Sam Scott
Region Five: Pete Lewis and Rick Bowlby

Absent: Bill Picht, Paul Enriquez, Darryl Watson, and Darryl Cabral

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gary Tryhorn at 11:05 AM.

- 1. Approval of 8/21/24 meeting minutes:** The minutes from the last Board meeting held on August 21st, 2024 were reviewed and approved by the Board.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Rick Bowlby presented the Associations financial report, it was reviewed and approved by the Board.
- 3. Tournament Insurance and Team fees for 2025:** Rick Bowlby lead a discussion about the fees for 2025 season. With a surplus of funds in the Associations accounts, the plan is keep the fees for Tournament Insurance and Team Fees at 2024 rates unless SSUSA increases their fees.
- 4. Hall of Fame Inductees:** HOF Committee's Headed by Don Angle recommended that five candidates who met the minimum requirements be placed on the HOF ballot. The Board approved the candidates. A ballot will be distributed to qualified voters and 2024 inductees will be announced at the annual meeting in December.
- 5. Replacement of Committee Heads for 2025:** Two positions will be open for the 2025 season. The responsibilities Head of Rules Committee and the Head of the Tournament Schedule Committee were defined and discussed. Elections for the 2025 Board of Directors will be held at annual meeting in December. Elected Directors will be responsible for filling these positions.
- 6. Board Efficiency/Consolidation concepts for 2025:** The Board discussed changing the organization of the NCSSA Board. Should the Board to organization based off regions or could all Board positions be elected by "at large" candidates. Changing the structure of the Board would require changes to the Associations By-laws. By-law changes must be approved by the Associations membership. A committee will be formed by newly elected Board members to address this proposal.
- 7. Rankings:** The Board discussed 2024 rankings; the consensus was that rankings were well received by the teams. It was suggested that Tournament Ties be record on the ranking sheet. A Tournament Tie is when two or more teams have the same win-loss

record at the end of a tournament and a tie breaker is used to determine the tournament champion. Identifying teams that lost tiebreakers would provide additional information that could be used by the ranking committee.

8. **Team/player database:** Data from teams and players could be available on the website. The Board decided to not move forward with the database at this time.
9. **Annual Meeting Location & Date:** The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday December 7th at 10:00 AM in Manteca.
10. **Tournament registrations status for 2025:** Gary Tryhorn lead a decision about the 2025 tournament season. Tournament Directors need to submit their preferred dates for the 2025 season.
11. **Onyx Softball:** John Reedy presented results from a trial of Onyx Softballs. The Onyx and other balls were shown after being used for a game. The Onyx balls were in better condition than the other balls. The Board recommended that the Onyx balls be presented at the Annual Meeting for membership approval.
12. **Roundtable:** The Board discussed proposed rule changes for 2025.
 - a. Limit the number of roster changes allowed per team per year
 - b. Eleven defensive players on for all age groups
 - c. Ranking Players
 - d. Limit what players can be “Add-On” players at tournaments
 - e. Change awarded runs if a team uses higher ranked Add-on players
13. **Next Meeting:** Saturday December 7th at 9:00 AM in Manteca

Minutes submitted by Pete Lewis, Rosters and Team Secretary
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