

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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

## Minutes of the June 11, 2025 NCSSA Board Meeting Held at Big League Dreams, Manteca

**Directors Present:** Bill Picht, Pete Lewis, Joe Lewis, Don Angle, Sam Scott, John Reedy, Bob Holly, Darryl Watson, Steve Gibson, Kevin Richmond, Bob Jacques, Tommy Bussey and Paul Rogers, Paul Enriquez and Rick Bowlby

**Directors Absent:** None

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 April 16, 2025 Board Meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Rick Bowlby presented the Treasurer's Report which showed a beginning balance of \$21,554.81 and net income for the period of \$175.00, resulting in a current balance of \$21,754.81. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion was approved by all present.

### **NCSSA Rules Update:**

Batter's Box: The new Batter's Box Rule was discussed. The rule which was implemented by SSUSA in 2024 says that the batter will be called out if he hits the ball when the back foot is completely further forward than the line defining the front edge of home plate. The batter will be called out, regardless of whether the ball lands fair or foul. The batter is not called out unless he/she makes contact with the ball. The SSUSA Rules Summary for 2025 further clarifies that the batter's front foot may step out of the **front** of the box, but rear foot cannot be fully in front of line defining front edge of plate when contact is made (fair or foul). This is a dead ball out.

Although the rule was implemented by SSUSA in 2024, the NCSSA managers at the December 2023 Annual Meeting voted not to adopt the rule. However, at the December 2024 Annual Meeting, the managers voted to adopt this SSUSA rule for the 2025 season. The NCSSA rules still need to be updated to add this rule change. It will be added as **Rule #32**.

69's Playing in the 70 Age Group: At the December 2024 Annual meeting the managers voted to adopt the SSUSA rule which allows 70 teams to have three 69-year-olds on their roster beginning with the 2025 season. **Rule #9** in the NCSSA rules needs to be updated to reflect the rule change.

When a Batter is Walked: The third sentence of NCSSA Rule #20 needs to be amended to eliminate the words ...”SSUSA and”... The current SSUSA rules do not allow a courtesy runner to take first base without the batter-baserunner touching first. NCSSA rules do allow the batter-baserunner to go directly to the dugout.

### **Incident in Reno:**

An incident involving a physical altercation that occurred at the recent SSUSA Rock’n Reno Tournament was discussed. The NCSSA Board is not taking any action against the player/players involved at this time since it was an SSUSA and not an NCSSA event. The Board will wait to see what actions, if any, are taken by SSUSA and proceed accordingly.

### **Hall of Fame:**

Don Angle reported that the period for submitting Hall of Fame nominations will close on July 10. Don has emailed information regarding the nomination process to current HOF and NCSSA Board members.

### **Rankings:**

A suggestion was made to highlight in “yellow”, those teams that were moved up or down when the rankings are posted each month. It was also suggested that Groups 13 and 14 be eliminated from the rankings since there are no teams in those groups. The Ranking Committee will consider making these changes.

### **Rosters:**

Pete Lewis reported that roster changes are processed twice per week, on Wednesdays and Sundays. Things are going well and there are no current issues.

### **Board Efficiency:**

Bill Picht reported that he is still in the process of pulling together a subcommittee to review whether the structure of the NCSSA Board is as efficient and effective as it can be, given the current state of senior softball. In years past, NCSSA sponsored tournaments in several cities all over Northern California, requiring the need for five regions with three representatives from each region. In recent years, the majority of tournaments are being held in just a few locations, primarily Manteca, Elk Grove, Galt, Turlock and San Jose. Question: Do we still need 5 regions with 3 reps per region, or should the Board be restructured?

**Roundtable:**

- Use a of pitching screen was discussed, and it was determined that this topic would best be addressed in the December Managers meeting.
- Kevin Richmond is looking into acquiring additional tournament locations.
- John Reedy reported that Carson City is renovating their ball fields and will be installing turf. He is talking to them about obtaining fields for Carson City tournaments for 2026. John is also looking into Merced and Fresno for future tournaments.

**Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 at 11:00 AM at Manteca Big League Dreams.**

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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