

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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Don Angle	Tom Bussey	John Reedy	Sam Scott	Bill Picht
Bob Jacques	Darryl Watson	Steve Gibson	Joe Lewis	Pete Lewis
	Paul Rogers	Bob Holly	Kevin Richmond	Rick Bowlby

Minutes of the October 22, 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, Paul Rogers 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 June 11, 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 \$19,445.66, income for the period of \$275.00 and expenses totaling \$1,017.29, resulting in a current balance of \$18,703.37. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report; motion was approved by all present.

Disciplinary Actions:

Two teams, the Enforcers 80 and the Gold Rush 80 were subject to disciplinary actions taken by the Board of Directors - Disciplinary Committee. Both teams withdrew from the Animals Invitational Tournament held September 6 & 7, 2025 after the tournament schedule was posted, in violation of Rule 12. The Board reviewed the actions taken by the Disciplinary Committee and the letter of appeal submitted by the Enforcers (Gold Rush did not submit an appeal) and upheld the penalties that were imposed on both teams.

In separate letters dated October 8, 2025 the managers of The Gold Rush and the Enforcers were informed that their team had violated NCSSA **Rule 12** and as a result, the team had to forfeit their

tournament entry fee and was suspended from NCSSA tournament play for 15 days commencing on September 8, 2025 until September 23, 2025. Per **Rule 18**, the teams were also suspended for an additional 30 days ending on October 22, 2025 and placed on probation until April 1, 2026.

Facilities for 2025 Annual Meeting:

The Board's Annual Meeting was originally planned for Saturday, December 6. Don Angle reported that the Manteca City Council Chambers where we hold our Annual Board Meeting are being used on December 6 until 11:00am. The Board decided to move the Annual Meeting to Saturday, December 13 instead. Board Pre-Meeting will begin at 9:00am; Annual Meeting will begin at 10:00am.

Roster Eligibility for October & November Tournaments:

There was a discussion regarding roster eligibility for the October and November tournaments. There are comments at the bottom of the NCSSA Tournaments page that reference these tournaments, stating that ***** These tournaments allow players who will be the age next year (2026) and must be in team age group.*** This statement clarifies that players must be of the appropriate "team age", but it is not in our current rules. What if a player is already on 2 rosters, can that player be added to a 3rd roster in October/November? This question also needs to be addressed in the rules.

Regarding player releases, Pete Lewis clarified that a player can be removed from a roster at that player's request, it does not have to be approved by the team manager. However, any additions to a team's roster must be approved by the team manager, not by the player. Player releases are controlled by the player; player additions are controlled by the team manager.

Rules Committee:

Tom Bussey, Chair of the NCSSA Rules Committee, will represent NCSSA at the Annual SSUSA Rules Committee Meeting which is being held during the first week of December.

There was a discussion regarding how NCSSA rules are adopted and/or amended. It was proposed by some board members that the NCSSA Board be given the authority to adopt and/or amend rules at any of our scheduled board meetings rather than once per year at the Board's Annual Meeting. This would be similar to how SSUSA operates. Part of the rationale for this proposed change is that NCSSA has approximately 100 teams but only 10 - 15 teams send a representative to the Annual Meeting, in which case, you have a handful of managers making decisions for everyone regarding the playing rules. It was decided to take a further look at it and develop a proposal.

40's, Women and Coed:

There was a discussion regarding whether NCSSA should expand to include men's 40, women and coed teams. The general consensus was that there are not enough women's teams or 40 teams in each age group for this to be viable. No motion was made. Bob Jacques will look into this idea further, talk to younger teams, women's teams and coed teams, determine if there is enough interest, and report back.

Hall of Fame:

Don Angle reported that the period for submitting Hall of Fame nominations has closed with no nominations being received for 2026.

Roster Changes:

Pete Lewis reported that some teams are submitting numerous roster changes during the season. A couple of teams seem to submit a roster change monthly. The Board had imposed a \$10 fee for roster changes in the past in hopes of reducing the number of changes being submitted, but this did not work. After the discussion, a motion was made to only allow four (4) roster changes (after the initial submission), but no more than one (1) change per month. The motion passed.

Roundtable:

- Kevin Richmond has contacted Carson City; they are renovating their ball fields and are installing turf. He was informed that the fields should be ready by March or April of 2026. This could provide another venue for NCSSA Tournaments.

Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 AM at Manteca City Council Chambers. Annual Meeting to follow at 10:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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