

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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

### **Minutes of the December 13, 2025 NCSSA Annual Meeting Held at Manteca Council Chambers**

**Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM**

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

**Directors Absent:** None

**Welcome:** Bill Picht welcomed the members to the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Bowlby presented the Treasurer's report summarizing the 2025 season. The beginning balance as of January 2025 was \$19,608.78 and the ending balance as of December 2025 was \$18,353.37 representing a decrease for the year of \$1,255.41. The decrease was due to fewer team registrations in 2025 compared to prior years, and slight increases in expenses such as bank fees, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses. Rick informed members that the Board has decided to raise team fees from \$75 to \$100 for 2026. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion passed.

**Selection of Regional Reps for 2026:** The members separated into groups, by region. Each group elected three representatives and designated one representative as the primary. The election results were as follows:

- Region 1: Bob Jacques (Primary); Don Angle
- Region 2: Tom Bussey (Primary); Darryl Watson; Paul; Rogers
- Region 3: John Reedy (Primary); Bob Holly; Steve Gibson
- Region 4: Sam Scott (Primary); Joe Lewis; Kevin Richmond
- Region 5: Pete Lewis (Primary); Bill Picht; Rick Bowlby

**SSUSA Rule Changes for 2026:** Tom Bussey, Chairperson for the NCSSA Rules Committee reported that SSUSA was implementing a few new rules for 2026, however, none of the new changes affect the NCSSA playing rules.

**Rosters:** Pete Lewis reported that team registration should be available online by early January. Pete also reported that teams will only be allowed four (4) roster changes during the season (after the initial submission), but no more than one (1) change per month. Roster corrections and removing players from the roster are not considered as roster changes.

**Electronic Payments:** Rick Bowlby reported that team managers have been requesting that teams be allowed to submit their annual registration fee using Venmo, Pay Pal or similar electronic payment methods. Some electronic payment methods involve bank fees, and some do not. The Board committed to conducting a further evaluation of the pros and cons. No decision was made at this time.

**Tournament Scheduling:** John Reedy reported that Carson City is refurbishing their ball fields and transitioning from grass/dirt to turf. This involves the 4 upper ball fields only, not the fields down below by the entrance to the complex. The 2026 tournament schedule should be posted by mid-January. The schedule will include one or two tournaments for Carson City as well as an additional Redwood City tournament which will be a Thursday/Friday event.

**NCSSA Rule Changes for 2026:** The membership was informed that the NCSSA Rules Committee will administer the playing rules, including but not limited to, establishment of new rules, amendments to existing rules, etc. New rules and/or rule changes developed by the Rules Committee would then be presented to the full Board for approval. This could occur during any of the Board's regularly scheduled Board Meetings throughout the year. The rationale for the change is that NCSSA has approximately 100 teams but only 10 - 15 teams send a representative to the Annual Meeting resulting in a situation in which a handful of managers are making decisions for all 100 teams. In addition, this gives NCSSA the ability to implement rule changes during the season rather than having to wait until the December meeting. A motion was made that the Rules Committee administer the playing rules. The motion passed.

**New Business:** The following were items brought forward by team representatives in attendance:

- Playing the Late Games both days: Some teams are complaining about having to play late afternoon games on both days of the tournament, stating that it is unfair to those teams, especially during the hot days of summer. This problem occurs with 6-team brackets where team #4 has the late games both days. Don Angle and John Reedy stated that they have tried to resolve this problem many times with little success. They will take another look at reworking the bracket format and try to resolve it.
- Rating Players with Impairments: A team manager requested that NCSSA make special allowances for players with special circumstances or injuries. For example, allow a 65 player with limited mobility to play in the 70s. After discussion, it was decided that this would be too difficult to manage and control. No motion was made on this item.
- Increase The Number of Homeruns: The number of homeruns should be increased, especially for the younger age groups that are becoming more difficult to attract to our tournaments. One option would be to allow a set number of homeruns and then go to the equalizer. For example, each team is allowed to hit 4 homeruns regardless of how many the opposing team has hit, but each homerun they hit after that is a single (or an out) until the opposing team hits 4 homeruns. At that point, neither team can go up by more than 1 homerun. No motion was made on this item.

**Next NCSSA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21 at 11:00 AM at Manteca Big League Dreams.**

Meeting adjourned by Bill Picht at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

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