

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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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 Board Meeting Held at Manteca Council Chambers

Bill Picht called the meeting to order at 8:56 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

Reading of the Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2025 Board Meeting as written. The motion was approved by all present.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Bowlby presented the Treasurer's report summarizing the 2025 season. Rick reported that income from team registration fees was down approximately \$1,000 from the prior year primarily due to fewer teams participating, but revenue from tournament fees was up as we had more tournaments in 2025 compared to the prior year. Rick also reported that annual expenses for insurance, website services, etc. have been increasing to the point where total annual expenses are now surpassing total annual revenue. A proposal was made to increase team registration fees from \$75 to \$100 per year. The motion passed. Following Rick's report, a proposal was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as written. The motion was approved by all present.

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 (i.e., unlike most prior years there were no SSUSA rule changes that NCSSA had to consider as to adopt or not adopt).

NCSSA Rule Changes for 2026: There was a follow up discussion from the October 22, 2025 Board Meeting regarding how NCSSA rules are adopted and/or amended. A proposal was made that NCSSA board members 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. A review of the NCSSA Bylaws showed that there is no requirement that new rules or rule amendments must be approved by the team managers at the Annual Meeting. A reference was made to Article V, Section 8, Paragraph A of the Bylaws which reads:

Duties of the Board of Representatives

A. *Conduct, manage, and control the business affairs of NCSSA and establish such rules and regulations that are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.*

A motion was made that the NCSSA Rules Committee administer the playing rules, including but not limited to, establishment of new rules, amendments to existing rules, etc. and present proposed changes to the full Board for approval. This could occur during any of the Board's regularly scheduled Board Meetings throughout the year. The motion passed. This will be shared with the team managers at the 2025 Annual Meeting to confirm their acceptance of the new policy.

Venmo: Rick Bowlby reported that some team managers have been requesting that teams be allowed to submit their annual team registration fee using Venmo, Pay Pal or similar electronic payment methods. After a brief discussion it was decided not to pursue this at this time.

Tournament Status: John Reedy reported that the tournament schedule for 2026 will be available for posting once it has been approved by the Board at our January meeting. John also reported that he and Kevin Richmond have been in contact with officials from Carson City regarding the possibility of scheduling NCSSA tournaments there as we have in the past. Carson City is in the process of refurbishing the softball fields, transitioning from grass/dirt to turf fields.

The fields should be ready by early Spring 2026.

Roundtable: Bob Holly commented that all board meetings should be open to any team managers or their representative who wished to attend and observe the proceedings. The decision was made to add a statement to our website indicating that team managers or their representative(s) may attend regularly scheduled board meetings.

Meeting was adjourned by Bill Picht at 9:56 AM

Respectfully submitted by Darryl Watson, Secretary

12/24/25