

12/5/2018 MINUTES HUMBOLDT SENIOR CLASSIC SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President: Dan Duncan  
Vice President: Rick Mitchell  
Treasurer: Tom Marking  
Commissioner: Paul Woodland  
Secretary: Fred Dellagatta

Members Present: David Schlosser, Bill Hicks, Buzz Johnson, Richard Marks, Larry Pardi, Dennis Rosser

**CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**

**OPENING REMARKS:** Dan Duncan

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Richard Marks, 2nd Rick Mitchell; Passed 4-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Tom Marking

Tom presented the October report which showed no activity during that period. Beginning balance 10/1/2018 \$2733.62, ending balance 10/30/2018 \$2733.62.

The November report showed a deposit of \$100. Beginning balance 11/1/2018 \$2733.62, ending balance 11/30/2018 \$2833.62.

Motion to approve the October and November financial reports by Fred Dellagatta, 2nd by Paul Woodland; Passed 4-0.

**Commissioner's Report:** Paul Woodland

There will be a donation button on the website so people can donate to us. He will use the association checking account.

Bill Hicks asked about access to the website for posting pictures. Paul suggested that the Facebook page is for posting pictures.

**FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT:** Dan Duncan, members are Dan Duncan, Tom Marking and Bill Hicks.

Dan met with Rob the person who is our contact for the Field improvements. They formulated the following plan to improve the field.

1. Scrape the top couple of inches from the infield.
2. Repair or replace the fence.

3. Remove the fencing we don't need.
4. The association will set up the concrete forms and DANCO secures the concrete.
5. Tom Marking will layout the field. He said that bases could be 60', 65' or 70' apart from each other. At 70' we would extend the infield into the soccer field. It was decided 65' would be used. Tom Marking reported that the bleachers at the CR field were good enough to use at Samoa and only needed to be picked up and transferred over. Dan Duncan pointed out that the CR softball team will be using the CR field (and bleachers) for their Spring 19 season. Dan thought we could have them after that and he would be in contact with the CR construction team for permission to remove the bleachers and the timing for this action.

**RULES COMMITTEE REPORT:** Fred Dellagatta, Tom Marking, Bill Hicks

Two meetings were held. The first at Pacific Union to discuss the out field line (Fred and Bill). The goal is to increase offense (base hits) by making it more difficult for an outfielder to throw out runners going from first base to second base. The first step was to figure out how the arc was drawn last year. It was concluded that last years line was a 145' arc drawn from home plate. This fact was disputed by David Schlosser during the meeting. He thought the line at CR was a 95' arc drawn from the pitcher's mound. The committee suggested that drawing an arc of approximately 113' from the pitchers mound would move the line back about 19' in centerfield while keeping the line at 145' on the foul lines. We also discussed moving the line out another 5' by using a 118' arc drawn from the pitcher's mound. This would move the line back from the current position about 24' in centerfield and put it at 150' on the foul lines. Trial games with the lines might be a way to test them out.

The second meeting was held at the Samoa Field (Fred and Tom).

The agenda consisted of the following.

1. Outfield line - Tom agreed with conclusions made by Fred and Bill from the previous Rules Committee meeting stated above.
2. Bats - Aluminum Alloy, Wood, Composite. Concluded to keep the current rules in place which call for the use of wood bats for all except that aluminum alloy bats may be used by women and men 75 and over.
3. Jerry Rule - Tom doesn't like the rule. Feels it was abused. Fred likes the rule because it allowed guys who could not run a chance to have a runner from home plate.
4. Sliding vs Run Through Rule - Concluded the current rules work best for safety. Stopping on or sliding into a base protects infielders from getting run into by a base runner running through a base.

**Manager's Duties Committee:** - Paul Woodland, Brenda Blair, David Schlosser.

The following document was read into the record at the previous meeting allowing a vote to approve at this meeting.

Motion to approve the duties of manager document by Bill Hicks, 2nd by David Schlosser; passed 11-0.

The position of manager of a HCSSA team comes with a great deal of responsibility.

The manager must serve the association in the capacity of team leader, role model, and liaison. The position calls for dedication, reliability, and effective communication skills.

The duties of a manager include:

Team Leader –

- Organize and maintain a team roster by drafting, recruiting, and signing players then submitting the proper documents (waivers) to the Association Commissioner
- Communicate directly with the Association Commissioner on all transactions involving players including trades, injuries, disciplinary problems, partings, and waiver signings

- Coach games – submit line up, keep score, report scores to Association Secretary, and make sure everybody gets into the game for requisite innings

- Insure that players use proper equipment like wood bats, regulation slow pitch softballs, and provide a new game ball for each home game

- Check to make sure that playing conditions are conducive to safe play and the field has been properly prepared for the game

- Inform players of all scheduled practices and games – time and location

Role Model –

- Exhibit good sportsmanship, fair play, and abide by the Association's rules and regulations while looking out for the safety and enjoyment of the other players – this takes precedence over winning games

- Help teammates understand and adhere to the Association's playing rules and guidelines for fair play and good sportsmanship

Liaison –

- Attend all Board Meetings or send a designee to represent the team

- Communicate all pertinent information like rule changes, elections, practices, or special meetings to team members

A manager is appointed or elected (formally or informally) to the position by the players of the team. The position must be filled prior to the draft and needs to be approved by the Association Commissioner – an Association Member is not allowed to simultaneously hold the position of Manager and Commissioner.

**Umpire Committee:** - Paul Woodland

The Umpire Committee has arranged for a fund raiser with Applebees on a Thursday in January.

**Mission Statement Committee:** - Paul stated that the league already had a Mission Statement on the website. He felt like a committee meeting was unnecessary. Dan stated that he did not get the opportunity to have his ideas about a mission statement heard because there was no meeting. Paul read the mission statement from the website out loud. The issue was tabled for the time being.

**BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS DISCUSSION:** David Schlosser

Discussion of "quorum"

5 member quorum of 3 officers and 2 managers or designated appointee.

Everyone present gets to vote at the officer election meeting.

**At regular meetings** officers vote. Additionally Managers/Team Representatives are

allowed to vote on rules changes.

David will refine the amendments.

Fred suggested getting away from saying “managers” and instead say “team representative” because some managers may not have time to do more than just manage.

**OFFICER ELECTIONS:**

Motion by Tom Marking to elect

Dan Duncan - President

David Schlosser - Vice President

Paul Woodland - Commissioner

Tom Marking - Treasurer

Fred Dellagatta - Secretary

2nd by Rick Mitchell; passed 10-1.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Richard Marks delivered an offer from the Mad River Softball Association for the senior league to play all of it’s games under the Mad River Association at the Arcata fields.

Tom Marking volunteered to attend the next Mad River Softball Association in Eureka and report back.

Motion to adjourn by David Schlosser, 2nd by Rick Mitchell passed unanimous.