

July 17 2025 Meeting Minutes

Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors

Attendees: BJ Hobbs, Tom Short, John Burge, Dave Donnan, Bob Gilbertson, Ed Tietz, Mike Gregg, Rick Piras

Also: Evan Wagner

-Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved 8-0.

-Treasurer's report- John reported that the account was currently at \$19, 642. He noted that CARD has still not invoiced us for field preps and rentals and that umpires have not been paid for July and August.

-Actions from prior meeting

-Mike contacted Sports Plus (who we buy insurance from) and found that our umpires, Paul Anderson and Tim Klick, are not covered for injuries sustained while on the field. The board decided that we needed them to sign our same release of liability the player's sign.

Bob will have Paul sign a copy.

Tom will have Tim sign a copy.

-Dave contacted CARD regarding a heat index to determine when to postpone games due to high temperatures. He was informed that the cut-off point for CARD is when the heat index hits 114°. Since we are considered "renters" CARD said we are not required to follow their guideline. The board felt 114 was unreasonable and established 110° as our cut-off.

-Dave got a new design for playoff championship jerseys from Bill Degrazio. After discussion we agreed to re-use last years design and simply change the year to 2025.

-New Items

-The board received an email from Tim Barnett regarding players drinking alcohol at Sycamore. The board felt that the Bidwell Park rule addressing alcohol took priority over any rules we created.

Mike will draft a response to Tim.

-The board also received an email regarding the method for assigning pool players in Vets and Open. The randomness of the current method can result in the best pool player going to the best team and visa versa. The board decided to implement the process introduced this year in Masters to the Open and Vets divisions. The board opted to implement the new system next year. In the new method, pool players are still selected

through random draw of cards, but once selected the team with the lesser record gets first pick of players selected.

-The board also received an email from the manager of the Open team, Ambush, regarding assignment of late registration players to teams. The board had assigned the late registrant, who is a high-impact player to the lower ranked team to keep the games more competitive. Ambush was not happy with that decision.

Mike will draft a response. The response will highlight the board's commitment to keeping games competitive.

-Rick forwarded a request from a Masters manager to shorten the Masters playoff schedule. Rick will ask Masters managers to poll their players and give him the results. If there is enough votes to change Rick would coordinate that.

-All-Star voting

Evan will send an email to all managers and co-managers asking to return their votes by 7/25.

-Openings to replace board members who are terming out

Three current board members are terming out in a few months.

To encourage volunteers, Dave will put out a folding table with sign-up sheets in the lock box. Evan will send an email to all players asking for volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be August 7th at 6:00.