August 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors

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

Also: Evan Wagner, Lefty Chell

-Meeting minutes from the July board meeting were read and approved 8-0.

-Treasurer's report: John reported that the there is $20,113 in the account, but we have not been invoiced from CARD yet for field rentals and prep for any of the 2026 season. John estimated that after paying CARD, umpires, and buying season-ending jerseys and hats there will be approximately $10,000 in the league account.

-Rick will ask CARD about when they will invoice us.

-Lefty offered to buy jerseys for the All-Star games for players to wear to avoid confusion from having so many different colored jerseys on the field at once. The jerseys will be plain (no lettering or team names) and will be maroon, blue, gold, and green. Lefty will collect the jerseys at the end of the games, take them home and clean them, and have them ready for the next seasons games.

-Dave reported that we will finish the season with one case (six dozen) balls remaining. That should cover us for the first month of the 2027 season until the group buy coordinated by Don Angle can take place.

-There was continuing discussion about qualifying criteria for the CSS Hall Of Fame, and the process for nominating candidates. None of this is currently defined in the CSS rules or policies. It was generally agreed that:

-Nominees should have been members of CSS for at least ten years.

-while on-field performance is important, nominations should include "service to the league", including managing, volunteering time to help the league, or serving on the board.

-that nominations should be open to all members, but that board members should be the conduit to the voting to avoid chaos.

-Tom will write up proposed qualification criteria, and a proposed nomination process for discussion and implementation at the September meeting.

-There was discussion about how many players from each division should be representatives to the board. Whenever possible, the board wants to have equal representation. Current league bylaws only state that there must be nine members, but it says nothing about the number from each division.

-Tom volunteered to draft a proposed policy statement for review at the September meeting.

-The board discussed how to conduct the tabulation of votes for next year's board members.

-Ed, Tom, and Evan will meet to open the ballot box, count votes, and report the results.

-Championship clothing ideas were finalized.

-Shirts for the three season-winning teams from all divisions will be red with white or blue printing.

-Hats for the three division playoff winners will be blue with white or red printing.

-It was proposed to buy hats for players selected to the All-Star teams. That proposal was approved on an 8-0 vote. Mike will work with North State printing to get the hats and shirts in time to present to players.

-Discussion about upcoming All-Star games.

-It was decided that if a player gets voted onto the All-Star rosters in more than one division that they represent the older division, and a fill-in player is selected from the younger division.

-Mike will assemble the teams to balance the number of infielders, outfielders, and pitchers per team.

-We'll have both of our umpires, Paul from Vets and Open, and KP from Masters work the two games.

-Rick will work with CARD to use the lights at Barile field to allow full seven-inning games to be played. We'll also use that opportunity to get players reactions to the lighting, to see if players would prefer playing early season games at Barile instead of shortened games at Sycamore.

-The use of pool players for the playoffs was discussed. The board felt the current rule as written is fine. The "gentlemen's agreement" about a team getting to pick up a pitcher if theirs is not available was continued, since no one wants to play in a game where a pitcher can't throw strikes.

-The meeting was adjourned.

-The next meeting will be Sept 2nd @ 6:00pm