

December 11, 2025 Chico Senior Softball Board of Director's meeting minutes

Attendees: John Burge, BJ Hobbs, Bob Gilbertson, Rick Piras, Mike Gregg, Andy Mayer, Tom Short. Dave Donnan arrived after start of meeting.

Also: Evan Wagner, Lefty Chell.

-Meeting minutes from the November meeting were read and approved 6-0.

-Treasurer's report: John stated that there's \$8,690 currently in the account.

-The board discussed "unwritten rules" for managers regarding things like putting the hitting mat and recently purchased shade canopies, out for first games, and putting it away afterwards.

The board decided not to have them as written rules, but instead will announce them at the draft and make sure all managers are aware.

-Lefty proposed shortening the basepaths from the current 70' to 65' for Masters division only.

The board discussed the pros and cons of the proposal. Pros included less running, cons include the fact that 78-year-olds are allowed to use hot bats, and that having infielders closer to the plate could be an issue.

There was also the question of whether CARD could accommodate that request. Tom Short took the action to discuss this with CARD.

-The issue of replacing the hitting mat was discussed. The decision was to replace the mat with one that's the same dimensions as the existing one. Rick took the action to measure the current mat to order a similar one.

-Monitoring emails addressed to the board has, in the past, been handled by Evan Wagner. In an effort to reduce Evan's workload Mike Gregg volunteered to take that role this year.

It was proposed that one board member from each age division be designated for Mike to be able to hand off issues that apply to those divisions. For right now, Mike will handle everything and see how that works.

-Mike brought up the idea that, due to hot weather postponing games to the end of the season, that those games start at 5:15 in order to be able to finish both games before sunset. The topic was tabled to future meetings.

-Ed Tietz (through Dave) volunteered to get team photos made for the league sponsors. Rick will check to see if he still has a memory stick with team photos and sponsor names to get to Ed for printing and framing.

-Evan presented the preliminary schedule for 2026 that he developed with input from Tim Klick. The schedule does not have any games on the Thursday of graduation week, and is front-loaded to minimize games during July/August when hot weather is an issue.

-The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 8th at 6:00.