



Date: March 3, 2025  
Location: Hugo's Ocean Beach

Call to order for the ordinary board meeting by: Scott Lewis at 7:08 p.m.

Executive Committee Roll Call	Attendance
President, Scott Lewis	Present
Vice President, Nate Smith	Present
Secretary, Michele Baranski	Present
Treasurer, Martha Khoury	Absent
Player Agent, Kristy Kirk	Present
Umpire in Chief, Alexa Flynn	Present
Past President, Jill Wyatt	Present

Attendance: 14 people, including the above board members and All-Star Manager Margarette Turla-Sesepasara; Logowear Manager Stacey Szabo; Sponsorships Director Dalina Marlett; Snack Shack Manager Patricia Pontes, Past President Dan Amiram; Clinics Manager Ashley Hackbart and Registrar Wally Sweet.

### **Items:**

- **Discussion:** President Scott Lewis emphasized better communication for meeting dates and agenda items. Starting next month, the secretary will send out the agenda and a meeting notice on Friday before the meeting.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Secretary Michele Baranski presented the February meeting minutes.
  - **Vote:** Nate Smith motioned to approve the minutes, and Jill Wyatt seconded. The board voted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Khoury was absent.
- **Equipment Report:** Equipment Manager Robbie Robbins was unable to attend. Scott ordered new balls, and there should be enough to get through the Cool Breeze Tournament. Nate will check the status of the chalk and advise if another order is needed. It was also noted to ask the managers to close and lock the shed door during games, so players do not go inside and play in the chalk. Jill will check on Turface, Quick Dry, and the puddle pillows; we may need them since rain is forecasted.

- **Uniforms:** There was a brief discussion on whether a team could come with their unique uniforms. The board decided that special or unique uniforms could only be worn for explicit scrimmages and practices. Peninsula Youth Softball provided jerseys that should be worn for games. **For next season: Clarify rule 11.1.**
- **Logowear:** Stacey Szabo reported that the Here Comes the Sun tournament logo wear is selling well.
- **Clinics:** Ashley Hackbart reported that no clinics are currently scheduled. She and Alexa have devised a plan for field use and permitting for a pitching clinic. Abbey is ready to hold pitching clinics on Sundays. We are not allowed to do paid clinics, and there are no permits for the Mike Paine Center. A Special Commercial permit would be needed to hold clinics where there is a charge.
- **Snack Shack:** Manager Patricia Pontes reported that many shifts still need to be signed up for. There have been problems with volunteers not showing up or leaving their shifts early. Scott will email parents a deadline for signing up for a shift, or they will lose their deposit. Jill proposed that the budget be looked at closer to determine how the snack shack can run with more paid youth volunteers. Waivers need to be signed to have youth workers on the grill.
- **Sponsorships:** Dalina Marlett reported that The Mini-Donut Company offers a promotional discount to the community; 20% of the proceeds will be returned to the league. Surf Side Deli would like to make a \$250 donation and offer sandwiches for the snack shack to sell and keep the profit. The funds donated by Bank of America and Clover Press will be used for HCS tournament expenses. The Optimist Club has also agreed to donate \$500. Scott Lewis mentioned that a fundraiser such as a Gala or renting out Skate World could be an option. The coaches' game at the end of the season is also a way to fundraise.
- **UIC:** Alexa Flynn reported that the HCS tournament rules are completed and will be posted online. There will be guaranteed games, and they will count toward the standings. Teams can have substitutes if there are fewer than nine players. Points, such as 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie, will be given. Regular season rules will be in place. Each division will have two Champions and two Finalists, except 14u.
- **Registrar:** Marco Tomassi will partner with Kristen Montgomery to help with the Cool Breeze Tournament. He has received 86 teams wanting to come. We will have criteria for how those teams get picked. There needs to be more competition in the gold division and more teams from North and Orange counties. The cost of entry into the tournament has increased to \$675. Margarete and Jill have worked on getting our league entries into other tournaments completed.

Scott motioned for approval not to exceed \$38k for All-Star tournament entry fees. Alexa Flynn seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The amount will be recoverable once our players pay their All-Star entry fees.

- **Player Agent:** The Select season will end on April 6. The league is closely watching the 75% rec attendance. The Select players must attend 75% of the rec games to be considered for All-Stars. Jill Wyatt recommended communicating that in the group chat to the managers. If a player is playing multiple rec leagues, they must decide by the end of this month which one they want to play in for All-Stars. This is also the same for players in a recreational league and on a travel team. Players must stop playing in the travel league by the end of this month to be eligible for All-Stars.
- **Vice President:** Nate Smith reported that Cynthia with the City has requested that the music played at games be turned down and the player name announcement be eliminated. Homeowners around the park are complaining that the music is too loud. Our game permit does not allow for amplified music.
  - Dalina will check with WE B OB for the use of their dumpsters for boxes from the snack shack.
  - SUP: Jerry Abbot has been emailed and asked for mowing, and Cynthia Morgan-Reed has taken the lead in looking through the SUP template to see what we want to negotiate or modify.
- **Robb Field Alliance:** Albion, Peninsula Tennis and Peninsula Youth Softball joined a couple of years ago, created this alliance, and worked on the general development of a master plan for improvement to Robb Field. Todd Sprague from Peninsula Tennis reached out to the City to get movement on the overall safety of Robb Field. He held a meeting with Officer Harris, and they discussed the idea of adding a gate to the entry of Robb Field. At this time, there is some support from Parks and Rec and the City, but they tend to also punt to the Coastal Commission, saying they are unsure if it can be done. Safety at Robb Field was addressed, and the biggest takeaway was that the police want more presence, but they are short-staffed and concerned about the safety of the officers. This increased the conversation about having a mobile police station at Robb Field. It was suggested that Jim Howard Hall may be used, or they could use the old tennis clubhouse once the new tennis clubhouse gets built.
  - The Get It Done reports work; we should encourage our families to use them. Officer Harris also said that he doesn't always get the details of the reports, and a way to access those would be beneficial.
  - The Safe Parking Spot is scheduled to open in the next three months, and hopefully, it will eliminate some of the long-term parking at Robb Field.

- Jill set a date for the SUP: March 19th.
- **Spring Season Trophies:** Michele will order trophies for 6U and order the rings for championships.
- **2025 Nominating Committee for Executive Board:** This committee must consist of at least three people from the board and the executive committee. They must meet one month before the closing ceremonies to nominate candidates on the executive committee. The executive committee comprises the Secretary, Treasurer, President, Past President, and Player Agent. Michele moved for Scott, Alexa, Kristy, and Nate to be the nominating committee for the 2025 Executive Board. Dalina seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **All-Star Committee:** The current committee is Alexa Fynn, Jill Wyatt, Kristy Kirk, Margarette Seseapasara, Michele Baranski, Wally Sweet, Tommy Wright, and Jen Sturak. This committee will review the managers, set the interest period, and decide how many teams to have with the board's approval. Nate Smith moved for the approval of those members of the All-Star Committee, and Margarette seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- All-Star timeline (post-meeting call with committee on March 19th).
  - Communication of All-Star timeline, costs, etc. shall be no earlier than April 1st.
  - 4/9-4/21- Player Interest forms
  - 4/17 - 4/26 Manager interest open
  - 4/18 - Email managers with a list of interested players
  - 4/26 - Player Rankings due
  - 4/28-29 - Manager Interviews
  - 4/30 - Manager Announcements
  - 5/1 - Sandlot game
  - 5/2 or 5/3 - Team Selection
  - 5/4 - All-Star Team Announcements - Stars delivered
  - 5/10 - First tournament
- **Cool Breeze Tournament:**
  - Permits are for May 31st- June 2nd.
  - Kristen Montgomery will be working together with Marco.
- **Housekeeping:**
  - Courtney Giles reported that the SDSU game is this weekend.

- The Padres Game and parade are on April 12th. The league will charge \$44 a ticket, an increase from last year. The league has 366 tickets to sell.
- Courtney reported that the big sis/lil sis program is going well.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2025.