

Northern California Umpire Association

General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 15 November 2011
Pacific Rod and Gun Club

7:10 pm Softball issues

Anna Louie, VP of softball, led the meeting and welcomed softball umpires

2011 was a good year

Kevin Valdry, Ronald Jackson and Nate Wright have been made new Members.

Winter League is going on now, with 81 teams. This is an increase in the Winter League size from last year of 58 teams. Winter League games have been assigned, assuming prompt response.

Spring League 2012 starts Thurs March 15.

Field lights problems at certain fields. Sometimes lights never come on, sometimes they go off early. Lights at Jackson field go off at 10:15 pm. Spring League 2012 rules may change to 1 and 1 starting count with one free foul.

Legality of bats and balls continues to be a problem and will be emphasized in the upcoming clinics.

SAB has received complaints about illegal players playing on more than one team.

Current hybrid division may revert to regular divisions next season.

A proposal was made for a B-division league.

JV High school softball may be coming for 2012. We don't know yet how many teams, how many umpires on a game, game fee, etc.

High school clinic training for umpires will be on January 30 at the Trap House, Pacific Rod & Gun Club.

Sat and Sun, March 3-4 will be SF Umpire school. Attendance is required to be eligible for tournament play.

Registration fees to increase for 2012

Hologram/sticker possibility for inspected and approved bats

There may be a new B division of teams to be configured for Spring 2012 season.

SAB is attempting to enable online team registration

This season there were instances of too-high level teams playing at fields unsuited for high level play, namely DD teams at Rolf and Lang

7:30 pm General Meeting

Chuck Louie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Minutes from 22 June 2011 General Meeting are posted on the website. Consensus of members moved and approved the minutes.

Treasury Report by Henry Jung

Balances:

Checking	\$28,368.27
UIC fund	\$ 1104.99
Equip. fund	\$ 700.91

Expenses from 1 March 2011 to 1 Nov 2011:

phone	\$1157.21
supplies	\$ 914.26
postage	\$ 160.24

All softball umpire monies received and umpires paid thru 29 Oct 2011 for the SF City Winter League. All baseball monies received, except Cardinals Winter league. No other outstanding bills.

2012 Dinner Report

Umpire dinner will be held on 23 January 2012 at Caesars at 5:30-6:30pm bar, followed by seating for dinner at 6:30pm, with awards. Pasta is added as an entrée. Announcement/RSVP letter will be distributed at the 6 Dec General Meeting.

Bylaw amendments

None pending or presented. Forward any suggestions to Alex Andrus, Secretary.

Accreditation

Baseball and softball is now accredited by the CIF through 2017. Don took the lead in compiling the application. Printing services were provided by Sam Pinfeld.

Old Business

Discussion about background checks: at this time, NCUA umpires are not required to get background checks from our client organizations. Costs and terms are uncertain. Members expressed concern.

Assigning Secretaries (Assigners)

Don Simon will return as the Baseball Assigner for 2012

Anna Louie will return as the Softball Assigner for 2012

New Business

Fees will increase in 2012 by \$8 per year because of increased insurance costs.

Nominations

Nominations were heard for Executive Board Officers and two Board members

Tony Hoover nominates Chuck Louie for President, and seconded.

Ken Chase nominates Alex Andrus for Secretary, and seconded.

Sam Pinfold nominates Henry Jung for Treasurer, and seconded.

Cory Simon nominates Don Simon for Vice President Baseball, and seconded.

Karen Hoover nominates Anna Louie for Vice President Softball, and seconded.

Board member nominees for two positions: Scott Armstrong, Isac Gutfreund, Alex Alexander, and each seconded.

Motion to adjourn softball meeting was made by Anna Louie and seconded. Adjourned at 8:10 PM

8:15 pm Baseball issues

Don Simon, VP of Baseball, led the meeting

Welcome to Applicants Nathan Johnson and Ron Isola

1. We are adding San Bruno PONY League to our client list, and some of the umpires they were using will be new applicants for 2012. This will include games being played against South SF and Daly City teams.
2. We may have on-field clinics at Burlingame or San Bruno Park
3. SFYBL will rejoin PONY Baseball as their governing organization (like ASA is for softball).
4. All NCUA Baseball Umpires will need to be registered as PONY umpires in 2012 due to these changes. The \$25 PONY registration fee is endorsed by the Board and will be collected and added to the umpire registration fee for the year. PONY Baseball that NCUA will service includes Peninsula COLT, San Bruno PONY, and SFYBL leagues. NCUA umpires are the exclusive umpires for PONY National Section Tournaments.
5. We seem to have 6 serious Applicants for 2012.
6. We completed 5 off season classroom clinics, see list for attendance. The classroom clinics will be repeated in January. Request to have the clinics in January on different nights of the week for members with a limiting schedule.
7. Goals for 2012: 15 new umpires, arriving to games on time, dress, rules
8. Should clinic attendance be mandatory? Subject to a fine for non-attendance? How do we get more members to attend clinics and General meetings?
9. Request for Don to pass along coaches' comments during the season.
10. We will have a test session and a rules session, probably in January.

Adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes compiled by Alex Andrus, NCUA Secretary