

Northern California Umpire Association
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 22 June 2011
Pacific Rod and Gun Club

7:00 pm Softball issues

Anna Louie, VP of softball, led the meeting

Upcoming Leagues:

Next season starts July 22nd

GSL Playoffs: July 9, 10

Lawyers League: No decision at this time.

Umpires must check bats for make and model, plus dents and cracks. It's also necessary to ensure they are appropriate for the league (example: D and DD players using composite bats).

Warm-up equipment must be legal. Bats that have been modified with weights and attachments are illegal.

Ball bags must be used. Do not line up balls on the backstop. Fines will be levied at \$25.00 per game.

Strike zone: The only exception to ASA rules is we have an arc of 6 -12 feet. This applies to all leagues in San Francisco. Otherwise, do not deviate from the ASA zone.

Per City ordinance, there is no drinking or smoking in parks. Players who have been drinking must be ejected. Do not allow fans in the dugout to drink, either.

Umpires must arrive at the park no later than 15 minutes before game time. Call Anna if you are going to be late.

Scores must be reported accurately. E-mails and texts are preferred. Head-to-head record and run differential are used (no tie-breakers).

Represent yourself and NCUA well. Be professional. Clean your shoes and uniform.

Out-of-play lines: Need for consistency among all umpires.

UIC must move out from behind the plate. Hustle.

Umpires must call illegal pitches in High School in Middle School games.

7:40 pm General Meeting

Chuck Louie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Minutes from 16 March 2011 are posted on the website. Anna Louie moved to approve the minutes from the meeting. Dave Mitchell seconded. So approved.

Treasury Report by Henry Jung

Balances as of 16 March 2011:

Checking \$ 19,642.73

UIC fund \$1104.99

Equip. fund \$700.91 – this money is available to any umpire that needs it. Must be paid Back.

Expenses from 1 March through 31 May 2011:

Phone: \$400.39

Supplies \$302.13

Postage \$3.00

All softball monies received, including high school, have been paid.

All baseball monies received have been paid. We have no payments from Gateway, Mission non-league and Waldorf. All others have paid. Checks will be mailed for the next round of payments on 6.23.11.

Peninsula Colt games worked from 6.3.11 forward has not been received and paid to NCUA umpires.

Annual NCUA fiscal tax returns have been completed. Thanks to Dan Rumpff who prepared the returns.

2011 Dinner Report

Nothing new to report. Will be held on January 23, 2012 at Caesars.

Bylaw amendments

Nothing new. Forward any suggestions to Alex Andrus

Old Business

None

New Business

Nils Nilsson suggested capping the 6% dues at \$72.00. This would be above the \$75.00 annual dues. There was a request to explain how the dues are spent. This subject will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

We receive a very favorable rate to hold our meetings at the Rod and Gun Club (thanks to Don Simon for arranging).

Please provide your correct phone numbers and email addresses so the phone list can be updated.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Ledda, seconded by Tony Hoover. Adjourned at 7:58 PM

7:50pm Baseball issues

Don Simon, VP of Baseball, led the meeting

We are on the verge of signing a three-year contract with Hillsborough LL. The game fee will not be fixed for the duration of the contract.

SFYBL has been billed. Checks will be coming directly from them. They are expanding their league from 112 to 156 teams.

Senior DiMaggio has provided rules.

Upcoming Leagues:

Colt League will finish in the next two weeks. Playoff games start the 27th of June.

No Junior DiMaggio this year.

Middle School Leagues starts the first week of September.

Novato LL has called inquiring about our services.

SI will be looking for games – to be determined.

High school Fall Ball may provide some games.

May also be high school winter ball in 2011 – 2012.

Block dates on Arbiter. Update Arbiter. That is the only way games will be assigned.

Improving mechanics must be a priority.

Work in the slot – better view of low end of the zone.

Consistency is critical.

Timing: Generally too fast, but some are too slow.

UIC must move out from behind the plate. Hustle towards first for the pulled foot and to third.

Rules

Because we service several leagues, it's important we know the differences between rule books.

Use the pre-game to review rules with your partner.

Force-play slide rule does not apply to stolen bases; only force plays.

Represent yourself and NCUA well. Be professional. Clean your shoes and uniform.

Umpires must meet their partner at the park at least 30 minutes before the game to complete the pre-game. Also, communicate with your partner, in advance, to confirm your assignment (phone, email, text).

Report all ejections immediately to Don Simon. There is no post-game ejection in high school.

Don will research the issue of "spectator interference" and the timing of dead balls with Ken Allen.

Adjourned at 9:20 pm

Minutes compiled by Harvey Maxey, Board Member, for Alex Andrus, Secretary