



## America's Finest City Softball League Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 6:30pm PST

**Location:** Google Meet

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly Board Meeting

**Meeting Facilitator:** Douglas Hotaling

**Invitees:** Joel Trambley – Open Commissioner  
Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner  
David Carlos – Assistant Commissioner  
Joel Lillegraven – Treasurer  
Douglas Hotaling – Secretary  
Bart Bauer – Open Operations  
Sara Sica – Women+ Operations  
Michael McCarthy – Open Division Rep  
Shelly Brilmyer – Women+ Division Rep  
Veronica Rivera – Marketing Coordinator  
David Drew - Social Media / Events Coordinator  
Sandi Diaz – UIC

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm PST.

**II. Roll Call**

Joel Trambley – Open Commissioner  
Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner  
David Carlos – Assistant Commissioner  
Joel Lillegraven – Treasurer  
Douglas Hotaling – Secretary  
Bart Bauer – Open Operations  
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### III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

#### a. Approval of October 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** to approve the October 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting minutes.

**SECONDED.**

**APPROVED** unanimously.

### IV. Old Business

#### a. AFCSL 2023 Planning / Schedule

There was considerable discussion on the creation and posting of the 2023 schedule. All Board members were invited to attend the planning session. Board members not in attendance at the planning session were polled and given the opportunity to provide input over a 2-week period. There was concern over playing Easter weekend. There was a deadline to book fields by October 31<sup>st</sup>. It was felt that a final review and consensus by the Board should have been made before posting publicly. There was concern that we may not be able to secure fields for clinics on some of the dates that were posted. There was discussion on how to improve the process in 2024, possibly to include a Board vote.

#### b. Autumn Classic Lessons Learned

A link has been shared with Board members to provide feedback in the shared document. Board members were encouraged to update the document with feedback and suggestions for improvement. David Drew was recognized for his hard work and success as a first-time Field Representative.

### V. New Business

#### A. October 2022 Financial Report

Joel Lillegraven provided an overview of the October 2022 financial statements. We started the month with \$82K and ended with \$66K. There were \$17K in expenses, primarily for the Autumn Classic. There will be a discussion of the budget under New Business.

#### B. 2023 Umpire Scholarship

David Carlos had a discussion with Sandi Diaz over the availability of umpires. There is a need for at least 2 more umpires for the Spring 2023 season. It was suggested that we reach out to past participants to recruit umpires and offer the scholarship as an incentive. The Bylaws and Policy and Procedures do not address



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an umpire scholarship. There needs to be some guarantee that recipients commit to umpire AFCSL games. It was suggested that the scholarship be issued in the form of a reimbursement after the commitment is reached. It was also felt that not paying up front will limit interest. David Carlos will provide the Board with an estimate of the expenses for 2 scholarships.

### C. Hall of Fame Committee Update

Thirteen individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Hall of Fame Committee. The individuals include representation of Open, Women+, umpires, Hall of Fame members and Board members. There was concern and discussion as to whether a committee of this size is manageable. It was suggested that roles be assigned for committee members to better manage tasks. There needs to be more thought into how the committee works and the delegation of responsibilities. There was also concern as to the size of the committee and how it could add additional voters for Hall of Fame induction. The proposed committee would add 4 voters. Expectations of committee members should be set from the onset of the committee.

**MOTION** to appoint the following individuals to the 2023 AFCSL Hall of Fame Committee:

Coe, Michelle	Costello, Jim	Gunter, Lora
Harsha Kreg	Hotaling, Douglas	Lillegraven, Joel
Martin, Mike	Nafis, Rick	Parker, Loara
Praught, Jeff	Salas, Jose	Shepard, Steve
Sica, Sara		

**SECONDED.**

**APPROVED** with 1 abstention.

### D. Other New Business

#### a. Budget vs. Actual

The budget for the Autumn Classic was reviewed. There was a deficit of around \$300. The budget vs. actual for 2022 was also reviewed. Joel Lillegraven will send out the 2023 budget for review prior to the December 2022 Board Meeting. Board members were asked to provide input to Joel Lillegraven for 2023 budget items.



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**b. Autumn Classic Hotels**

Joel Lillegraven has been working on hotel selection for future Autumn Classics. A few offers have been received. Prices range from \$119 - \$229. A list of proposed hotels will be shared with the Board.

**c. Sweetwater Valley Tournament**

This is a potential league and team fundraiser. There is a profit-sharing arrangement. Income could range from \$1,000 - \$2,000, based on the length of each tournament. Joel Lillegraven will resend the information to the Board.

**d. December 2022 Board Meeting**

There was discussion over a date change for the December 2022 Board Meeting. We should look at in-person meetings going forward. The venue would need to be smoke free and conducive to an audio recording of the meeting. Bart Bauer has access to a clubhouse and Joel Trambley offered his residence. A poll will be sent out to Board for a possible date change.

**e. New Sponsor Fundraiser**

A new AFCSL sponsor, Princess Pub, is hosting a fundraiser on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We should promote the event and encourage attendance.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm PST.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm PST.