

Cape Cod Senior Softball League Board of Directors Meeting  
December 17, 2025

Members Present: Jim Gunning, Ben Caswell, Jack Avery, Mike Barry, Bob Potter, Rob Richardson, Abe Gorelick, Dan Keane, JoJo Schaefer, Kevin Barry

Guests: Peter Cutler

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Gunning at 4:00 pm

**Treasurer's Report**

- Introducing our new Treasurer, Kevin Barry, has been working with Mike Meroski to get up to speed.
- Review of 11/30/25 Income Statement
- Review of 11/20/25 Balance Sheet

**Policy Recommendation:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Division Play:** Members may apply to play in a second division if that division has a shortage of returning and new players to fill that division's teams, as determined by the affected division's PEAC prior to finalizing its draft list. Assignments for inclusion in a division's draft will follow CCSSL policy. If accepted, the member will be charged an additional amount as determined by the board of directors.

***Motion to accept this recommendation made by Jack Avery, seconded by Ben Caswell. Motion was defeated by a vote of 6-2. Policy recommendation is not accepted.***

**2026 Season Budget Review:**

Mike Barry, Peter Cutler, Jack Avery, Jim Gunning had a budget review workshop and presented recommended 2026 budget.

***Motion to approve the proposed 2026 budget, Ben Caswell, seconded by Rob Richardson. Motion passed unanimously.***

**2026 Fee Schedule Review:**

Commissioner presented suggested 2026 Member Fee recommendations for board review. Discussion of multi-division discounts, particularly to encourage more players in the Coed program.

***Motion to approve proposed 2026 Member Fees with the addition of a special fee of \$40 for division players who will also play in the Coed division. Players choosing to play in 2 CCSSL non-Coed divisions are required to pay full fee for each division. Motion made by Ben Caswell, seconded by Mike Barry, motion passes unanimously.***

**Commissioner Updates:**

- 2025 Harwich Field Usage Fees Paid
- MA Games Hosting possibility:

- Weekend after Memorial Day
- Board will evaluate impact

**Other Topics:**

- Suggested Bylaw changes
  - Jim will draft language for January meeting
  - Requires full member vote, possibly electronic vote?
- Formalize Coed as a division
- Decision on Frequency of 2026 Board meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month, 4 – 6pm

**Other Topics for future agendas:**

- **Volunteerism:** how can we encourage more CCSSL members to volunteer?
  - Some Ideas:
    - Discounts for volunteers at registration?
    - Appointing volunteer coordinator
    - Division Presidents to take larger role in encouraging volunteerism
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- Do we apply for grants as a group?
  - Yes, in the past we have received a grant from the Chamber of Commerce for hospitality, but not recently.
  - JoJo to volunteer to look into grants
- Looking for opportunities to scale down some expenses in budget
- **2026 Collaboration with the Codgers**
- **2026 Proposed Team Managers/Assistant Managers:**
  - Board member asked about process to recommend 2026 team managers and assistant managers
    - Ben recommended Division presidents email 2026 recommended managers and assistant managers to Jim for his approval.
- Request to share or post Zoom board meeting links, either to our CCSSL website or send out as email blast to all members if they would like to join board Zoom meetings.
- **Pool Player Coordinators:**
  - Please add this to an upcoming board agenda, suggestion has been made to appoint Pool player coordinators from different divisions.
  - Need ideas on how to get volunteers for Pool Player coordinator positions.

*Motion to Adjourn made at 5:33 by Ben Caswell, seconded by Rob Richardson, motion passes unanimously.*

**Short Term Focus:**

- Early December targeted for vote on 2026 Fee Schedule
- Target Registration on or about January 1, 2026
- Policy and Rules Committee (Glenn Beard ready to present to board), this may affect Fee schedule, target special meeting early December meeting

### **Bylaw Suggested Changes:**

*Bylaw changes require Membership vote, not Board vote. Jim Gunning to prepare presentation for full Member vote.*

- Article II Purpose: Change to include minimum age of 40 for female players
- Article III Membership: Change to include minimum age of 40 for female players
- Article IV Meetings: Adjust language for Annual Meeting to reflect electronic voting
- Change quorum to an appropriate % of Board
- Article V Elections: Adjust to reflect electronic voting and sequencing
- Article VI Board of Directors: Designate Treasurer as non-voting
- General and legal review of all sections

### **CCSSL Organizational Model:**

Commissioner reviewed existing CCSSL Organizational Model, there are many opportunities for volunteer opportunities.

*Motion to approve Bob Dorrian as head of the New Player Evaluations made by Bob Potter, seconded by Jack Avery, motion passed unanimously.*

### **Discussion of potential 2026 initiatives/topics for the coming year:**

#### **Coed:**

- Formalize COED as a CCSSL Division
  - Appoint Division President
  - Promote cross-divisional participation COED

#### **Academy:**

- Establish an Instructional Offering
- New player prep
- Web-based content
- Hands On Instruction Academy

#### **Chapman Field:**

- Restore Chapman Field for play in September
- Sign new field license
- Secure grant award funds
- Irrigation Install
- Fencing and field prep (plant, bases, spectator areas)

## **Growth:**

- Explore Association Model
- Create Cape Cod Softball Association of Leagues
  - Expand Community
  - Build Feeding System
  - Increase appeal to Corporate Sponsors

## **Other Topics:**

- Policy/Rules Special Meeting: Jim will send out special meeting for Policy/Rules updates

*Motion to adjourn made by Bob Potter, seconded by Ben Caswell at 4:41pm.*