



## America's Finest City Softball League Board Meeting

**Date:** June 12, 2025

**Location:** R Place

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly Board Meeting

**Meeting Facilitator:** Nicole Kjeldgaard

**Invitees:** Jessica Sica – Women+ Commissioner  
Joel Lillegraven – Open Commissioner  
~~Sara Sica – Assistant Commissioner~~  
Steven Macias – Treasurer  
Nicole Kjeldgaard – Secretary  
Bart Bauer – Open Operations  
Kim Yuhos – Women+ Operations  
Anthony Remington – Marketing Coordinator  
Clark Jose-Karl - Social Media / Events Coordinator  
Tanya Trujillo - Women+ Division Rep  
Steven Wells - Open Division Rep

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of the May Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Election Results
    1. Joel Lillegraven - Open Section Commissioner
    2. Steven Wells - Assistant Commissioner
    3. Alex Ordoubegain - Secretary
    4. Fabian Orozco - Website & Events Coordinator
    5. Jay Garcia - Women+ Section Player Representative
    6. Riley Mitchell - Open Section Player Representative
  - B. Pride Update
    1. The Pride Committee is still considering different ideas for the Parade float and strategies to maximize booth engagement.
    2. Both Player Reps will be working together to secure volunteers for the festival booth.
    3. Joel to obtain festival day passes for the volunteers.
  - C. Roster Roulette Update
    1. Tabled until Fall Ball Format Survey results are completed.
  - D. Autumn Classic Status
  - E. HOF Update
  - F. Closing Party Results
    1. Overall, we received positive feedback from attendees on the food and the quick awards ceremony.
    2. Lessons learned



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- a) The number of medals given out should correspond with each team's roster.
- b) Make sure to have the medals ready (removed from packaging and organized) prior to the event.
- G. Oceanside Pride
  - 1. We were able to collect over 70 leads.
  - 2. Having the interest form ready on our phones for festival attendees to fill out proved to be very effective.
    - a) Having the individual scan the QR code proved to be cumbersome and didn't guarantee they would fill out the form.
- H. Big Gay Picnic
  - 1. Low turnout from our league.
  - 2. We were able to collect about 25 leads.
- I. Fall Ball Update
  - 1. Joel to provide a list of expenses associated with Fall Ball to help the board determine this year's fee schedule.
  - 2. Team fees can be paid offline, but no more player fees online
- J. Treasurer Report
  - 1. Mostly umpire fees, some reimbursements, storage fee was paid early but it did increase by nearly \$100
  - 2. Budget allocation
  - 3. Community outreach and partnerships
    - a) Field community outreach
    - b) Find potential partners that are cost effective
    - c) Field Kits for teams to conduct field maintenance
  - 4. Changing of Banks
- V. New Business
  - A. SheFest involvement
    - 1. Keep us in the loop for future events
  - B. Board Reflection
    - 1.
      - a) Positives
        - (1) Roster Roulette was a big success with participants wanting it to be a regular event.
        - (2) HOF Mixer was great to get the candidates in front of the voters. We should consider doing the same for board elections.
        - (3) The shorter award ceremony at the Closing Party was appreciated and made for a better experience.
      - b) Needs Improvement



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- (1) The New Player Clinic should be separate from player ratings. The check-in process could be more efficient. The number of volunteers should be limited to only what is needed.
  - (2) A shared calendar should be implemented. Similarly, a social media content calendar should also be implemented.
  - (3) The Open Ratings Committee could use some structure to keep the committee members accountable.
  - (4) This year's board election saw a very low voter turnout. We should be more proactive on the scheduling of elections to minimize this.
2. Use of Shared F-Drive
    - a) The shared drive needs to be more regularly used. It would be easier for board members to review all league related documents (i.e. agendas, minutes, governing documents) if all were saved onto the shared drive.
  3. Review the bylaws and P&P's this offseason.
    - a) For new board members - We will use today's meeting and July's meeting and carry reflections forward so we can make them actionable.
  4. People liked having the different divisions set up. Mixed reaction on triple headers, and we'll stay away from them if we can. The ratings process has to be fixed.
  5. Polo T-Shirts
    - a) Great and helped us be identified.
  6. Ratings Review
    - a) Need to update process to help clarity and mitigate confusion
  7. Roulette Draft
    - a) The original idea was for Russian roulette in fall ball and to have a draft. The idea of fall ball was to prepare for the autumn classic, but most people should just have fun in fall ball.
  8. Socialization of League Members
    - a) Find ways to increase social opportunities
- C. World Series Business
1. In absence of the first place team going, are we going to help other teams go?
    - a) Discussion
      - (1) P&P needs review and possible updates
      - (2) Review following review of P&P's
  2. Kim Motion to give paid berth to Uhaulers - Seconded by Jess
    - a) Discussion
      - (1) They are going as a full roster and won their division
      - (2) Has anyone in D1, asked to go



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- (3) When D2 was developed, was there a clarification as to why it was developed? For open it was to grow the division and skills, but they would not have WS eligibility
  - (4) This was to avoid the run rules, managers didn't like the run rules and automatic runs.
  - (5) Were they told they would not have WS eligibility
  - (6) ASANA delegate implied they would have the paid berth
  - (7) You have to be clear from the beginning of the year if they would qualify for the WS berth.
  - (8) We have a spot for D winners as the P&P's as written
  - b) Voting
    - (1) Motion passes 6-4
  3. Kim - motion to award C place berth to I'd Hit That - Tanya seconded
    - a) Discussion
      - (1) P&P's
        - (a) 1st Place winner is paid for by League
    - b) Voting
      - (1) Motion passes 7-3
  4. ASANA Delegate
    - a) Nicole K. elected
  5. WS Series shirts
    - a) Teams would have to pay for them since there were no funds raised
    - b) Jess will design them
  - D. Position Transitions
    1. Board members will touch base and perform the handoff to the new member.
  - E. Oceanside Pride
    1. Successful
    2. North County league — we should have vista field access
  - F. Grant Writer
    1. New hired grant writer
    2. Inquiry of dream costs
  - G. Big Gay Picnic
    1. Send out Invites
    2. Great event and family friendly
  - H. W+ Ratings Appeals
    1. Review and Discuss
- VI. Adjournment
- A. Motion Bart
  - B. Joel Seconded



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The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 10th at 6:30pm PST at TBD.