November 17, 2026 meeting minutes Chico Senior Softball Board of Directors

Attendees: John Burge, BJ Hobbs, Tom Short, Mike Gregg, Ed Tietz, Dave Donnan, Andy Mayer, Bob Gilbertson, Andy Mayer, Evan Wagner (Web Master).

- October Meeting Minutes: Read and approved 9-0

- Treasurer's report: No change from October. CSS has $8,089 in the bank.

Old Business

- Information Table: Rick Rayburn suggested CSS have a table at the downtown famers market. The Board unanimously agreed that it would be beneficial to recruit new players, and that we would target 4 weekends in February. The cost is $40 per day. The logistics of staffing and marketing materials will be finalized in January 2027.
ACTION:
10/14/26: On hold until 2027.
STATUS: Open

- Upgrading Sycamore Field Outfield: Rick P. covered the current status of upgrading the outfield by filling in the holes, smoothing out the playing surface and reseeding. CARD has declined CSS offer to buy the dirt (we asked to be reimbursed with a credit to our yearly fee), and CARD has no current plan to address the field conditions. The BoD discussed actions CSS could take to address the field condition and it was decided our best option way to 'roll' the field prior to the beginning of next season. This work is dependent on 1) CSS playing at Sycamore next year, 2) Card allowing CSS to work on the field, 3) Finding a contractor to perform the work for an affordable cost.
ACTION: Van will look into the availability and cost of a contractor to roll the field. This is being done in parallel with the item 'Playing Field for 2027'.
10/14/26: No status
11/17/26: In process
STATUS: Open.

- Playing Field for 2027: There have been a number of discussion on where CSS will play in 2027. The choices are 20th Street (offers a better outfield) and Sycamore (home of CSS). It was decided that the CSS constituents should have a say in that decision.
ACTION: Evan will determine if SportsPlus survey tool can be used to survey all members of CSS.
10/14/26: Evan has tested the survey tool and it will work as needed. Before the survey is sent to CSS members, Mike has agree to reach out to CARD to verify that 20th Street and Sycamore Fields are the only options for the 2027 season. Once that is confirmed Evan will finalize and send out the survey.
11/17/26: Mike has confirmed with CARD that Sycamore Fields is the only option for 2027. No survey needed.
S*TATUS:* Closed

- Storage Box: The storage box(es) from 20th need to be moved back to Sycamore for the winter.
ACTION: BJ will manage this task, ensuring the mat is included in the move.
10/14/26: No status
11/17/26: The mat box was moved to Sycamore Field. Ed and Dave will ensure the mat is dry and stored (maybe at Mike's house).
STATUS: Open.

- Public Service Announcement (PSA): Steve Arnold contacted Harley Wettemann at Action News Now to confirm that would run our PSA in 2027 and introduce a new contact since Steve has left the area. *ACTION*: Mike Gregg will follow up as the new contact person.
11/17/26: Mike has made contact Harley and we are all set for the PSA in 2027. Will remain open until PSA's are scheduled.
STATUS: Open.

- Sponsor Thank You Letter: BoD will sent a letter to the sponsors thanking them for the contribution to the league.
ACTION: Mike will draft the letter and provide it to Dave and Ed who will finalize the letter with sponsors logo and send. Evan to provide addresses where available.
11/17/26: Mike, Dave, Ed and Evan completed their tasks and the letters were sent.
STATUS: Closed

- New Hot Bat Age Limit: Dave proposed that we allow players 70 and over to use a hot bat in the Masters Division. This was tabled until all BoD members are available.
ACTION: Tom will reach out to the 2026 Masters Managers to get their input.
11/17/26: Tom got input from the 2026 Masters Mgrs and there was no consensus. Some said keep it at 78, other change to 74 or 75, and others agreed with the change. Dave motioned we allow all Masters player to use hot bats (aka tournament bats), and allow the infielders to play on the grass. The motion was seconded and the vote was 5-4 in favor of the motion. Tom will update the rules for review and approval.
STATUS: Open.

- CSS Storage Unit Usage: The BoD would like to determine if the Storage Unit ($730/year) is still necessary. A major concern is storing the mat where is will be dry and safe.
ACTIONS: Mike will inventory the storage unit contents. Dave will ask CARD if they can store the mat over the winter.
11/17/26: In process
STATUS: Open.

- Updating Registration Form: There have been 2 requests to alter the registration form. The first was to include the option of selecting multiple playing positions. The vote was 5-0 to keep it the same due to difficulty in updating the application. The second request was to make the 'Availability' field mandatory while keeping it a free form field. This was approved 5-0.
ACTIONS: Evan will make the requested change.
11/17/26: Evan made the change
STATUS: Closed.

New Business
- Sponsor payment options: Sponsors would like to play the fee online.
ACTION: Evan updated the website to allow sponsors to pay online. They will need to create an account to use online payment option.
STATUS: Closed

- Player Registration Acknowledgements: The league policies includes information that is relevant to the players and reviewing the policies is not currently listed as one of the acknowledgements.
ACTION: Even will include another checkbox for league policies to the registration form.

STATUS: Open

- Proposed 2027 League Schedule: Evan prepared and presented the proposed date:
ACTION: The Board appreciated the effort and agreed with the proposed schedule:

- Draft to be the week of Mar 15 (Mon).
- Season Begins: Mar 29 (Mon). NOTE: This is the day after Easter.
- 6:45 game times begin May 3 (Mon).
- Memorial Day (May 31) Break: May 27 (Thu) - June 6 (Sun).
- CUSD Graduations: June 3 (Thu).
- PUSD Graduation: June 2 (Wed).
- Juneteenth: June 19 (Sat).
- July 4th Break: July 2 (Fri) - July 11 (Sun).
- Registration Mid-Season Half Price Date: June 7 (Mon).
- Last Registration End Date: July 4 (Sun) - Same as 2026.
- Season Ends: Aug 10 (Tue).
- Play-Offs: Aug 11 (Wed) - Aug 24 (Tue).
- All-Star Games: Aug 26 (Thu).

STATUS: Closed

- Seeding Veteran Managers: There has been concerns regarding the way some teams in the Veterans league have an unfair advantage based on the skill level of the Managers. The proposal is that Managers will be seeded in the appropriate round of the draft and will be their teams selection in that round.
ACTION: Vote on the proposal and, if needed, determine how the seeding will be done. Update Rules as needed.
STATUS: Open

- The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be December 17, 2026.