

SADDLEBROOKE SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 2PM

Present were Mark Adolph, George Corrick, Chuck Kill, Leroy Johnson, Tony Lulek & Ray Szpakowski

Visitors Paul Auster, Bill Webster & Phil Cavichia also attended.

Motion to approve the January 7, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes was made by George. Leroy seconded that motion. Motion was approved with all Board Members agreeing.

George gave the Treasurer's Report. All players playing in this winter season have paid their dues. Total cash balance at January 31, 2026 is \$59,362.71. The monthly summary of Income & Expenses can be found on the SSSA website.

George made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and was seconded by Leroy. Motion was approved with all Board Members agreeing.

Locks have been purchased to maybe explain the rise in our water usage.

SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:

Tucson Orthopedic is the only sponsor that has not yet paid. 2 spots remain open.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH, 14, 2026

Dale & Anne Pizzitola along with Ray & Kathy Szpakowski will be hosting this event. We will be asking for volunteers as we get closer to the tournament date.

Rover usage was again discussed. Both managers must agree in order for a rover to be used, UNLESS both teams have 12 or 13 players. Then, a rover MUST be used.

The use of Designated Hitters was also discussed. Currently, only 1 designated hitter can be used. 2 designated hitters can be used if both teams have 13 players playing.

SUBSTITUTES:

Courtesy catchers are to be players from the opposing team should one be needed.

MISSING PLAYERS:

A person from the stands can be recruited as a substitute for a missing or hurt player provided both managers agree & that person is a member in good standing with the SSSA.

LENGHT OF 9 INNING GAME:

90 minutes will be the new time limit before shortening to less than 9 innings.

ROSTER RE-BALANCING:

A manager may request a re-balancing. The request shall be in writing to the league commissioner with the reason(s) for re-balancing. If the request is denied, the manager may appeal that decision to the Head Commissioner. The Commissioners will notify the Board on all requests and appeals, but the final decision will be left to the League Commissioner or Head Commissioner.

PITCHING SPEED:

This continues to be an item of discussion. The rules “say” that the pitch is to be at a “moderate speed.” It was suggested that a speed of 25 MPH can be moderate. Presently, the umpires can call the pitch “fast.” It is a judgement call. It was suggested we purchase a “radar gun” to judge the speed of pitches. The Board made a motion to purchase a “radar gun” to get a more accurate reading on what constitutes a “fast pitch.”

The motion was made by Tony Lulek, with Chuck Kill seconding the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote. Ray Szpakowski dissented.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 2PM in the Agate Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 4PM

Submitted by Ray Szpakowski