

## MINUTES MVUDSS BOARD MEETING 12/27/24

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Baranick (SB); R. Barnhart (RB); D. Bates (DB); J. Hansell (JH); G. Stevenson (GS)

### 1. Action Items

- a. SB moved the 3 games scheduled for 12/16 to 11/25, 12/2, 12/9 as the 2nd game of a doubleheader, and moved the SE tournament back to Monday 12/16 (from Wednesday 12/18). Notified league managers of Schedule changes.

**Item closed.**

- b. SB updated MVUDSS Rule regarding “pickup player” rules for end-of-season SE tournaments and notified league managers of the Rule change. **Item closed.**

Considerable time was spent discussing the application of the recently added (8.c) pickup player rule for tournament play in the 2024 Fall season ending tournament. SB cited a number of complaints from league managers, as well as issues he had, as a manager, dealing with the changed rule. Other Board members cited similar concerns. The consensus of the Board appeared to be to rescind the revised rule. Further action, such as a motion, was to be tabled briefly and was to be resumed for action after reviewing Item 3.d. below (specifically the season ending tournament). The return to a motion on the rule got “lost” in the press of the agenda schedule and was not formally addressed. This item will be addressed in the next Board meeting. **Item remains open.**

- c. SB updated BKMT8 rules regarding allowing one (1) age 55 player playing on a 60-rated team. **Item closed.**

### 2. 2024 Fall Season

- a. Projected Balance:

\$548.39	- from 11/3 Board meeting
+ \$300.00	- SB sold 5 doz. NCS Hard Core softballs, @ \$60/doz., to Chris Yap/NCS on 11/20/24
+ \$60.00	- awards, \$60 less for F'24 championship shirts instead of sweatshirts
<u>          </u>	
\$908.39	

- b. GS agreed to purchase the last remaining dozen NCS Hard Core softballs @ \$60/doz.

- c. SB indicated that we have 6 dozen new ONYX softballs for the 2025 Spring season.

### 3. 2025 Spring Season

- a. 2025 Field Rental Increase/Spring Schedule of Games/League Fee

Tom Lowry (TL/BLD), informed SB that effective January 2025 field rental cost will increase from \$50 **field/day** to \$60/**game**.

The Board spent considerable time on this topic. This change represents a potentially large increase in the player league fee. Field rental represents the single largest expense for the league and there are few, if any, other league expenses which could be reduced/eliminated and have any meaningful impact on the player league fee. JH pointed out that in the 12+ years the Monday league has played at BLD, BLD has not raised the field fee. JH stated this only in the context to point out that BLD, like all individuals and businesses, has experienced significant increase in the myriad of costs required to run a business during that lengthy period of time. RB will attempt to set up a meeting with Kevin Flora, one of the BLD owners, to discuss the increase and to see if there is a way they can stage this increase over a period of time. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 1/2/25, RB met with KF to see if BLD had any flexibility with the stated field rental increase. KF cited the various increases BLD faces with its operating expenses with the result that these increases will be passed along, across the wide spectrum of leagues/tournaments (including Monday league), to all who use their ball parks.)

New Rate:	\$60/game x 48 games = \$2,880
Current Rate:	\$50/field x 20 fields = <u>\$1,000</u>
Total increase:	\$1,880

b. Projected Balance:

\$643.80 - from 12/27 meeting, assuming a \$70/player league fee  
+ \$210.00 - 3 add'l players net  
+ \$60.00 - sold 1 doz. 44/375 Hard Core softballs @ \$60/doz. to Glenn Stevenson on 1/6/25  
+ \$60.00 - awards, \$60 less for F'24 championship shirts instead of sweatshirts  
+ \$60.00 - awards, \$60 less for S'25 championship shirts instead of sweatshirts  

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\$1,033.80

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 1/4/25, the balance projection changed to \$648.80. Revised balance predicated on 77 players at \$65/player. See 3.d. below).

c. SB texted Tom Lowry (TL)/BLD in middle of December regarding available dates for Spring season: January 6 (start date), January 20, (MLK Day), and January 13. He is awaiting a response. SB posted, on the league website, a tentative Spring schedule ending TL input. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 12/31/24, SB contacted TL who gave an OK on 1/6 and 1/13, but indicated that 1/20 (MLK Day) would not be available due to a fast pitch tournament. Based on the input, SB revised the schedule and posted it on 1/2/2025 on the league website).

d. Spring Season Schedule of Games/League Fee

The potential length of our Spring season schedule, and hence the number of games, has been limited over the recent few years as a result BLD requiring the use of fields earlier in June. Although the Board discussed possible schedule options, we are severely limited in those options. The tentative schedule of dates only allows two dates for rainout makeups, May 12 and May 19.

(As a result of the update in 3.c. above, only one (1) date remains as a possible rainout makeup date, May 19.)

JH motioned and GS seconded to set the 2025 Spring regular season schedule for twelve (12) games, and the player fee at \$70/player. **Motion passed 5-0.** JH motioned and RB seconded that we set a 2025 Spring season single-elimination season-ending tournament. **Motion passed 4-1(JH)**

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, with a revised \$963.80 (see 3.b. above) projected balance for the end of the 2025 Spring season, the Board concluded that this projected balance was too high. As a result, without formal motion/second, but by unanimous vote via text on 1/4/25 the Board agreed to set the 2025 Spring league fee at \$65/player.)

JH to prepare an email for SB to send to all players communicating the above.

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 12/28/24, JH forwarded the email to SB.) **Item remains open.**

#### 4. Open items from previous meetings

a. Revisit SSUSA Rule Changes 1.5 Batters Box and 7.3 Batting Position

This rule change was **not** adopted by MVUDSS at the 12/27/23 board meeting. See MVUDSS Rule 30.

It will be revisited after the SSUSA Rules Committee Meeting in December, 2024. See Agenda Item 5.a. below.

**Item remains open.**

#### 5. SSUSA Rules Committee (December 4-6, 2024)

a. **§1.29 • BATTERS BOX AND §7.3 • BATTING POSITION** ~~“The batter must take an initial position with his back foot no further forward than a line defining the front edge of home plate. The batter will be called out if he hits the ball when the back foot is completely further forward than the line defining the front edge of home plate. NOTE: All other illegally batted ball infractions regarding the side and rear lines of the batter’s box, along with stepping on home plate, remain in effect.”~~ • **PASSED: 5-1-4**

The Board discussed the above SSUSA rule change, the full text including the strikethrough of the first sentence which is the rule that was approved by the SSUSA Rules Committee in December 2023, and the revision to the rule deleting the first sentence, which was approved by the SSUSA Rules Committee in December 2024. The unanimous consensus of the Board is that this is an ill-conceived, poorly-written, difficult to adjudicate in its application and an unnecessary rule. JH motioned and SB seconded that the revised SSUSA rules 1.29 and 7.3 be adopted by the Monday league.

**Motion failed 0-5.**

- b. **§3.4(4) • ALTERED EQUIPMENT** – Proposal to ban the use of bat warmers was presented, adopting the USA Softball rule that states: “[T]he characteristics of any approved equipment cannot be unnaturally changed. Examples include icing, cooling, or heating of any equipment. In addition, approved bats shall not be rolled, shaved or modified to change their characteristics from that produced by the manufacturer. *Warming devices for bats are not approved.*” • PASSED: 9-1-0

The Board discussed the proposed change to the above rule, and while the Board supports, and will follow, the original rule as written, it does not support the addition of excluding bat warmers to this rule. JH motioned and GS seconded that the Board adopt the revised SSUSA 3.4(4) rule.

**Motion failed 0-5.**

## 6. Insurance

JH informed the Board that we, typically, have the insurance invoice from SSUSA by the third week in December, and that he left voice mail messages for Tiffany Peck (TiP) at SSUSA on 12/24 and 12/27. He indicated that he would follow up with her. JH reminded the Board that once the invoice is received and paid that we should receive the insurance certificates within 2-3 weeks. He also indicated that we have not received an updated policy in a number of years and that he was going to request same from TiP. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 12/30/24, JH spoke to TiP on all of the preceding items. She indicated that she would have the invoice and certs emailed to JH on the same date. Subsequent to Board meeting, on 1/3/25, TiP emailed JH the 2025 invoice, and electronic copies of the insurance certificates. She did not send a copy of the insurance policy. JH emailed TiP on 1/5/25 to remind her to send a copy of the policy. JH emailed the invoice and certificates to SB on 1/5/25.) **Item remains open.**

## 7. League Equipment – JH mentioned the status of the following league equipment:

- a. Pitching screens: - the Board should give consideration, some time soon, to replace one or both of the two oldest pitching screens. **Item remains open.**
- b. Ball bags – the Dudley ball bags are in disrepair and need to be replaced. A different type/brand of bag needs to be considered as the Dudley bags do not stand the wear and tear well. **Item remains open.**
- c. Home plate mats – we have two such mats which were put into use on 12/19/19. One of the mats has a section missing on one of the corners. Both mats have rips and cracks. We should get replacements. Former Board member, Tom Jadwin, purchased the material and he made these for the league. GS will contact Jadwin regarding the mats. **Item remains open.**
- d. Lineup sheets – we are out of the two part carbon (white top/yellow bottom – 5 1/2” X 8 1/2”) SSUSA lineup sheets used for games. (Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 12/30/24 during his conversation with TiP about insurance, JH raised the question of availability/cost of these sheets. TiP to research and get back to JH). **Item remains open.**

## 8. Missing BP Ball Bag

JH told the Board that one of the two BP ball bags has been missing since the 12/16/24 tournament when JH had equipment responsibility for that day and noticed one of the bags was missing. Two bags were last seen/used during league games on 12/9/24. This is similar to the recent “missing” pitching screen which turned up back in the equipment bin, unannounced, after a time. **Item remains open.**

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, JH received an email from Mike O'Donnell who indicated that he had equipment responsibility on 12/9/24 and there was only 1 ball bag in the bin.)

## 9. Bob Kapeller Memorial Tournament 2025 (BKMT8)

Wednesday, 2/26/25 has been, tentatively, set for the tournament date, with Wednesday, 3/5/25 as the backup date pending approval from BLD/Tom Lowry. 10/5/25, SB emailed announcement to: SSUSA, to be posted under Recreational Tournaments; to 30 managers (which included all of the BKMT7 managers); and posted it on Facebook.

**REDACT** - 7 teams, so far:

- (1) LAF 60M/Ron Barnhart
- (2) Diminished Skills 60AAA/Greg Abejon
- (3) So. Cal NDY 60AAA/Ed Rushing
- (4) Samurai 65M/Ed Jones
- (5) Advil Knights 65AAA/ Pete Cortez
- (6) So. Cal Warriors 75AAA/Tony Avila
- (7) Franklin Loan 75AA/Joe Paniec, Doug DiVita

## 10. Bat Tester

Billy Loard has proposed that the league/Board purchase a bat tester to check for potential illegal bats used by league players. The Board discussed the subject of bat testing and illegal bats and concluded that the league will not police bats as relates to bat testing. The Board believes that the honor system has served the league well in regards to subjects such as this. The Board also stated that it will handle potential violations on an individual basis. Without vote, the vast majority of the Board agreed that the league would not purchase a bat tester.

## 11. Hall of Fame

The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to Jeff Blakeman for the thorough, well-written and appealing proposal (copy attached) for a Hall of Fame program/procedure for the Monday league. The Board also extends its appreciation to Jeff for the consideration of, and taking the time to prepare such a document. The Board spent considerable time discussing the merits of such a program. At this time, the Board is faced with, shortly, losing the two remaining founders (and Board members) which, among many things, will require filling two Board positions, and reassigning Board responsibilities from the resigning Board members, to existing and new Board members. (Refer to the 11/3/24 Board minutes and to Item 12 below for reference.) At such time as new Board members are in place, and all Board members have had sufficient time in dealing with the transition and their new duties, the Board may give consideration to adopting such a program, using the document provided as the guiding template. **As such, this item is postponed, indefinitely.**

## 12. Board Restructure

In following up their announcement in the 11/3/24 Board meeting of their pending resignation from the Board, SB and JH both reiterated the need for the remaining Board members to identify possible Board replacements ASAP and get them voted as a Director in order to give the transition, for all Board members, as much time as possible.

SB/JH gave Board members a few of the more significant roles that each had responsibility for as examples of what the Board members need to consider in terms of whether any of them would be suited to take on those (some) responsibilities, or do they have to look for those skills in evaluating potential Board members. SB also suggested that the three remaining Board members review the job descriptions which are posted on the league website. GS indicated, as a start, that he would probably take over the responsibility for the league website. RB indicated that he had 2-3 possible candidates for Board positions. **Item remains open.**

**13. Roster Changes - REDACT this agenda item only IF NO CHANGES from last board meeting.  
(Changes, if any, identified in red below.)**

a. Roster Openings (in roster opening order):

~~8/6/24: Dave Flourney (6) out Rawlings/Team F~~

~~8/7/24: Jim Ziemer (5) out Greyhounds/Team E~~

~~8/15/24: Brian Crozier (3) out White On!/Team D~~

~~10/22/24: Frank Camou (2) out Red Zeppelin/Team C~~

~~11/4/24: Miguel "Q" Quinones (1/2?) replaced Frank Camou (2) on Red Zeppelin/Team C~~

~~10/28/24: Steve Baranick (6) out White On!/Team D to player pool~~

~~11/4/24: Jerry Smith (6) out Rawlings/Team F~~

~~12/2/24: Scott Vasquez (2) out Bella's Bombers/Team A~~

~~12/16/24: Jim Roach (1) out White On!/Team D~~

~~12/16/24: Mario Borroel (4) out Rawlings/Team F~~

~~12/18/24: Orlando Lopez (3) out Red Zeppelin/Team C~~

b. Pool/Waiting List Players (in eligibility order):

~~10/31/24: Glenn Stevenson (2)~~

~~11/25/24: Brian Crozier (3)~~

~~12/14/24: Rob Hellman (6)~~

~~12/15/24: Rod Prather (2)~~

~~12/16/24: Mike Moller (2)~~

c. Injured List (IL):

~~7/23/24: Bill Newman (2) --- PT on knee, possible return 2025 Spring Season~~

7/11/24: Don Finn (1) --- possible return 2025 **Spring Fall** Season

d. Miscellaneous Changes:

~~9/30/24: Ron Barnhart (2) replaced Brian Crozier on White On!/Team D~~

~~10/1/24: Ed Rushing (5) replaced Dave Flourney (6) on Rawlings/Team F~~

~~10/28/24: Clay Collins (4) replaced Jim Ziemer (5) on Greyhounds/Team E~~

e. ~~1/6/25: Rob Hellman (6) will replace Steve Baranick (6) on White On!/Team D~~

~~1/6/25: Glenn Stevenson (2) will replace Scott Vasquez (2) on Bella's Bombers/Team A~~

~~1/6/25: Rod Prather (2) will replace Jim Roach (1) on White On!/Team D~~

~~1/6/25: Brian Crozier (3) will replace Mario Borroel (4) on Rawlings/Team F~~

~~1/6/25: Mike Moller (2) will replace Orlando Lopez (3) on Red Zeppelin/Team C~~

SB, briefly, reviewed the above chronology, and specifically the effective dates of team openings, and the players on the Waiting List who would be placed on specific positions according to our Assigning New Players To A Team Policy. After discussion, the Board approved, unanimously without vote, the placement of new players on teams according to the above assignments. SB will notify the impacted managers of their new players.

The Board was presented with a proposed trade (assignment) of Mike Moller (2), Red Zeppelin, to Rawlings in exchange for Brian Crozier (3). Without motion, DB/GS voted yes, SB/RB/JH voted no. The assignment was not approved. **Item closed.**

**11/5/24: Kent Skidmore replaced Robb Braun as manager of Red Zeppelin/Team C**

**14. Trade**

(Subsequent to the Board meeting, on 12/27/24, K. Skidmore, Manager of Red Zeppelin, contacted Board member GS and indicated that he wanted to make a trade. The trade would send M. Moller (2) to Bella's Bombers in exchange for G. Stevenson (2). Both managers and players are agreeable to the trade. All 5 Board members were contacted and voted in the affirmative, and the trade was approved.) All impacted individuals were notified. **Item closed.**

# ATTACHMENT

Subject: Fwd: MVUDSS HOF DRAFT Document



Stephen Baranick <[stephenbaranick@gmail.com](mailto:stephenbaranick@gmail.com)>

Wed, Dec 18, 2024, 2:46 PM

to Joe Hansell, Glenn Stevenson, Ron Barnhart, David Bates, Stephen Baranick

I received the following from Jeff Blakeman

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From: **Jeffrey Blakeman** <[jeff.w.blakeman@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.w.blakeman@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Dec 17, 2024, 12:25 PM

Subject: MVUDSS HOF DRAFT Document

To: Steve Baranick <[stephenbaranick@gmail.com](mailto:stephenbaranick@gmail.com)>

Steve, As discussed here is a draft of what a policy might look like should you want to have a Hall of Fame award in the organization. If you wish to pursue and want to make changes let me know, otherwise you can edit on your own.

Best regards, Jeff

## **Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball Hall of Fame Induction Policy**

### **Purpose**

The Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball (MVUDSS) Hall of Fame recognizes and honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the success and legacy of the organization. Through their exemplary performance, leadership, and service, these individuals have elevated the quality and integrity of the MVUDSS community.

## General Criteria

To be eligible for induction into the Hall of Fame, candidates must:

- Have at least 10 years of involvement in the organization (need not be consecutive).
- Be a member in good standing at the time of nomination or during their active years.
- Have significantly contributed to the success and growth of MVUDSS through exceptional service, performance, or leadership.
- A candidate may be nominated in more than one category.
- **Exceptions:** The Board may place a candidate on the Hall of Fame ballot if the individual, though not meeting the 10-year eligibility requirement, would have unquestionably qualified had they not passed away or become incapacitated.

## Categories of Induction

### 1. Legacy:

- Reserved for original founders of the organization.
- Must meet all General Criteria.

### 2. Player:

- Consistently ranked among the top 15% of players as evidenced by a "1" player rating, demonstrating high skill levels in all aspects of the game.
- Recognized as an impact player by peers and teammates.
- Must meet all General Criteria.

### 3. Manager:

- Managed for at least 10 seasons (not years).
- Achieved a minimum of five championships (regular season or season-ending tournaments).
- Must meet all General Criteria.

### 4. Honorary:

- Served at least 10 years as a Board member or five years as President of the organization.
- Must meet all General Criteria.

## Nomination Process

- **Eligibility to Nominate:** Nominations may be submitted by any player, manager, or Board member with at least three years of involvement in the league.
- **Submission Deadline:** Nominations must be submitted by October 1 of each calendar year.
- **Evaluation Timeline:** The Hall of Fame vote will occur before November 1, with inductees announced by December 1.
- **Induction Ceremony:** Inductees will be honored during the season-ending tournament or at another time mutually agreed upon by the Board of Directors and inductees.

**Nomination Form:** Nominations must be submitted using the official MVUDSS Hall of Fame Nomination Form, which will require detailed information about the candidate's qualifications, contributions, and achievements. This form can be obtained from the MVUDSS website or by contacting the Board.

## Voting Process

- **Eligible Voters:** The voting body will consist of current Board members, original founders (if able to vote), and previous Hall of Fame inductees (if able to vote).
- **Quorum Requirements:** A minimum of 75% of eligible voters must participate in the voting process for it to be valid.
- **Vote Threshold:** A candidate must receive yes votes from at least 75% of all eligible voters to be inducted. For example:
  - If there are 10 eligible voters, at least 8 must vote to meet quorum. If all 8 vote yes, the candidate qualifies (80% approval).
  - If 9 of 10 vote and only 7 vote yes, the candidate does not qualify (70% approval).
- **Inductee Limit:** A maximum of three inductees per year. If more than three candidates achieve the 75% vote threshold, the top three vote-getters will be inducted and the others will have their nomination carried forward to the next year.

## Recognition

- Inductees will receive a commemorative award, such as a plaque or other suitable gift.
- Inductees will be prominently recognized on the MVUDSS website and other organizational materials.

## Crystal Awards

The Crystal Awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated exceptional loyalty to MVUDSS by contributing in any capacity for 15 years or more (need not be consecutive). Eligible individuals must be members in good standing at the time of recognition or during their active years.

Awardees will be prominently recognized on the MVUDSS website for their long standing commitment and dedication to the organization.

This policy ensures that the MVUDSS Hall of Fame upholds the highest standards of integrity, fairness, and excellence while celebrating the individuals who have profoundly shaped the organization's legacy.



# Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball Hall of Fame Nomination Form

## Instructions

Please complete the following form to nominate a candidate for the MVUDSS Hall of Fame. Ensure all required information is filled out and submit the form to the MVUDSS Board by **October 1** of the current calendar year. Incomplete forms will not be considered.

## Candidate Information

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category of Nomination:** (Select one)

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**Years of Involvement in MVUDSS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current or Last Known Status in the Organization:** (e.g., Active, Retired)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information (if available):

- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominator Information

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Candidate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years of Involvement in MVUDSS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information:

- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Candidate Qualifications

- 1. Summary of Contributions:** Describe how the candidate has significantly contributed to the success and legacy of MVUDSS. Be as specific as possible, including roles, achievements, and examples of their impact.
- 2. Specific Achievements:** List notable accomplishments relevant to the category of nomination. Include awards, championships, leadership roles, or other pertinent milestones.
- 3. Additional Information:** Provide any other details or context that support this nomination, such as community involvement, sportsmanship, or extraordinary circumstances.

## Supporting Documentation

Attach any supporting documents (e.g., photos, articles, testimonials) that strengthen the candidate's case for induction.

## Acknowledgment

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the candidate meets the eligibility requirements as outlined in the MVUDSS Hall of Fame Induction Policy.

**Nominator Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Submission

Please submit this form and any supporting documentation to the MVUDSS Board by email or in person by the nomination deadline. For questions or additional information, contact the MVUDSS Board.