

Citrus Park Women's Softball Executive Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2025

Present: Connie Hill, Sheila Fowks, Rita Seabrook, Karen Richardson, Cindy Linda, Grace Albers, Sandy Berg, Terry D'Imperio (Zoom), Jody Henderson (Zoom), Kathy Kuenstler

President Sheila Fowks called a special meeting to order on Wednesday November 20, 2025, at 303 p.m. The meeting was held at Rita Seabrooks residence.

Terry complimented and thanked the Player Placement committee for all the time and work that went into creating the teams. Player Placement committee are as follows: Chair – Terry D'Imperio, Lois Droogsma, Shelly Quick, Sandy Jenkins and Jacqueline Gray.

This specific meeting was requested to review, update and add to the below listed Citrus Park Softball Leagues Rules, Regulations the League's Constitution.

- Women's Section Rules and Regulations
- Women's Player Placement Regulations
- Women's League Playing Rules
- Citrus Park 50+ Softball League Constitution

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Karen to accept the Women's Section Rules and Regulations as presented to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Connie to accept Women's Player Placement Regulations as presented to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Rita and seconded by Grace to accept Women's league Playing Rules as was presented to the board. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Grace and seconded by Connie to accept Citrus Park 50+ League Constitution changes and additions as presented to us. Motion carried.

The board had a brief discussion regarding whose responsibility it is to inform players of playing status and who contacts the scheduler.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Cindy for the board to accept the Manager approved teams as was presented to us for 2025-2026 year. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Connie and seconded by Jody to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kuenstler, Secretary

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December 16, 2025

Present: Connie Hill, Sheila Fowks (Facetime), Rita Seabrook, Karen Richardson, Cindy Linda, Grace Albers, Terry D'Imperio, Joanne Thomas, Jody Henderson, Kathy Kuenstler

Connie called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Connie was asked to run the meeting until Rita arrived. President Sheila Fowks attended the meeting via Facetime. Connie made a motion to approve meeting minutes from December 2, and Terry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

President Elect – Rita Seabrook

Connie turned the meeting over to Rita at 9:41 a.m.

Topics relayed to board include:

- League activities and committees were confirmed for this year and need to be posted to website.
- A review for possibly implementing term limits will be discussed at a future date in New Business.
- Dates and times for softball league board meetings were discussed. The Women's Board currently has the Activities Building booked for Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Past President – Connie Hill

All teams have a non-runner assigned to the teams.

Ratings- Joanne Thomas

Joanne reported we currently have six reserves and one injured reserve registered to play. Fay will continue to report the standings and stats.

Registrar- Grace Albers

An updated roster will be sent soon.

Team Selection/Player Placement – Terry D'Imperio

A list and phone numbers of all the committee members will be sent to the Managers.

Member Large – Cindy Linda

Shirts are expected to arrive Friday, December 19th or Monday, December 21.

Umpire in Chief - Karen Richardson

The new umpire shirts will be black and lime green. Karen is planning on meeting with all the registered umpires to review technical rules.

Managers' Representative – Jody Henderson

Jody sent out a package of information to all the Managers regarding 2025-2026 playing season. Due to conflicting information, Jody is requesting clarification on bats regarding what are acceptable specifications for approved bats.

President – Sheila Fowks

- All bats need to have a yellow CP Softball sticker on bats prior to opening day.
- The commitment line that is from the third base to home plate was discovered to be inaccurate. The grounds crew will adjust accordingly prior to opening day.
- Opening day game start times have been changed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- The renaming of Field Two to Arlene Johnson Field will take place on the Arlene Johnson Field after conclusion of the ceremony on Field One.
- All players, scorekeepers, base coaches, and managers are to be at Field One by 7:30 a.m. on January 5.
- Due to the General Meeting being held on January 2, there is no meeting scheduled for December 30. If there is a topic that needs to be discussed, submit to Sheila prior to the General Meeting.
- Bonnie Kerns and Sue Ganobcik were asked to throw the first pitch at the opening ceremony.

Old Business

Constitution and League rules changes will be reviewed and addressed soon.

New Business

- Teams and schedules will be revealed on December 17, after the last game is finished.
- The Tiki Hut is having a soft opening and will serve hotdogs in preparation for opening day.
- The Bells of Harmony were invited to sing at the Opening Day Ceremony.
- In honor of the 40-year celebration, Pat Estelle and Mer Tank will share stories and share the history of softball.
- Everyone who is part of the team should be included in the announcements on opening day.
- Based on Constitution Rules, wheelchairs are allowed on the field if there is no active game in progress.

Motion to conclude the meeting at 10:26 a.m. by Jody and seconded by Terry.

Next meeting: January 2, 2026, at the Royal Palm Clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kuenstler, Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING
December 30, 2025

Present: Sheila Fowks, Rita Seabrook, Connie Hill, Karen Richardson, Terry D'Imperio,
Cindy Linda, Jody Henderson, Joanne Thomas and Grace Albers – on phone

Absent: Kathy Kuentler

President Shelia Fowks called the meeting to order at 7:59 a.m.

President- Sheila Fowks

SPECIAL Business : Equipment-Bats

There has been some discussion and some concerns about the playing rules and constitutional language regarding some bats being used in the league. This is specific to Vexxum bats that are two piece, that contain composite materials.

Karen R., Umpire in Chief of the women's league, explained the bat approval process. She explained who checks the bats and the required criteria of the bats used for league play at Citrus Park. Karen listed the current bat approvers in the league. It was suggested that to keep bats and their approval up to date, different colored stickers be used from year to year.

There was review of the wording about bats, under special equipment, in the constitution and our playing rules.

There was further discussion that the playing rules for the men and women are different.

She introduced wording with regards to altered equipment and the concern about bat warmers being used.

It was decided that the women's playing rules would not change until further review and possible direction and decision from the League Board.

New Business:

The list of banquet Invitations needs to be thoroughly reviewed and sent out to all past presidents. There may have been a communication error and a former president did not receive an invite to last year's banquet.

The order of events for the general meeting was revealed/reviewed. Sheila will announce our board members at the general meeting and also at our women's meeting to follow.

The field conditions were discussed and are much improved.

Connie made a motion for the adjournment of the meeting, seconded by Karen. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Seabrook

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January 2, 2026

Present: Sheila Fowks, Rita Seabrook, Connie Hill, Karen Richardson, Grace Albers, Terry D'Imperio, Cindy Linda, Jody Henderson, Joanne Thomas

Absent: Kathy Kuentler

President Shelia Fowks called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

There were no meeting minutes presented to be approved.

Introductions- Sheila Fowks

President Elect – Rita Seabrook

Preseason went very well- lots of ladies, lots of fun. Thank you to all who helped preseason run so smoothly. Preseason game play continued on Mondays and Wednesdays until the teams of the 2026 year are created. Thanks to Fay for running a scrimmage on the last day of preseason.

The Women's Section Rules, Women's Playing Rules and the League Constitution were reviewed by Rita and Connie, the Rules Committee. Approved board changes have been posted on the CP Softball website. The non-running rule has been reinstated. All members are encouraged to read and review the rules for the 2026 season.

Past President – Connie Hill

Discussed the requirements of being a President on the board and the required time commitment of three years.

She also informed the membership of the progress she is making on the banquet with regards to caterer and entertainment.

There was discussion about the new spokesperson rule change. She presented the differentiation between being a base coach and spokesperson.

Ratings- Joanne Thomas

Joanne stated that she is new to the position of Ratings Chair will be up for vote for the 2027 season. She announced her committee members and informed the membership that she will scheduling a session for two people in the near future.

End if Season Ratings from 2025 Season are those posted on the CP website. New players and those players that have been rerated to play in 2026 are not included in that posting.

Registrar- Grace Albers

Grace introduced Diane Banyas as her assistant. She reported that we currently have 64 members which includes inactive players (coaches, sponsors, etc.), injured players, as well as, reserves. She reminded the membership that we are always looking for more players.

Team Selection/Player Placement- Terry D'Imperio

Just say YES!

Terri introduced her committee and thanked them for their commitment to help the season run smoothly.

She explained how a replacement player is assigned and reminded managers to make the calls for replacement as soon as possible. She encouraged entire membership to take note of her committee member phone numbers as these are not spam callers, but callers looking forward to hearing YES!

Finally, she reminded players when they are the home team, they are and have sitting team obligations/expectations. This helps continuity of game play and replacement of players if needed, during a game.

Member at Large – Cindy Linda

Reported that the women's league managers have received their team's shirts, hats and visors as ordered. Please let her know as soon as possible if there are any problems with your uniform or with the orders received.

She explained that the reason for the limited selection is because we are shopping from leftovers of last year's uniforms. If a player would like additional items, they can be ordered and will take approximately two weeks to receive. The costs range from \$14.00-\$25.00 depending on item.

As the Member at Large, Cindy also explained that she is responsible for sending out cards on behalf of the league. Please contact her if there is anything that should be recognized by the membership in celebration or remembrance.

Umpire in Chief - Karen Richardson

Karen reported that the last 10-15 years have been super. She will train anyone interested in umpiring this season. She also requested support for the umpire staff by our membership.

She reminded women their bats need an updated CP Softball sticker and need to be placed in the bat rack prior to game time for the umpires to review. She explained that there is no change in the current women's bat rules.

Managers' Representative – Jody Henderson

Jody stated that this is a new role and that Fay is a great help.

She introduced this year's managers: Kelly G., Becky M./Connie H., Kat F. Dora H./Shelley C. She explained that the duties of the managers are incredible and that these women are outstanding in their roles. As this is a daunting task at times we are encouraged to be supportive.

Player Representative-Lois Droogsma

Lois was introduced and the membership is encouraged to reach out and contact Lois if there are any problems or concerns that arise. These situations would be those that are sensitive for a team or within the league.

New Business

Shout out to Sandy Berg for all her dedication to the conditions of the field. This is the best that the field has been in quite a long time.

There will be a Meet & Greet at the Tiki Hut on Saturday, January 4, 2026, at 3 p.m. This is a BYOB event and members are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Opening Day is Monday, January 5, 2026. This is the 40th anniversary of the league. All members need to be at the Field One at 7:30 a.m. The teams will be announced in alphabetical order. Managers will announce their team members, scorekeepers, coaches and reserves and where they are from. Following the ceremony on field one there will be a field naming ceremony on field two. Games will start at 10:00 a.m.

There will be open board positions for membership vote at the end of the season. These positions include: President Elect, Member at Large, Ratings Chair. If anyone has interest in these positions or any others, please reach out to any of the board members.

Next meeting scheduled for January 13, 2026 in Activity Building

Meeting Adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rita Seabrook