



## CEDAR RAPIDS SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME

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President: Dan Hilby  
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Following are the minutes from the May 2026 meeting. The meeting was held on May 13th at the HOF Building and there were and there were 23 members present. **The next meeting will be at 6:00 on Wednesday, June 10th at the CR HOF Building. Be sure attend the next meeting as we will be voting in new members to the 2026 class.**

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- \*President Hilby called the meeting to order on May 13th, 2026. MSC to approve (Hessenius/Wignall)  
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- \* President Hilby reported that there are no new updates at this time on the new building. We have a full box of new clothing that has been ordered. If you have ordered any new clothing, please arrange to pick it up. We still have 27 members that have no pictures on the wall. This is down from 49 so we are making some progress. We will be honoring the Collins Radio fast pitch team at this years HOF Weekend. MCS (Anderson/Pilcher)
- \* Ed Lala gave the Treasurer Report as a total of \$43,855.92 in Mutual Funds and \$10,984.51 in checking for a total of \$54,840.43. MSC to Approve (Anderson/Wignall)
- \* Mike Hessenius mentioned that if you sell a new sign you need to get the business name that they want on their sign. No logos. Mike also made a special "Thank You" to Janet Sargent for all that she does for the Cedar Rapids Softball Hall of Fame.
- \* Janet mentioned that all checks have been sent out to the high school girls softball teams. Several teams mentioned that they plan to show up on Sunday at our HOF Weekend.
- \* Steve Anderson will once again be in charge of our nomination committee and they will be meeting on Thursday May 28th at 5pm to select the nominations for 2026.
- \* Bob Hanson reported that the Ellis Park softball fields have been reserved and the Special Events Application has been filled out. Ed Lala is currently working on the liquor license and insurance. Right now is the time to get focused on selling sponsorship signs for our 2026 Golf Tournament and Softball Weekend. This is our biggest fundraiser and we have a short window. Letters have been sent out to most of our previous businesses that have purchased a sign in the past asking them to renew (provided we had their contact info). A reminder to everybody that if you were the lead contact person for a business that purchased a sign last year it is your responsibility to contact that business once again to renew in 2026. Do not rely on them to automatically send in a check just because we sent them a letter. We will have a stack of sponsorship forms at the next meeting. Once again, we are asking every member to

grab a form and attempt to sell a sign sponsorship or purchase one for yourself. Last year we went just north of \$15,000 in sign sponsorships thanks to a concentrated effort by many members. If you are a new member you might consider purchasing a sign for yourself. We have several members that purchase signs every year.

- \* Gary Wignall and Mike O'Neill both said that it is still too early to get a commitment from teams to play in our softball tournament. Mike also reported that the number of teams playing softball in organized leagues continues to fall.
- \* Kevin Thorpe will once again be in charge of the porta potties.
- \* Dave Kahler reported that the golf tournament is starting to fill up. Several new teams. This years price will be \$65 and will include a meal and 2 drink tickets that are good at Ellis Park during our HOF Weekend. The golf event is Friday, July 10th at Airport National Golf Course with a noon shotgun start. If you are interested in getting a team in please contact either Dave Kahler or Bob Hanson. There will be a max of 30 teams.
- \* Larry Pilcher reported that Ron Hunt will once again do the flag raising ceremony. Larry also reported that the large portable cooler has been reserved.
- \* If you cannot make the next meeting and you would like to do a write-in vote you can do so by contacting Bob Hanson at 319-560-7826 or email bobhansoncubs@gmail.com. Bob can email you a ballot or fill one out for you over the phone.
- \* Once again the vote for new 2026 members will be at the next meeting on Wednesday, June 10th at 6pm at the HOF Building. This is always our highest attended meeting. DON'T MISS IT!!

· **Next meeting will be on Wednesday June 10th at 6:00 pm at the CR Softball HOF building.**· MSC to adjourn: (Wignall/Pilcher).