

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, January 6, 2015

Remember if you haven't paid your dues by now you can't play

Attendees:

Mark Loveless, President
Mike Friedman, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Jim Gross, Treasurer - Absent

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Jeff Greenberg
Lester Sutherland-Absent
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

Frank Kadlecek, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday - Absent
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday league



New Vintage Softball Members:

New members for 2015 who joined in January are Larry and Phillip Montez. Have a great time playing softball in the Vintage Club.

President's Comments:

As we start this new year I want to mention that one of the Board's objectives is to make our Club even better. If you have a suggestion for improvement please bring it to the attention of any board member for consideration.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The board approved the December minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Gross was not available for comment tonight. Review of the Treasurer's Report is deferred to next month.

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Rules Committee Updates:

For clarification of a little-known rule the board presented the following situation: Runners on first and second. Batter hits the ball right at the second baseman (or buck short) who then immediately tags the runner, who has decided to just stand there on second base instead of running to third, then tags the bag. In this case the runner who was just standing on second base is out and the runner running from first to second is out. BUT, if the second baseman tags the base before tagging the bewildered runner standing on second base that second base runner is safe.

Also, if a runner is running to third base and a throw was made to third base but the runner turns around and decides to high-tail it back to second, assuming there is nobody already on second base, he must be tagged out in a run-down or be possibly forced out if he continues to run to third base and beyond. Therefore, a runner running to third base is not automatically out if he decides to turn around and run back to second.

Open Items:

Registration:

There are 150 returning and new members who have signed up for the 2015 softball season. Remarkably, there are still 70 who have yet to renew.

New Business:

Social Director Search:

We are searching for a social director. The two main events are the BBQ picnic and the Holiday Party. A social director is not bound to those two events and has freedom to recommend any event desired. Events that have been mentioned include ski trips, golf outings, renting of the VIP Pavilion at the San Jose Giants stadium, etc. If you are interested, or wish to recommend someone for this position please notify a Board member.

Treasury:

The Board has asked Jim Gross to inquire and investigate moving our finances to Star Credit Union. Mike Friedman and Jim Gross will work together to formally document the treasury functions.

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Shirts, Caps, etc.:

Bob LeFevre has volunteered to inventory, purchase and distribute the shirts and caps that we all proudly wear to each game. The shirts and caps will be stored with the commissioners.

Bylaws Interpretation:

A discussion related to our bylaws and what constitutes a quorum was conducted. No changes or revisions to the bylaws were recommended.

General Membership Meetings:

Our bylaws provide that a general membership meeting be held each quarter. These meetings are open to all members of the Club and will be held on the first Tuesday evening in the third month of each calendar quarter. For 2015 these dates are: March 3, June 2, September 1 and December 1. The meetings begin at 7:30 PM and are held at the Santa Clara Senior Center at 1303 Fremont St. 2nd floor in Santa Clara.

Membership Fees:

The Board voted to waive the 2015 fees to four players who have performed services to the Club whose value far exceed the amount of the membership dues.

League Commissioners' Reports:

FUN LEAGUE:

A few of the Fun League members discovered that the chilly mornings are not conducive to playing softball so on the coldest morning last week there were only 16 players. On a beautiful nice summer day there could be twice as many. The Fun League will be playing all their games at Hamann Field until at least March 9th.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES:

Tuesday League consists of 51 players while the Thursday League has 75 players. Otherwise all is OK.

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SATURDAY LEAGUE:

Lou reported, "There are 120 cranky old men and 2 ladies enjoying the Saturday League".

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:50 PM, PST.



The Goal of Vintage is to have **FUN**, be **FAIR** and play **SAFE**

