

# Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors And General Membership Meeting, June 2, 2015

## Attendees:

### Executives

Mark Loveless, President  
Mike Friedman, Vice President  
Larry Murchison, Secretary  
Treasurer, Don Shrank

### Directors

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

### Commissioners

Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell, Fun league  
Frank Kadlecek, Fun League [Emeritus](#)  
Lou Silver, Saturday league - Absent  
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues - Absent

**General Counsel-** Allen Baden

**Guests** - Larry Kubo, Jim Lewis and John Leong

### New Vintage Softball Members:

No new members joined this last month.

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### President's Comments:

The San Jose Giants game event on June 19 is fast approaching. For those attending, the gates open at 5:30pm and the game starts at 7:00pm. It is Madison Bumgarner World Series MVP bobblehead night and the first 1000 fans will receive one. If you would like one I suggest you get there early as a large crowd is expected. I also suggest carpooling because of the anticipated crowd. Don't forget your drink/meal tickets and game tickets. I will provide everyone with a wristband when you get there which shows you have access to the VIP deck.

It also may be Game 7 of the Warriors/Cavs game. TV monitors are located at the park if you want to see it. Send me an email at [wmloveless@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wmloveless@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions. I'll see you at the game next Friday.

### Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the May minutes by a unanimous vote.

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

Don Shrank has put all our club financial information into QuickBooks. He reviewed the Club's year to date profit and loss, cash flows and balance sheet. The Club's finances are in excellent shape and the transition to the new accounting system was very smooth and no major issues were encountered.

### **Rules Committee Updates:**

The Rules committee determined that balls hit that bounce over the outfield fence at Mise will be considered a home run. Balls bouncing over fences at other fields will remain "ground rule" doubles.

### **Old Business:**

#### **San Jose Giants Party**

The game is sold out and no more tickets can be obtained. 80 have paid and ticket distribution has concluded. See Mark Loveless or Mike Friedman if for some reason you have not received your tickets.

#### **2015 Holiday Party**

##### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

This year's Holiday party will be at the Flames Eatery and Bar Restaurant in downtown San Jose at 88 South Fourth Street. The party will be on November 14. Further information to follow.

### **New Business:**

#### **The Process of Welcoming New Members**

As part of Vintage efforts to improve the way we welcome new players to the league, Larry Kubo surveyed a cross-section of club members about the idea of assigning sponsors to new players for orientation purposes. While reception for the idea was generally positive, most club members felt that though sponsor assignment would benefit players with little or no playing experience, it would be less useful to experienced players except for help on Vintage-specific playing rules and a few miscellaneous topics. Reason: it's widely held that most teammates and Vintage members go out of their way to help new players get up to speed --- we are a friendly group.

To address this wide range of experience levels while also ensuring every new player is welcomed to Vintage, Larry proposed that managers be required to assign a sponsor from their team to each new player to offer advice and assistance as needed. Larry also suggested that we post a guide and information for all new players on the Vintage

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website, which he volunteered to organize and write. Larry will administer the program until it is up and running. The Board accepted Larry's proposal.

### **Investment Options**

At present we are receiving a pitifully small return on our club investments. Morgan Stanley has agreed to present options to us that will protect our principal while earning us a return greater than that from a bank.

### **Corporate Matters**

We are still in the process of getting the Club compliant with the state and are looking at becoming a 501(c) charitable organization. We are in the process of obtaining old financial records so that we can proceed with this initiative.

### **Discussion of 2016 Dues**

Jack Boniface and Mike Friedman will survey members about playing at Mise Field on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. Based on those results we can determine our dues for next year. The survey should be distributed in the very near future.

## **League Commissioner's Reports:**

### **FUN LEAGUE**

The Fun League has officially lost its sixteen-year commissioner. His departing announcement is that we will no longer be playing at Santa Clara after June 17th. All games will then be played at Hamann field. We also welcomed Paul Thesing back to the fun League from his nine-month absence due to rotator cup surgery.

### **TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES**

The Tuesday/Thursday Leagues will be preparing for the draft on June 18th. The draft will be for both leagues.

### **SATURDAY LEAGUE**

The Saturday draft will be June 22nd. The location will be at Lou's office. The Saturday League is looking for a manager. Please volunteer and enjoy all the perks bestowed upon you.

**The Board voted to adjourn at 8:52 PM, PDT.**

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

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