

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, July 7, 2015

Attendees:

Executives

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues - Absent

General Counsel- Allen Baden

Guests - None

New Vintage Softball Members:

Ed Rodriguez and Michael Talavera.

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President's Comments:

Last month we held our first Vintage party at Municipal Stadium with the San Jose Giants. It was a fun time and we saw the Giants win in fine fashion. Some Vintagers participated in other events that you can read about in the very nice write-up by Ric Ferras that you will find on our website. Looks like we will make this an annual event.

The Board conducted a survey of the weekday players relating to playing at Mise field. Though the costs are significantly higher than our other fields, the players voted overwhelmingly to play there. Beginning in January we will play at Mise on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will also continue to play our second set of Thursday games at DeAnza unless the fields continue to deteriorate to an unplayable state. Though Mise is not a perfect venue its superior playability far exceeds its negatives.

Lastly, we still need field prep assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Bob Bilikas or me if you are interested.

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the June minutes which are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Don Shrank presented the financial information concerning our bank account, our cash flow, profit and loss statement, and balance sheet. The Club remains in excellent financial condition.

Rules Committee Updates:

The Rules committee determined that a batted ball that bounces over the outfield fence at Mise field will be considered a home run. While this topic came up last month the clarification is that the ball can bounce two or three times and go over the fence and still be a home run.

If a ball hits the tree canopy at De Anza, which is in fair territory, it is a double unless it is caught for an out. If a fair ball hits the trunk of a tree that is in foul territory, the ball is live unless it bounces out of play.

Another long-standing rule is that both feet need to be in the batter's box in order to swing at a pitched ball or you can be called out. Since we do not chalk the batter's box you must use your judgment and sense of fair play and take a correct stance.

Old Business:

San Jose Giants Party

The game and party was held on June 19 at Municipal Stadium. For complete information and a nice story please visit:

<http://seniorsoftballsanjose.com/minutes/SJG2015.pdf>

2015 Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party will be on November 14 at the Flames Restaurant in downtown San Jose at 88 South Fourth Street. Prices have not been finalized but will be approximately \$35.00 per person. Be there for good food and good company and to cheer on those that receive club recognition.

Investment Options

At present all our funds are held in our bank checking account and we are receiving a very small return on our club's cash. Unfortunately, since we need to maintain liquidity and security, there does not appear to be any better investment option at this time.

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New Business:

Corporate Matters - Bylaws and Compliance

As presented by Allen Baden:

Our bylaws are presently being amended to comply with various California state requirements. Allen Baden has a new draft of the bylaws that he will circulate to the Board for preliminary review. Following the Board's review and approval, the plan is to circulate the proposed new bylaws to the membership, with a vote on adopting them at a future general membership meeting.

Allen also has been investigating the possibility of applying for 501 (c) tax-exempt non-profit status for the Club. At this time, it appears that the cost of applying and maintaining this legal status may exceed its benefit.

Survey for Mise Field

Mike Friedman presented the results of the survey that was given to the weekday players. The results are available for review as an addendum to these minutes. The responding players voted by almost a two thirds majority to pay more dues to play at Mise on both Tuesdays and Thursdays.

2016 Dues News

The Board has approved the league dues for 2016. Though we have been able to obtain a significant discount from the regular price for play at Mise field the hourly fees are substantially higher compared to other "non premium" fields. Accordingly, the dues for weekday players have been increased. The dues for 2016 will be:

Saturday (and fun league if over 60) only players: \$100
Tuesday and/or Thursday (includes Saturday) players: \$125
Fun League players: \$50

We will begin collecting dues for next year in October.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The Fun League welcomed Betsy Gebhart back for summer softball.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

The Tuesday/Thursday celebrated the completion of another draft and beginning of a new season. There remain three teams on Tuesday and five teams on Thursday. Tuesday teams will continue to play at DeAnza for the rest of the year and Thursday teams will play at DeAnza and Mise.

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SATURDAY LEAGUE

The Saturday draft also was completed in June and the new season has started.

The club needs volunteers to help prepare the Moffett Field fields for their Tuesday and Thursday leagues. As previously mentioned, the club will pay \$25 for each field that is prepped for play. Generally this requires an hour of time per field and is performed around 3:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Ames league play continues through August so this is a great opportunity for someone looking for fun outdoor work with the chance to earn some money. Kids and grandkids are also welcome. Contact Bob Bilikas for specific details.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:00 PM, PST. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on August 4 at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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

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