

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, August 4, 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

General Counsel- Allen Baden

Guests - Rob Gelpman- Social Director

New Vintage Softball Members:

Kevin Richmond, Stan Bielecki, and George Morales have joined the Club. Welcome to Vintage and have fun.

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President's Comments:

Vintage lost a good friend and Club member last month with Larry Fowler's passing. Several of our members went to his service and the family was most appreciative. The Club has sent a donation to the American Cancer Society in his memory. We will all miss Larry's humor and "can do" spirit on Saturdays.

The Board revisited our 2016 dues schedule and made a minor adjustment which effects about a dozen members. This adjustment will have an immaterial impact on our financial condition and seemed to be fairer to those playing only on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Additional information follows.

Lastly, the September 1st Board of Directors' meeting will be open to the general membership. Please let me know if you wish to attend as space is limited.

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Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Rules Committee Updates:

The Rules committee suggested these reminders:

1.41 • INFIELD FLY

A fair infield fly ball (not including a line drive) that can be caught by a fielder *with ordinary effort* when first and second bases or first, second and third bases are occupied with less than two outs is "an infield fly". Any fielder can catch an infield fly.

Note: When it becomes apparent that a batted ball will be an infield fly, the umpire, catcher or coach shall immediately declare, "infield fly - batter is out", to aid the runners. If the ball is near the foul lines, the umpire shall declare, "infield fly - if fair". The ball is live and runners may advance at the risk of the ball being caught, or re-touch and advance after a fielder touches the ball. If the hit ball becomes a foul ball, it is treated the same as any other foul ball. Failure of the umpire to call "infield fly," does not negate the infield fly. If the error is discovered prior to the next pitch, the infield fly rule may still be called. Additionally, if "infield fly" is called on a fly ball that could not be caught with ordinary effort, that call may also be reversed prior to the next pitch.

Note: Vintage coaches should get involved if there is confusion. This seems to be a regular occurrence and we reiterate this rule every year. The determination should be made on what is an *ordinary effort for the infielders involved*. Generally, if the infielder has to turn his back to the plate to catch the ball it is not "ordinary effort".

1.45 • INTERFERENCE

Interference is the act of an offensive player or team member that impedes or confuses a defensive player attempting to execute a play. A base runner must avoid a fielder making a play.

Interpretation: The runner must avoid all infielders making a play on a batted ball, even if the ball has not yet reached the infielder, and even if the fielder is in the baseline. The runner, in this case, must allow the infielder to field the ball. A collision automatically makes the baserunner "out", and if in the judgment of the umpire/base coach, a double play may be considered if it is determined that the batter-runner would have also been "out" had the collision not occurred.

Note: A baserunner who yells or waves his arms in order to confuse an infielder fielding the ball may be called "out", just as if there had been a collision.

Old Business:

2016 Dues

A few of our players only play on Tuesdays or Thursdays. The Board felt it was inappropriate to raise their dues even though they would be playing games at Mise Field. Excluding Fun League only players, if a member plays two or more times a week his/her dues will be \$125 per year. If only one time a week (Saturday, Tuesday or Thursday) the dues will remain \$100 per year. This does not affect Fun League play. Eg. You may play Tuesday at Mise and Wednesday in the Fun League for \$100 per year. If you play only one day a week then subsequently sign up for an additional league you will owe the Club an additional \$25.

2015 Holiday Party

Ginger Baden has graciously volunteered to help organize the party. We are looking at having door prizes and a raffle. If you have items to donate for the raffle it would be gratefully appreciated. The party will be held at Flames Eatery and Bar in downtown San Jose at 4th St. and San Fernando on **November 14**. Free parking is available in the garage above the restaurant. We have a large private room with our own bartender and a meal of New York steak, salmon, chicken or pasta, with a salad, vegetables, dessert and coffee. Light appetizers will be provided during the happy hour. Outstanding entertainment and music will also be provided. The \$40 cost per person will cover all of this plus a free raffle ticket. Make sure you save this date.

Moffett Prep

Bob Bilikas has found the people needed to prepare the Moffett Fields during the week for the rest of the summer.

New Business:

Corporate Matters - Approval of Bylaws

We are in the process of re-writing our Club bylaws to comply with various state requirements. Once they are complete and approved by the Board of Directors they will be distributed to the members for approval. We hope to have them ready for membership approval in September.

Website Redesign

Many members have commented that our website is antiquated and in need of upgrade. Several skills are needed to do this including conceptual framework, development, coding, implementation, and maintenance. The Club has many people with the skills to help with this initiative. Please let any director know if you would like to lend your expertise.

2016 Election

The election process will begin next month with the goal of having it completed

before our Holiday Party.

Bar-B-Que

At this time we have no one within the Club who is available to manage the bar-b-que. It requires lining up volunteers, buying and storing lots of food, selling tickets, assigning cooks, clean-up crews, etc. etc. The Board voted to not schedule or sponsor a bar-b-que this year unless someone volunteers to manage the event within the next two weeks. The event is typically held on Labor Day Saturday.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The Fun League welcomed Stan Bielecki. He survived his first two games so might be around for a while.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

There are no major issues to report. Jack is still on the disabled list.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Lou is still out but the league is functioning well.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:04 PM, PDT. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on September 1st at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center. It will also be a general membership meeting.



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