

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting December 1st, 2015

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden - Absent

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome new members Gregory McCracken, Peter Haight, G. Wayne Corbin, Don Bollinger, and Ed Berbena. Have fun guys.

President's Comments:

The Holiday Party was last month and, as usual, was a lot of fun. Many thanks again to Ric Ferras, Ginger Baden, those who donated items for the raffle, and everyone else who helped to make it a success. As you may have noticed on our website Jack Boniface was awarded the Armen Parseghian and Lester Sutherland the Sportsman of the Year awards, both well-deserved winners.

Several members have suggested we hold other social events. We are looking into having a Sunday golf tournament during the spring and perhaps an evening at a comedy club. More to follow.

There have been a number of complaints about players arguing or complaining over calls, player errors, etc. Remember, the base coaches are our umpires and any disputes need to

be resolved by the **MANAGERS**. Bad calls and errors are part of senior softball and will not affect your team's standings or your chances of becoming league MVP. Our primary objectives are to be fair, safe and have fun.

Lastly, dues need to be paid by December 31. Your manager will not allow you to play in January unless you have paid your dues. Cash, check, PayPal are all accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented to the board and approved. Our cash balance is growing as the dues are collected but will diminish over the course of the upcoming year.

Rules Committee Update:

There were no new rules only the old rules about trees that few seem to understand. Remember, at DeAnza a ball hitting the tree canopy which is in fair territory in left field may be caught for an out. If not caught it is a ground rule double. A fair ball that rolls into foul territory, hits the tree trunk and stays in play is live.

Old Business:

Web site upgrade

Allen is working with a team from Vintage and an outside vendor to update our website. The objective is to roll out the new site at the beginning of the year.

Holiday Party

70 attended which was five more than last year. The party was basically a break even affair with only a net cost to the club of \$38. Previous year's club subsidies have been in the hundreds of dollars.

The general consensus is that the party was a success and we are considering having it at Flames next year. The board wishes to extend a great big THANK YOU to Ginger Baden for arranging the raffle, the appetizers and doing most of the administrative work that is required. The raffle was a big hit and several people walked away with new softball bats, game and theatre tickets, clothing and candy. The bar service was a bit slow and they did not have certain drinks that were requested. Any of the issues noted will be easily rectified should we go to this location next year.

Corporate Matters: Bylaws, compliance w/state

We anticipate having all of our filings completed and submitted during the first quarter of 2016.

Elections Results

About 112 members voted out of a total of 200 members.

Here are the results of the election.

All of the board members were reelected. Who are they you ask?

Mark Loveless - President

Larry Murchison - Secretary

Don Shrank - Treasurer

Jeff Greenberg

Jim Callan

Mike Friedman

Bob LeFevre

Lester Sutherland

Barry Schimmel

Sportsmanship Award

Lester Sutherland

Armen Parseghian Award

Jack Boniface

New Bylaws

Passed

New Business:

Sign-ups for 2016

We have 63 members signed up for the 2016 year. Everyone wanting to play in January must have paid their dues.

Toys for Kids

Our annual Toys for Kids day appeared to be a huge success. Thank you to all who donated a toy or money and purchased raffle tickets and food. Ray Miranda has promised to send us a report of how much was raised which we will share with the club.

Defibrillator at Mise

We are in the process of getting quotes for a defibrillator that we would keep in our box at Mise. We asked if the city of San Jose would like to offer us any financial assistance and

they politely and expectedly, declined. Defibrillators are located at DeAnza and Hamann and having one at Mise would be a wise investment. Currently we have decided one is not needed at Moffett as their medical assistance personnel are very responsive.

2016 Vice President

Jeff Greenberg has volunteered to serve as vice president in 2016.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

There were two rain outs in November yet attendance remains high. The shed at Hamann has been cleaned out and old items discarded. There has been no recent discussion regarding our moving the shed at the request of some neighbors.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

With the rains coming keep in mind that games may be cancelled at DeAnza but not at Mise. Games may even be played at Mise if it is currently raining. The decision to call the game is up to the respective teams.

Saturday League

There is a big gopher problem at Moffett field and we are looking at ways the club can help to eradicate them. Unfortunately, we need a licensed exterminator and not an army of seniors with their pellet guns. If anyone knows someone who can help we would appreciate talking with them.

We are also in need of a Saturday manager. If you are interested please let Lou know.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:05 PM, PST. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on January 5th at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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