

**Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club
Board of Directors Meeting
January 5th, 2016**

Attendees:

Officers

Mark Loveless, President
Jeff Greenberg, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman
Lester Sutherland
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

There were no new sign-ups in December.

President's Comments:

Thanks to all who got your dues paid on time. Managers do not like playing bill collector and are grateful to just put the lineup together and get the games started. Our collections to date are better than expected and we see no problem in reaching our budget and paying all our bills.

Our weekday players are now playing at Mise on Tuesdays and Mise and DeAnza on Thursdays. Since Mise is an artificial turf field there will be times when games will be cancelled at DeAnza and played at Mise. Make sure you call the rain number as Jack will leave clear instructions regarding playing conditions. With the amount of rain we have and will be receiving, Fun League and Saturday players should also call to ensure the fields are playable. Field conditions are reported by the commissioners on the day of the game unless there has been no recent inclement weather. Remember, it may take

several days following a storm for a field to drain.

Lastly, the Board approved the purchase of two new Automated External Defibrillators (AED). We also will purchase new batteries and pads for the two we already own. DeAnza, Hamann, Moffett and Mise Fields will each have an AED. These are expensive machines but well worth the price if ever needed. They are not difficult to operate and I encourage everyone to familiarize yourself with them by looking at an on-line video. Barry Schimmel can direct you if you are unable to locate one on www.youtube.com. Thank you Barry for investigating and initiating the purchase.

Happy New Year to all and hopefully we can get some games in.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the December 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 has grown by \$13,000 during our first fiscal quarter as the dues were collected but will diminish over the course of the upcoming year as we pay our monthly bills and make equipment purchases.

Rules Committee Report:

Sun Affecting Batters (new SSUSA rule):

If the sun is affecting the batter's ability to see the pitch, the batter may request the pitcher to pitch from six feet on either side of the pitching rubber. The batter has the choice of where to position the pitcher and the pitcher should pitch from that same position throughout the inning. The request should apply for a full inning so each team has the same opportunity.

Old Business:

Web site upgrade

The work on the new website is continuing. Allen Baden is working with a team from Vintage and an outside vendor to make sure that updates and changes can be made efficiently and that the content conveys the right message to our members and to visitors. We expect this project to be completed this quarter. We will also be introducing a new and modernized logo, but will delay in purchasing new shirts and caps with the new logo until we run out of existing stock.

Compliance with State Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

All the previously delinquent forms required to ensure our exempt status have been filed and we are expecting to be in full compliance this month. With the granting of the exemption request we will only have to pay the minimum fee enjoyed by nonprofits to the FTB.

Defibrillator purchases for Mise and Moffett Fields:

The Board approved the purchase of two defibrillators for Mise and Moffett Fields. We will also purchase two pads and two batteries to replace the ones in the other two that the Club owns. Each of our four Vintage fields will now have a defibrillator on site.

New Business:

Sign-ups for 2016

Through year end approximately 160 members had renewed for 2016. These results are better than anticipated; however, there are still a number of players yet to renew.

Gopher Issue At Moffett

As mentioned last month Moffett has a gopher problem. The Board has agreed to assist in their extermination and will work with Bob Bilikas to determine the best approach and to what extent.

Tax information Return

Our Club tax information return will be filed by the Treasurer this quarter.

Social Events

This Club is more than just a bunch of folks playing softball. It is also a social club that occasionally offers the members the opportunity to enjoy other events with their spouse and fellow Club members.

Currently the Club is planning an event at a San Jose Giants game and a Holiday Party in 2016. We would also like to sponsor a Bar-B-Que for late summer. We are in need of someone to take charge as an event planner to ensure these events are well organized and managed. The greatest need is for someone to manage the Bar-B-Que. There are plenty of volunteers who are willing to assist. Please let us know if you have an interest in managing the Bar-B-Que or assisting in any other events.

Twin Creeks Proposal

We received an offer to play at Twin Creeks. We felt it was a fair offer but since we have committed to Mise, reserved and paid for the field for several months and have already set 2016 fees based on anticipated 2016 costs that adding the additional cost for Twin

Creeks this year would not be economically feasible. It is a proposal that we can look at again next year.

2015 Audit

Mark Loveless has volunteered to perform our audit this year.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

Recently there have been few games played due to the effects of El Nino. Even with less than ideal conditions we are still getting enough players to field two teams.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

All Tuesday play is now at Mise. Thursday play will remain at DeAnza and at Mise. Please call the rain number at 408-795-5844 if there is any doubt of the game being cancelled due to weather.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

There have been several rain outs but no major issues other than the aforementioned gopher problem.

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

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:55 PM, PST.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on February 2nd at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center. This meeting will also be a meeting open to the general membership. Due to our space constraints let Mark know in advance if you plan to attend.



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