

Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – May 2, 2017



Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel - Absent
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman
John Cawley
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome several new members to the Club: James Montoya, Dennis Brach, Ken Kramasz, Vern Chestnut, and Teal Lake. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

The Monday evening league is off to a great start with about 20 players showing up the past two weeks. This league is open to any Club member so come out and play. Teams are selected five minutes before play begins at 6:00 pm. It's a great way to meet other players from different leagues and is an opportunity to get off your couch and get some exercise. The league will continue through mid-August and no sign-up is necessary for existing members, including members of the Fun League.

As I mentioned last week, play on Saturday, May 6 will NOT be at Moffett Field. We have reserved the field at Backesto Park in San Jose which is located at the corner of 13th St. and Empire. The four teams playing at 9:00 am will combine to form two teams and the four 11:45 teams will also combine to form two teams. Bucket players will likely be needed.

Remember to sign up for our annual night at the San Jose Giants. June 17 is a Saturday night game which begins at 5:00pm. It is also a Buster Posey bobblehead give away evening. As usual, we will rent the VIP box and will receive a bar-b-que dinner, two wine or beer drinks and personal bar and food service. The cost will remain unchanged from last year at \$50 per adult and \$30 per child. Sign up via PayPal or send a check to our PO Box. Your payment reserves your spot so get your money in early before we run out of tickets.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The April Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Year to date dues are over \$18,000 and we should reach our budget of \$20,000 as new members join. Through the seven months ended in April our net income is \$7,500 and our cash balance is \$38,000. Significant expenditures to be incurred for the remainder of our fiscal year include purchase of ball caps, field rentals, and field maintenance. We expect to break even for the entire year and maintain a safe cash position.

Rules Committee Report:

A question was raised about the third strike foul ball. If a batter hits a foul ball on his third strike it is a live ball if caught and a dead ball if not. If the defensive player catches the foul ball a runner may tag up and advance even though the batter has struck out. If the defensive player lets the ball drop foul then runners may not advance and the batter is out due to strike-out.

FUN LEAGUE ONLY: At the start of an extra inning, a pinch runner may be used at second base if the last batter of the previous inning was using a pinch runner from home plate. (The other leagues will continue to use the “International Tie Breaker” rule which does not allow for a pinch runner to begin the extra inning at second base. Alternatively, they may end the game as a tie.)

No new rules or interpretations were discussed.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps/Softball orders

Most of the shirts have been received and distributed but a few are still on back order. The new caps should be available for distribution beginning next week. All of our softball order has been received and managers should talk to the commissioners if they need a supply.

Update on IRS Review of 501c Application

Our application has been submitted and received by the IRS. It is being reviewed by the service and we expect to hear their determination next quarter. In addition to receiving formal federal non-profit status this will allow us to apply for other non-profit benefits such as reduced PayPal and banking fees.

New Business:

Tax Returns for fiscal 2016

The Treasurer will file the necessary state and federal returns this month.

Weeknight League

The league has started and will continue to August with Joe Contreras as league commissioner. A motion was moved and seconded to allow all existing Club members to participate in this league with no additional fee. A second motion was moved and seconded to set the dues for new members wanting to play in only the Weeknight League at \$50 per year. Such players would also be allowed to play in the Fun League provided they meet the age requirement. Both motions were approved.

San Jose Giants Night

The Club has submitted its deposit for the game on June 17. Contact any Board member if you are having any issue signing up for the event.

Moffett Field Issues

The Moffett police are out in force and several of our members have recently been stopped or sited for speeding or “sliding stops”. Make sure you obey the traffic laws while on the base or risk being ticketed.

We have had issues with equipment not being returned to the field house and the field house not being locked at the conclusion of play on Saturday. It is the late game home managers’ responsibility to ensure that the fields and the field house are secure. If others are remaining after the games then make sure someone takes responsibility for locking the field house.

Lastly, it is advised that you enter the base via the Ellis St. entrance due to construction near the main gate and ease of getting to the ball fields.

League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

The league is doing well with an average of 24-26 attending.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

The Tuesday teams have become unbalanced due to players' injuries, new jobs, etc. Jack will work with the managers to move players to ensure each team has an adequate number of players.

Saturday League

The teams are oftentimes needing to combine due to tournament season. Make sure you arrive early so that the decision to combine can be made without too much playing time being lost. **Also, remember that play on May 6 will be at Backesto Park.**

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:33PM, PDT. The June meeting will be held on June 6 at the Santa Clara Senior Center beginning at 7:30 pm.



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