

**Minutes of the
Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors
And General Membership Meeting
December 6th, 2016**

Time to pay your dues folks.

On the first game in January if no dues, no play.

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

Guests- none

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome new members Colleen and LT Thompson, and Gary Hinds. Colleen and Gary are playing in the Fun League and LT is playing in all leagues. Have fun and be careful. New members should ensure that we have all their contact information when they submit their application. Also, if you have moved, obtained a new phone number or email address, please let us know.

Note: The New Member Application is being revised and will soon be available on our website.

President's Comments:

The annual Holiday Party was held on November 11 at Flames Restaurant in San Jose. As usual we all had a great time. Thank you to all who donated auction items and a special thanks to Allen and Ginger Baden who donated Sharks tickets and a framed cartoon about senior softball and also for organizing and running the auction and providing the appetizers. Also a special thanks to Ric Ferras who provided the music and entertainment. Ric also took many photographs which will soon appear on our website.

The results of the election were announced. The directors and officers were re-elected. The winner of the Armen Parseghian award was Mike Friedman and Gordy Jett won the Sportsmanship award. Make sure you congratulate them. Both are well deserved winners.

It's time to get your dues paid for 2017. If you have not paid by year end your coach will not let you play until you do. We have left the dues unchanged from last year even though our expenses continue to creep up. You may pay via PayPal, or give your coach or any board member your check made out to Vintage Softball Club.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the November Board of Directors Meeting Minutes which are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. The primary financial activity was the collection of 2017 dues. Our cash balance will continue to grow as dues are collected then diminish as field rental renewals, insurance, and other expenses become due. We will also incur significant costs in the next quarter when new softballs and shirts and caps are purchased.

Rules Committee Report:

There are no new rules or interpretations to report; however, there are some policies or procedures that need to be clarified.

If the sun is effecting the batter seeing the pitch he may require the pitcher to move up to six feet to his left or right. This right applies to EACH batter.

If you are playing a 1-1 count then the batter gets an extra foul ball. Once the batter has two strikes, regardless of how he got his second strike, he is entitled to a foul ball.

A pinch runner from home plate may only advance to first base and not beyond until a subsequent at bat. Thus, if the batter hits a ball over the fence or a grounder that is then thrown into the dugout, the pinch runner may only advance to first base. See Rule G. 1. in the Vintage Handbook on our website. This rule does not apply to the Fun League.

Lastly, we have decided it is no longer necessary to place cones at the 170 foot line at our Tuesday and Thursday league fields. We will continue to honor the line on Saturday at Moffett Field and in the Fun League.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps requirements, ordering

We have been testing a new dri-fit shirt and have decided to place an initial order of 80 sets of shirts. We will also be ordering 100 new ball caps. We hope to have the shirts and caps next month.

Social Activities

The Holiday Party was a great success but attendance was slightly lower than last year. Our next planned social event will be the San Jose Giants game next summer. If you have any ideas on how to make these events more attractive to our membership, please let one of the directors know of your idea.

Dues in Special Situations

Special situations include someone joining in September and paying for the whole season that really only lasts until the end of December, or for those joining in January and knowing they will be playing for only three months. There was discussion of a half year convention whereby someone joining in the second half of the year would owe a half year's fees. The topic was tabled and will be reconsidered at a subsequent meeting.

New Business:

2017 Dues Update

The dues are being collected with about 25% of our members having already renewed. The amount of dues are unchanged from last year and must be in by the end of the month.

Audit of 2016

The audit of 2016 was completed with no major issues to report. The records and the financial condition of the Club are in excellent shape.

Field Issues

Tarps have been installed at Moffett on the dugouts to protect players from the sun and the wind. The field condition at DeAnza has improved dramatically and grass is beginning to

grow again in the outfield. The infield is in excellent shape. Mise has a tear in the surface which has been reported to the city. We have also painted in the home plate and commit lines with a temporary paint designed for that purpose. The shed at Hamann Park apparently is troubling to some of the neighbors. We are working with the city to see if there is a better location to place the shed which has been in its present location for many years.

Corporate Matters

PayPal, although a convenient method of payment, is costing our club several hundreds of dollars a year. Don, our treasurer, mentioned that it is really no benefit to the Club to use PayPal since photographing and depositing checks is just as convenient. PayPal is a convenience to the payer and many organizations charge their members the PayPal premium if they pay via that method. The board discussed passing on the 3.5% PayPal charge to members who pay with PayPal but no decision was made and the matter deferred to a later date.

The Club is looking at our liability insurance renewal and at applying for 501(c) status. Alternatives and pros and cons were discussed.

2017 Meetings

The board meeting location will remain at the Santa Clara Senior Center through the 2017 year free of charge. The city's new policy is to charge groups a minimum of \$25 per meeting to use their conference rooms. The center agreed to waive this fee due to our non-profit status and our service to the "Senior Community".

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The inclement weather has reduced the attendance to as few as twenty folks but with judicious planning by Tom the commissioner they were still able to have a good time. The Monday game ended with a luncheon at Mountain Mike's along with present and past members of the league. 35 members and past members enjoyed the get-to-gather.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

There are four teams playing on Tuesday and all is OK. Thursday has five teams resulting in a bye team each week.

SATURDAY LEAGUES

Lou was not available for comments tonight but all seems to be OK. Tournament season is over so attendance has picked up.

The Board voted to adjourn at exactly 9:00PM, PDT.

Look at the pictures, you might find yourself in full swing. Page 1.
Note: The Vintage Softball Club web site is up and running. Go to:
<http://www.vintagesoftball.org/>

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on January third at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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