

Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – March 7, 2017



Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome some new members to the Club but there weren't any in February. Our Club headcount is down slightly from last year so we have capacity for more members. Tell your friends.

President's Comments:

Tournament season is in full swing and player shortages will likely exist on Saturdays during tournament weekends. The Saturday managers have devised a system to determine if combining of teams is necessary but its success is dependent on each of us communicating with our manager and arriving early enough so that decisions can be made and the games can start on time. Our playing time is limited so your cooperation will be appreciated by all.

Jeff Greenberg conducted a survey last month to determine what, if any, non-softball events would be of interest to Club members. Based on the responses it is likely we will bring back the annual picnic. Also, there is significant interest in a bocce ball event and a golf outing but we need leaders to organize the events. If you are interested in heading up one of these activities please let Jeff or me know.

I am also pleased that there is a great deal of interest in restarting our Wednesday evening league during the spring and summer. We are checking into field availability and more information will follow.

Lastly, mark your calendar for June 17 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.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Our revenues for the month were \$260 in dues and our expenses were approximately \$2,000. The Club purchased its annual order of softballs last month which accounted for most of our cash outlay. The Club remains in outstanding financial condition with adequate cash reserves.

Rules Committee Report:

The Club's new rule requiring pitchers to wear masks became effective on March 1. A motion was made and approved to buy a facemask for each field to be used if needed. A total of four facemasks will be purchased and one will be kept in each of our storage sheds or boxes at our various fields.

No new rules or interpretations were discussed.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps/Softball orders

The remainder of our shirt order is being completed and will be arriving next week. Notify your manager to receive your shirts. The ball caps are in process and will be completed as soon as we approve the final logo work. Our annual softball order was received and the balls are being distributed to the commissioners and the managers.

Membership and Dues Update

Compared to last year we currently have about 20 fewer members. Some members do not play in the winter and re-sign in the spring. Between these members and new players joining the Club, we expect our headcount to approximate what it was at the end of last year.

New Business:

Updates to Handbook

The handbook has been updated for 2017 and is available on line for your viewing pleasure. Please visit <https://www.vintagesoftball.org/rules-regs/>

Results of Survey

Jeff Greenberg presented the results of the Club survey which was conducted last month. There seems to be significant interest in having more

social functions including an annual picnic, golf outings, bocce night, wine tastings, etc. If you have an interest in arranging a social event please let us know and we can help with member correspondence, money collection, etc.

There also is a strong interest in starting a Wednesday evening league in April to run through August. These would be pick-up games similar to the way the Fun League organizes their games. We are talking with the city about field availability and will inform you when the details are finalized.

Corporate Matters

Our 501(c)7 application is now completed and has been submitted. It may be several months before we hear the IRS's determination.

An additional key to our post office box is in the process of being duplicated. Keys for our box will be held by the Secretary and Fun League Commissioner.

San Jose Giants Night

A motion was made and approved to allow Mark Loveless to schedule a San Jose Giants VIP game and to provide the necessary deposit.

Mise Field Issue

Our contract allows us to use Mise Field until 12:30. There is a 30 minute interval between when our time is up and a new group takes access. Since we often have to move soccer equipment and deal with soccer players interfering with our games, we sometimes are not done until after our allotted time and use some of the 30 minute cushion time. This is reasonable but we absolutely need to vacate the field by no later than 1:00pm.

Managers need to be aware of when the second game begins and to adjust accordingly. They may use a 1 and 1 count, require six outs before rotating, or just play a shorter game. It is the managers' decision on how they will play in order to be completed by no later than 1:00pm.

League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

An interesting event occurred last week, the catcher on each team was 88 years old. Otherwise the Fun League has had many rainouts.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

The draft is complete and we will continue with four teams on Tuesdays and five teams on Thursdays. This results in one bye team on each Thursday but we do not have enough players to add a sixth team at this time.

Saturday League

Allen Baden hosted a communications luncheon for the managers of the Saturday league. The discussion concerned communications between managers on the two fields when there aren't enough players to play two games. The managers have agreed on a protocol to decide when to combine teams due to player shortage.

The next Saturday league draft will be held on Sunday March 12.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:00PM, PDT. The April meeting has been cancelled due to planned absentees.



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