

**Minutes of the
Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors
Meeting – January 3rd, 2017**

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome VJ Punian to the Club. 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.

President's Comments:

Thanks to all for getting your dues in before the end of the year. It's a lot easier for managers to just manage and not have to worry about whether their players are eligible to play or not. Most have rejoined except for a few players who have moved away and some who are injured and not sure when or if they will return. The number of new members seems to offset the number of members

who cannot renew for one reason or another and we begin the year with the same number of teams we ended with in 2016.

We collect about 75% of our dues during the first quarter of our fiscal year which just ended on December 31. Now over the next few months we will incur significant costs for field rentals, new shirts and caps, insurance expenses, field maintenance costs and other administrative expenses. Last year we incurred non-recurring costs for items such as AEDs, and a new website. This year we will incur additional costs for new shirts and caps but do not expect to have any major unbudgeted expenditures. Our 2017 budget reflects a break-even year.

So let's pray for rain on non-playing days and get some games in. I hope everyone had a Happy New Year and has an injury free 2017.

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 reviewed and approved. The Club collected almost \$12,000 of dues in December with only \$1,000 of expenses. The spending for the new year will increase significantly as we pay for field rentals, equipment, etc.

Rules Committee Report:

SSUSA has a number of new rules for 2017 which we will adopt:

- 1. Batter-Runner reaching first base:** Once the batter-runner reaches first base the double bag shall be treated as one base and the fielder or runner may use any portion.
- 2. Commitment Line:** Once a runner touches or crosses the commitment line the runner is committed to advancing to the scoring line and may no longer be tagged out. If the runner is tagged he will be called safe, the ball remains live and the runner is not required to cross the scoring line. NOTE: If the runner re-crosses the commitment line for any reason in an attempt to return to third base, he will be declared out and the ball remains live.
- 3. Pitching;** The pitcher must take a position with at least one foot in contact with the pitcher's box. The pitcher must come to a full and complete stop with the ball in front of the body. The front of the body must face the batter and this position must be maintained at least one second before starting the pitch. The pitch starts when the pitcher makes any motion that is part of his delivery after

the required stop. The delivery is a continuous motion and no stop or reversal of the pitching motion is allowed. The pitcher must deliver the ball toward home plate on the first forward pass of the pitching arm past the hip with an underhanded motion. **IE: NO QUICK PITCHING**

4. **Face Masks and Shin Guards:** Both the SSUSA and NCSSA are now requiring both face masks and shin guards for pitchers. With both of these governing bodies now requiring this protective gear it is likely the Club will also move to require their use effective next month.

Pitchers are advised to obtain masks and shin guards at their earliest convenience.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps requirements, ordering

The shirts that were previously ordered are ready for pick up. The caps should be ready by the end of January. The shirts are a dri-fit style and have our new logo. The caps will be a similar style to what we have now but will also include the new logo. The commissioners will distribute the shirts and caps when requested by managers and/or players.

Annual Ball Order

An order for our annual ball inventory has been placed. We will continue to use the Baden ball

Dues in Special Situations

Periodically players come to us and wish to play for a few months before returning home. In these cases it is not reasonable to charge them a full year's dues but an equitable amount that is consistent with the number of leagues they wish to play with and the number of weeks or months. The commissioners as a group will be responsible for establishing the dues in these special situations.

Former Vintage members visiting the Bay Area and wishing to play will continue to be charged \$10 per month.

Other aspects of our dues structure, such as players joining mid-year, were also discussed. No other changes were recommended to our existing pay structure.

New Business:

2017 Dues Update

About 80% of returning members have submitted their 2017 dues. Anyone who has not will not be eligible to play until the dues are received by the Club.

Liability Insurance

Our general liability insurance has been renewed for 2017. This policy does not cover property damage or medical matters. We are all individually responsible for any property damage we may cause or for any medical issues we may incur.

Corporate Matters

Our application for 501c (7) federal tax exempt status has been completed and will be submitted this month.

Weeknight League

We are considering re-establishing a Wednesday evening league this summer. Games would begin at 6:00pm and conclude around dusk. We will be surveying members to determine if there is sufficient interest in this league.

Approval of Expenditures

Good financial controls require that all Club expenditures **be approved in advance**. Any member purchasing items on behalf of the Club must receive the appropriate approval in order to be reimbursed. Expenditures over \$250 require board of director approval and under \$250 need to be approved by a Club officer.

PayPal Costs

PayPal costs typically are 3 to 4% of the transaction amount. This can amount to several hundred dollars each year. The Club is considering charging the PayPal fee to the user and will discuss this matter at a future meeting.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The inclement weather has reduced the attendance on some days yet all else is going well and all are having fun.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

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. The next draft for both leagues is scheduled for February 23, 2017 at 2:00pm at the San Jose Burger Pit restaurant.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

All is going well and there are no major problems or issues to report.

The Board voted to adjourn at exactly 8:59PM, PDT.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on February 7, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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