

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting – July 3, 2018

Attendees:

Officers

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



Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden - Absent

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome new members to the Club: Jim Witkowski, Jon Stirm and Nicholas Martinez. Also, we welcome back Larry and Colleen Thompson, and Larry McClanahan.

Have fun and be careful!

President's Comments

The Club celebrates one of our founding members, Morris Hosoda, turning the big 9-0! And still playing! Happy birthday, Mo Ho- we all hope to be as special as you when we turn 90!! And thanks for all your contributions to Vintage.

Our annual Vintage Night at the San Jose Giants will be held this Sunday, July 15. For those of you who have purchased tickets, they will be held at Will Call for you. I suggest you arrive early, as there will be lots of interest in the Willie Mays bobblehead that is being given away!

Two other dates to put on your calendars: our annual **picnic** is back and will be held at Moffett Field on **August 18th**. We will be holding a one pitch tournament in the morning- all members are invited to attend.

The annual **holiday party** will be held on **December 9th** at Little Lou's BBQ in Campbell. This year's event will be a little less formal, but include a BBQ buffet and a band, for only \$25 per person. More details on the events are later on in the minutes.

We were saddened to learn about the passing of Mark "Bullet" Alcott, in a tragic accident. Mark was a relatively new member, playing in our Saturday league. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

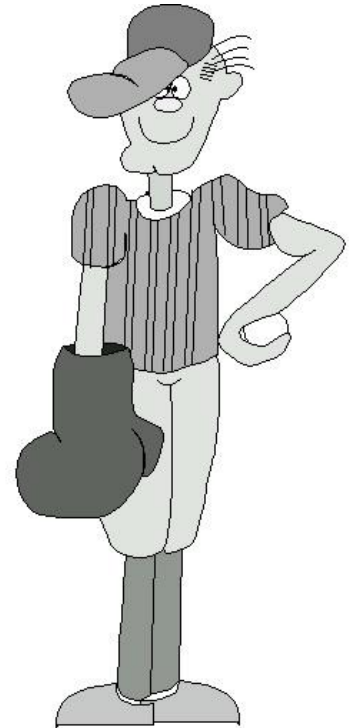
Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the May Board minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved.

Overall, we are about \$3000 ahead of budget for the fiscal year, although some of this is due to timing issues on payments. With the new and returning members that have come into the Club over the past few months, we are now within \$500 of our annual goal for member dues- so keep those recommendations for new players coming in! The financial position of the Club remains strong.



Rules Committee Report- Pitching Screens:

There continues to be confusion on the proper use of the pitching screen. The rule is restated below- pitchers and managers please pay close attention. Failure to abide by the above rules results in an "illegal" pitch.

The pitching screen shall be positioned so that the pitcher is protected on a ball hit "up the middle." The pitcher may pitch the ball over the screen, or on either side of the screen. If not pitching from directly behind the screen, right-handed pitchers must release the ball from the right side of the screen, and left-handed pitchers must release the ball from the left side of the screen.

The pitcher must pitch from the pitcher's box, depicted on page 81 in the 2017-2018 SSUSA Handbook (www.vintagesoftball.org), with this caveat: the Vintage box shall be three-feet wide and extends from 50-feet to 60-feet from home plate. The screen may be placed four-feet in front of the 50-foot pitcher's box, or anywhere within the box, as long as the pitcher pitches from behind the screen. **The screen must cover at least half of**

the pitcher's rubber, in order to ensure that the pitcher is protected while he is in the pitcher's box.



Old Business:

Meeting Space

Mark Loveless has secured board meeting space through the end of the year.

San Jose Giants Night

Our San Jose Giants Vintage Night will be held this Sunday, July 15, with game time at 5pm. For those with tickets, please pick them up at Will Call. We suggest you arrive early, with gates opening at 3:30pm, as demand for the Willie Mays bobbleheads is expected to be strong. Thanks to Mark Loveless for again organizing this event.



New Business:

Weeknight League

Our Weeknight League on Wednesdays has been a lot of fun, although attendance has been spotty- one week a full set of teams, the next only 12 or so players (although even then a fun 6 vs. 6 game has been played). We will continue on Wednesdays through the rest of the season, through August 29th about 30 members had responded expressing interest in playing on Wednesdays, so time to come out!

For next year, we believe Mondays will be a better option, and will try to secure a Monday field next year (it was not available this season). We are

also looking to create 2 dedicated teams, so there is more commitment to attend. We welcome other suggestions to improve the weeknight league.

Shirt Order

The Board authorized purchasing 30 more sets of shirts.

Picnic/Holiday Party

Picnic: the annual picnic returns on Saturday August 18 at Moffett field at noon. This appears to be an open date regarding tournaments and doesn't conflict with Labor Day weekend when we've had the picnic in the past. To make things simpler this year, we will have hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, potato salad and soft drinks/waters brought in. It will be free for members and \$5 for others to attend. All Vintage members are invited, not just Saturday players.

Ric Ferras is organizing a one pitch tournament starting at 9:00 am, which should be a blast! The deadline to sign up will be August 11. Club members who already are assigned to a Saturday team will play for their team. Non-Saturday club members who sign up to play will be assigned to a team. Each game will have a 40-minute time limit, except for the championship game, which will have no time limit. The team at bat will provide a pitcher. Batter will get 1 pitch and will either get a base hit or will be out - no exceptions. No food will be served until after the championship game.

Holiday party: This year we will be having a somewhat less formal, less expensive but hopefully more fun event. On **Sunday December 9 at Little Lou's BBQ in Campbell, from 4-8,** we will have a complete BBQ buffet with soft drinks, as well as music provided by one of the local bands. The cost would be an affordable \$25. We will have a dedicated area, taking up most of the restaurant. Door prizes will be provided (the club welcomes donations from our members)- winners will be announced throughout the course of the party. More details to follow as we get closer to the event. Thanks to Ric Ferras for organizing and Lance Wagner, club member and owner of Little Lou's BBQ, for providing space and the catering.

League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

Fun League is doing fine, averaging about 24 to 32 players a game, which is significantly higher than last year.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

The summer season draft was recently completed. Attendance at each game is stronger than it has been historically, but for now we will stay with the same number of teams. Thanks to Rob Cisneros for supplying ice packs for the fields.

Saturday League

The Saturday League also completed its summer season draft and will remain with seven teams.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:40PM, PDT.

The next meeting will be held September 4.



Please visit our web site at: <http://www.vintagesoftball.org/>

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