

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting – September 4, 2018

Attendees:

Officers

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



Directors

Barry Schimmel - Absent
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman
John Cawley - Absent
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 new members to the Club: Randy Shattuck and Tony Gelphman, and welcome back Manfred Asher.

President's Comments

The return of the picnic was a big success, highlighted by a fun one-pitch tournament with 8 teams and a BBQ attended by over 130 Vintage members and family. Congratulations to the victorious Blue team managed by Mike Oropeza!

We can use your help! It's been a while since we've had existing members update their applications, but many of you have had addresses, phone numbers, or e-mails change. If your information has changed over the past several years, please send an email to Larry Murchison or me with your current info.

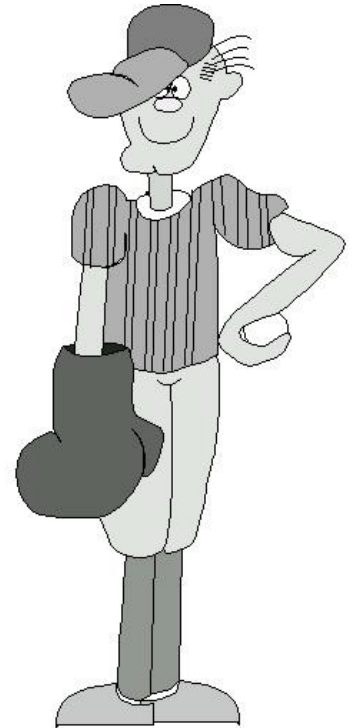
Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved.

With one month left before our fiscal year ends September 30, it looks like we will be about \$2000 favorable to the budget. This is largely due to some lower expenses for items such as shirts, balls and other equipment. We have had over 20 new players joining this year, and are right on target for our membership dues goal.



Rules Committee Report

The following reminders were presented:

1. A baserunner between bases in the “hot box/pickle” may still overrun the base to which he is trying to advance. He may NOT overrun the base from which he came, but he may slide or dive back into that base.
 - a. Example: a runner advancing from 2B to 3B may stop before he gets to 3B, and attempt to return to 2B. While trying to avoid being tagged by a fielder, he may overrun 3B (but may be called out if the throw beats him to 3B). If he returns to 2B he may slide or dive back into that base, and must be tagged out.

2. If a batted ball rests on any part of our Vintage strike mat (home plate), it is a fair ball. Runners may advance at their discretion. See Note on SSUSA Rule 1.23: “Any batted ball first hitting any portion of the strike mat then settling in fair territory is a fair ball. **Fair territory includes the strike mat.**”

3. Pitchers must release the pitch from a stationary position between 50-feet and 60-feet from home plate. They must “present” the ball for one second before starting their pitching motion. Please note Rule 6.4 in our SSUSA Rule Book:
 - a. 6.4 BEFORE STARTING THE PITCH
 - A. The pitcher shall not be considered in the pitching motion unless the catcher is in position to receive the pitch.
 - B. The pitcher must take a position with at least one foot in contact with the pitcher’s box.
 - C. 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. This position must be maintained **at least one second** before starting the pitch.

4. If an outfielder “bobbles” a fly ball, baserunners may “tag up” upon the fielder’s first contact (or first touch) of the fly ball.
 - a. Example: If an outfielder juggles a caught fly ball, the runner does NOT have to wait until the fielder has full control of the ball. The runner may advance to the next base upon “first contact” or “first touch” by the fielder.

5. When a pinch runner is used for a batter, please follow Vintage Handbook Rule 1.a.:
 - a. If a pinch runner is used for the batter, the runner must stand behind the catcher and to the third base side of the plate, and may not leave until the ball is hit. If a pinch runner leaves early and as a result beats out a throw to first that would have resulted in an out, he will be declared out.
 - b. A pinch runner whose turn at bat comes while on base shall be out and be removed from the base and come to bat.
 - c. Pinch running for a pinch runner is not allowed.

- 5a. A pinch runner may pinch run only once per inning.

- 5b. Coaches are reminded, especially when playing with less than a full team, that they may agree to modify the pinch runner rule to whatever suits the coaches.



Old Business:

Picnic

Overall the feedback on the return of the picnic was very positive. Catering was done by Little Lou's, with hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers along with snack and drinks being provided. Having an outside company cater the picnic made things much simpler, for a similar cost to past picnics and requiring fewer volunteers, and the quality was favorably reviewed. There were an estimated 130 folks at the Moffett picnic. Thanks goes to Ric Ferras for organizing the event and Lance Wagner for providing the catering (from Little Lou's BBQ).

Having a one-pitch tournament was also a great event, something different than the usual, while allowing us to get in all the games in the morning. We plan to have a similar event next year, although we will put in place better ways to make sure the timing of the games is maintained (there were 40-minute limits to each game) as well as consider a consolation game for those eliminated early (those eliminated early were able to sign up to be in the bucket). Other suggestions are welcome!



New Business:

Election- Timing and Nominations

In addition to the national midterms, the Vintage election season is also upon us. This year will be like last year, where the membership as a whole can nominate directors and officers to run in the election, with all nominees receiving the minimum required number of votes running in the formal election in Phase 2.

For the Sportsmanship and Parseghian awards, the nominees were selected by a nominating committee designated the Board, based on feedback from managers, commissioners and board members (as we did last year). The nominees will be on the election ballot next month.

You will receive your ballot via email, with the nomination process running from September 22nd to October 6th, and the election phase from October 20th to November 3rd. Results will be announced at the next board meeting in November.

To help make things simpler for club members and eliminate some confusion from having two rounds of voting (but continuing to solicit nomination feedback from the membership), the Board started to discuss how to improve the nomination/voting process. We will address this at the next board meeting so any relevant bylaws can be amended well before the next elections. Feel free to send along any suggestions you have.

2019 Budget

The 2019 budget was presented to the board and approved. We plan on a breakeven year, with about \$20,000 in revenues and expenses. Note that our revenues and expenses have been pretty stable over the past few years, which we expect to continue.

Weeknight League

Our Weeknight League on Wednesdays started out strong but attendance fizzled out.

For next year, we believe Mondays will be a better option, and will try to secure a better Monday field next year (Monday 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

Our latest shirt order is in (mostly 2XL), with some XL shirts still to come.

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.

Roster Cleanup

Our master roster is a bit outdated. It's been a while since we've had existing members update their applications, but many of you have had addresses, phone numbers, and/or e-mails change. This is important so we can keep in touch with you, tell you which team you have been drafted to, or notify you of upcoming events. If your information has changed, please send an email to Larry Murchison, larrymurchison@comcast.net, or reply to Jeff Greenberg from the cover email, with your current info.

Annual Meeting in November

Our annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the next Board meeting on November 6 at 7:30pm. All members are welcome to attend, but please RSVP so we know who is coming.



League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

Fun League is doing fine, averaging about 24 to 30 players a game, which is significantly higher than last year.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

We seem to have a plethora of injuries this season, and several teams have been fielding nine players. Coaches have done an excellent job “sharing” players and using bucket players, when available, but we all hope to get back to our full teams. Players are reminded to notify their coaches if they are unable to attend the games.

Saturday League

Overall, we’ve had fewer teams having to combine this season, although recently we had exactly 32 players show up for the two morning games, of which 11 were from one team. But we figured it out and played 8 on 8 in both games.

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

The next meeting will be held November 6.



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