



Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – December 5, 2017

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

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

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome two new members: Tony Boughton and Dan Muntz. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

Pitchers seem to be acclimating to the use of the pitching screen and the board is continuing to receive suggestions and comments from Club members. Generally the comments deal with its placement and how some are positioning it so that it serves primarily to aid infielders by narrowing the hitting zone rather than protecting the pitcher. The guidelines for screen placement, which were discussed in last month's minutes, are that the screen will be placed within three feet of the front of the pitchers box (50 feet from the plate) and centered such that the pitcher can quickly get behind it after a pitch (ie. within arm's length). The Rules Committee will come out with more definitive placement rules after conversing with pitchers and other leagues.

Dues are coming in at the standard SLOW pace. Less than 50 members have paid their 2018 dues. Our treasurer will be sending out weekly updates to managers of their players who have not paid. Remember, you cannot play in January if your dues have not been received by the Club. Pay by PayPal, check to our PO Box, or hand your check in to a Club director.

This will be my last "President's Comments" as my term expires on December 31 after three years as president. It's been a fun and sometimes challenging three years and now is a good time to bring in new thoughts and ideas. The 2018 Board of Directors will begin its term next month with Jeff Greenberg as your president. Jeff has been in the Club for many years and has served as a board member and vice president for several of those. He will do an excellent job as president and will always put the interests of the Club above his own.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

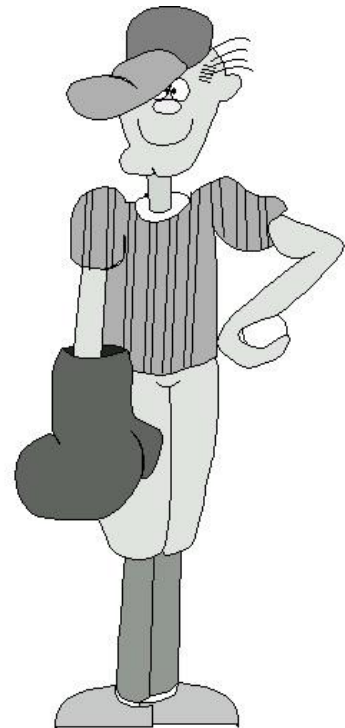
The Board approved the November Board of Directors Meeting Minutes which will be soon be posted to our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. We received \$3,200 of dues and incurred expenses of only \$700. The expenses included the purchase of two pitching screens for \$400. Our cash balance is almost \$33,000 and we will end the year in excellent financial shape.

Rules Committee Report:

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the use of the pitching screen. The Committee agreed to review the matter and publish more definitive rules. Until such time, pitchers must use the guidelines published in the November Minutes.



The Committee clarified the following rules relating to pinch runners:

1. A person may only pinch run once an inning.
2. If a pinch runner is on base when his at bat occurs, he is out and must come in to bat.
3. If a pinch runner leaves the home plate area before the ball is hit he will not be declared out; however, if his leaving early results in him beating a throw to first that would have resulted in an out, he will be declared out. This is a judgment call that the managers will need to decide.

These rules may be ignored or altered if BOTH managers agree.

NOTE: The existing rules in the Fun League remain unchanged.

Old Business:

Toys for Kids Day

Our annual Toys for Kids Day was held on November 18 at Moffett Field. Over \$1,400 was raised along with dozens of donated toys. The support for

this worthy effort will allow many less fortunate kids to enjoy the holidays. Well done to all of Vintage and to Ray Miranda and his team.

Corporate Matters

No new matters were reported.

New Business:

2018 Dues Update

The dues are due by the end of the month and we are far behind in our collection efforts. Team managers will be reminding you if you haven't renewed. Your manager does not want to tell you that you cannot play because your dues are not in so get them paid ASAP.

Advertising

We currently have player capacity for the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday leagues. We would rather not incur costs to advertise and would prefer to rely on word of mouth. Talk to your friends and neighbors and let them know about us. Bob LeFevre will be working on a written ad which will be suitable for social media such as Facebook and NextDoor.

Handbook Updates

Jim Callan has recently updated our Handbook which is on our website. The changes reflect the new officers, pinch runner rules and other minor changes.

Special Bucket Rules

Players who play in multiple leagues have unlimited bucket privileges. Players who are in one league or in the Fun League only do not have bucket privileges in leagues other than their own. If you wish to bucket in other leagues you will need to pay additional dues up to the \$125 level. There is a one or two game grace period which is allowed but if you bucket for more than two games in another league you will be asked to pay the additional amount.

League Commissioner Reports:

Fun League

The Fun League continues to draw between 20 and 24 players. The league reports no problems or major issues.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

We have been experiencing strong turnout over the past couple of months but we do not have enough players to add another Thursday team. We will continue to have a bye team each Thursday.

Saturday League

After having several weeks of needing to combine teams during the summer and early fall, no combining has occurred over the past four weeks. Bucket players are generally needed and encouraged to come out and play.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at the Santa Clara Senior Center beginning at 7:30 pm.



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



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