

# Vintage Softball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

### July 2, 2019

#### **Attendees:**

#### **Officers**

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



#### **Directors**

Chris Milosovich - Absent  
Brian Adams - Absent  
Mike Friedman  
John Cawley  
Rob Gelphman - Absent

#### **Commissioners**

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

#### **General Counsel**

Allen Baden - Absent

## President's Comments

We have done a nice job getting back to adding new members, after a drought in new membership late last year. However, we are still behind last year's level, so we want to keep the focus on adding more members to the club. And wouldn't you want to bring in your friends, family and co-workers to something as fun as Vintage?

Remember that our one-pitch tourney and picnic are being held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year, to expand the appeal of the picnic, the club is covering the cost for each member to also bring a plus-one!

## New Members

The club would like to welcome new members **Richard Chavez, Mickey Butler, Tod Overholser, Nick Garcia and Kelly Lockett.**

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

## Treasurer's Report:

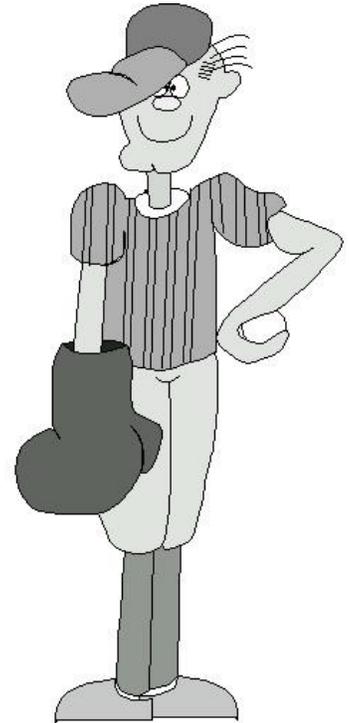
Overall, the club is at about 97% of its budget for net income. We should be at or better than budget going forward, as some budgeted expenses were paid earlier than expected. However, we are about \$1100 below our target in revenue. The treasurer's report was approved.

## Rules Committee Report

### Rules Reminders

#### Baserunners

With most teams having only 14 players, coaches may agree to modify our base running rules this season. In cases where pinch runners may be on



base when it is their turn to bat, that pinch runner may be replaced by another pinch runner, in order to bat. However, the rule about a pinch runner only pinch running once per inning is still in effect.

### Pitching Screen

The pitching box is 50 to 60 feet from home late. The box is only 24 inches wide, and the pitcher must release the ball from the box. The pitching screen we use must be placed anywhere from 46 feet from home plate to the end of the 60-foot box, covering half of the pitcher's rubber. This forces the pitcher to be protected by the screen. No pitcher may release the ball in a way that places him/her in front of the screen. A pitch that doesn't meet these rules may be called illegal.

### Hitting a Dead Ball

When a pitched ball hits the ground in front of home plate, the ball is considered "dead" and may not be hit by the batter. The "dead" ball will be called a "ball" by the catcher/umpire. Thus, a batter who intentionally "swings and misses" a pitched ball must do so before the pitched ball hits the ground.

### Hits that go through the fence opening at Mise Park

The Rules Committee has determined that a ball that is hit to right center field at Mise Park, and that goes through the fence opening and reaches the concrete barrier outside the fence will be considered a Home Run. That opening is between 325-340 feet from home plate.



## **Old Business:**

### **One Pitch Tourney/Picnic**

Our One Pitch Tourney will be on August 3rd. Reconfirming that there is no cost to current Vintage club members. Also, remember that we are using the tourney to recruit new members to Vintage. As an incentive, if you bring in a potential new member, you will receive a \$25 referral fee once they sign, and any new players will be able to play for free the remainder of 2019 once they have signed up for 2020.

In addition to the tourney, the club picnic will be held on this date. The picnic is free to all members as well, and this year the board approved your bringing a plus-one to the event at no cost (any more than one would incur a \$5 per person charge).

We tried to pick an ideal date for the tournament/picnic that would maximize club attendance, but there was no perfect date and unfortunately there will be some schedule conflicts.

### **Recruiting**

We have done better at getting new members recently. The five new members this month bring our new member total to 18 over the past six months, after none the previous 4 months. With 207 members, we are edging closer to last year's total of 216, and there are at least 3 potential new members about to join.

5 of the new members are weeknight only players, so having the Monday night league has been successful in multiple ways. Of course, they pay less dues than on average, so we need a few more to close the gap.

Two of this month's new members qualified for our \$25 recruiting bonus that we ran through June. The Board is re-evaluating this and other recruiting efforts in the upcoming September meeting. Please share any ideas you have.

## **Moffett Field Update**

There have been rumors about Moffett field being torn down for several years now. However, with all the building Google is undertaking around Moffett, it looks like the fields may indeed be torn down, about a year from now. Although new fields are supposed to be built, we will not have access to them. These dates have been in flux a bit- we will keep everyone informed as new information arises.

The Board formed a field committee earlier this year, so we can proactively look at options for us to use on Saturdays. Several options have been identified, but as you can imagine, getting fields on Saturdays has lots of competition (BTW, we used to play at Santana and Hamann before we had access to Moffett).

**If anyone has ideas for fields we could look at, please let Jeff Greenberg know. In particular, there are corporate fields that could be made available if you are an employee** (in effect that's how Moffett became available to us).



## **New Business:**

### **Defibrillators**

One of our defibrillators had a dead battery before its due date and the company sent us a new one. We are checking our other defibs as well. We are also looking at holding a training course on using the defibs as the recommended procedures have changed recently. This could be through the Red Cross or a local fire station.

## **Reaching Members That Are Injured/Moved**

Please let a Board member know if you are aware of someone who is injured or moving out of the area. We generally know when this happens but want to make sure that we don't miss anyone and provide any support or recognition that we can.

## **Key Area Updates**

At the last Board meeting, we assigned some overall ownership for key areas of the club to the board members. Other members of the club may be carrying out the execution of these items. As a reminder, these are:

Recruiting: Rob Gelpman  
Social: Mark Loveless  
Shirts/Caps/Balls: Chris Milosevich  
Fields: Mike Friedman  
Election: Brian Adams  
Website: John Cawley

If there are any actions, these will be presented at future board meetings. And, if you have any ideas about these areas, please feel free to reach out to the relevant board member.

## **September Board Meeting**

Our next Board meeting on September 3 at the Santa Clara Senior Center will be the annual meeting open to all members. However, as space is limited, please let Larry Murchison or Jeff Greenberg know if you plan on attending.

Also, we will be launching the 2020 elections at this meeting (no primaries or debates however). If you are interested in running for a board seat or a club officer spot, please let Jeff Greenberg know.

## **Tarps**

The Board approved buying two new tarps for sun protection at Mise and DeAnza.



## **League Commissioner's Reports:**

### **Weeknight League**

The Monday night league continues to be a success, with about 25 people showing up each week, except for the week we cancelled games due to the extreme heat. And as mentioned earlier, we have attracted new members to the club, who hopefully will expand to the other leagues as well. There are still openings to come on out, each Monday at 6pm (be there by 5:45) at Hamann park- the season runs through August.

### **Fun League**

Attendance remains strong, typically in the mid-twenties. And apparently a few players are coming off the DL and doing rehab work with the Fun League!

### **Tuesday/Thursday Leagues**

The new season started last week, although we had a pick-up game on the 4th. We continue with four teams on Tuesday and five teams on Thursday.

## Saturday League

The draft was completed and new teams launched on July 6. We continue with 6 teams.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:56PM, PST. The next meeting will be held September 3.



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