

# Vintage Softball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

### September 3, 2019

#### **Attendees:**

#### **Officers**

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



#### **Directors**

Chris Milosovich  
Brian Adams  
Mike Friedman  
John Cawley  
Rob Gelpman

#### **Commissioners**

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

## President's Comments

The time for 2020 dues is approaching, starting October 1 for the 2020 season. Our dues will remain the same at \$50 for Fun or Weeknight League only, \$100 if you play in only one of the Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday leagues and \$125 if you are in 2+ of these leagues.

It's also time for our 2020 election season. Expect ballots to be sent out in the next couple weeks for you to nominate board members and officers, with final voting taking place in October.

## New Members

The club would like to welcome new members **Chris Theroux, Troy Bambino, John Batinick, and Lindy Hayes**. Have fun and stay injury-free!

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

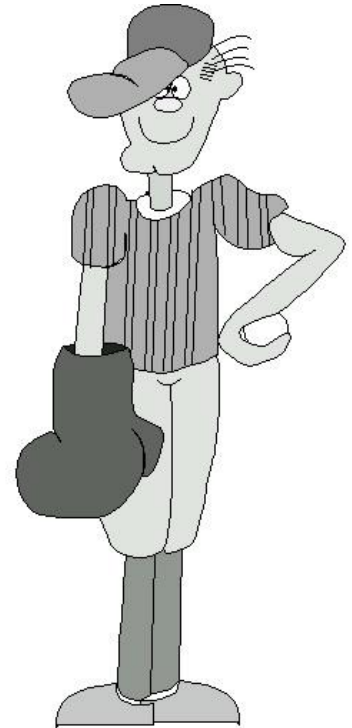
## Treasurer's Report:

With one month left in our fiscal year ending September 30, we are running nearly \$3000 ahead of the budget, although we expect this will come down to around \$1700 after the September expenses come in. We are about \$1000 below our revenue forecast, but our lower than expected field costs more than offset this shortfall. The treasurer's report was approved.

## Rules Committee Report

Once again, the pitching screen was a major topic of discussion. The rules committee will convene to discuss further and present clearer rules.

And to re-confirm, an infielder can throw a batter/runner out at first from the grass if the fielder was in the infield before fielding the ball on the grass.



Any one of the infielders is eligible to become an outfielder. There must always be four infielders at all times. (Six if you count the pitcher/catcher).



## **Old Business:**

### **One Pitch Tourney**

The one-pitch tournament was again a big-success this year! We had 8 teams, with nice participation from all the leagues and a few new-to-the-club players. And the picnic was very well attended- having a plus-one for free didn't hurt!

Thanks to Ric Ferras for organizing and running the event, and to Jack Boniface (and Ric) for umpiring the games.

The board discussed how to take full advantage of the interest in the one-pitch tournament, including using it as a more effective recruiting tool for the club. We debated holding multiple tournaments a year, but to keep it fresh and unique, we decided to continue with one per year. However, to avoid conflicts with tournament season, we will schedule the next one for March or April, and publicize it early enough so outside teams can plan to be there as well.

### **Recruiting**

We are ending the year with almost the same number of players as last year- we are down about 3 in total, with 22 new players added so far in 2019. However, our revenue from dues is down \$1000 as about 5 of those new players are weeknight only (which is great in that our weeknight league has attracted new members, but at \$50 they pay less than the average player). Similarly, we had a major shift of people playing in only one league as opposed to two or more, so they also paid less.

As a result, the Board remains interested in how to enhance our recruiting efforts. Beyond the tournament, Rob Gelpman has created a flyer that we will distribute at various locations. Chris Milosevich has partnered with several police and firefighter unions, getting them to distribute our flyer/information to their members and retirees.

We discussed recruiting Redwood City club players, as they play no Saturday games during the summer. Rob and Mark will follow up.

## **Moffett Field Update**

August 2020 remains the date we will likely lose Moffett access. We are working with the city of San Jose, and other localities, to secure alternative fields for Saturdays. Please let us know if you have any other ideas/options.



## **New Business:**

### **2020 Elections/Awards**

Our election season is about to start! Nominating ballots will be distributed later this month, with the final ballots being in October. A couple announcements:

Larry Murchison, after a storied career in the League, is resigning as our Secretary. Larry, who has won all the awards- Lifetime Achievement, Armen Parseghian and Sportsmanship- while also being President and Secretary of the club, received a well-deserved round of applause from the Board for his outstanding contributions to making Vintage what it is today. Thanks Larry!

John Cawley, having moved to Manteca after a couple years on the Board, will not run for a board seat. Thanks to John for his Board contributions and still driving out to our meetings from Manteca!

Otherwise, the elections will be conducted similar to last years. Anyone interested in running for a position as an Officer or the Board can be nominated in the September ballot, and anyone receiving at least 5 nominations will appear on the final ballot in October. Candidates for the Sportsmanship and Armen awards will be predetermined by the board in conjunction with input from the commissioners/managers/assistant managers. Mark Loveless, Tom Simpson and Brian Adams are on the committee to determine the nominees and make recommendations to the Board. The Armen award vote will be club wide while there will be two Sportsmanship awards- one for the Fun League and one for the Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday leagues. Final results will be announced at the next Board meeting on October 29.

## **2020 Budget**

The 2020 budget was presented and approved. The highlights include assuming that revenue from dues will be the same as in 2019, with some extra funding for recruiting and to cover needed alternatives to Moffett next August. Note however, the Board decided not to explicitly budget for any major changes due to the Moffett field situation as they are unknown at this time. We will revisit that as needed during the year. Overall, the budget has us spending \$1300 more than we receive in 2020, after making approximately \$1700 in 2019.

## **Holiday Party**

We plan on holding this year's Holiday party in early December. Last year's event at Little Lou's BBQ was more moderately priced and attendance was back to levels of previous years. We will look to go back there or to a similarly priced place- let the Board know if you have any suggestions.

## **Key Area Updates**

A first round of new hats has been received. A motion was made and approved to buy more hats. Currently, we have enough shirts.

## **Tarps**

The need for a dugout cover at the home side at Mise was discussed. We will talk to San Jose Rec about getting permanent tarps installed.

Otherwise, Larry Murchison has a really nice cover that was used when the Fun League played at Santa Clara. It comes complete with ball bungees at all holes.

## **Red Cross**

The Board discussed ways to have Red Cross CPR training made available to the club, and will explore alternatives.



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

### **Weeknight League**

The Monday night league ended on August 26 and was a major success. We had between 20 and 25 players each week, across all our leagues and even added 5 new members to the club. Kudos to commissioner Blain Thomas, whose organizing skills and humor ensured the success of Monday nights. Also, thanks to managers Peter Haight, Steve Maranon and Bob LeFevre, to Dennis Maston for setting up the fields and organizing batting practice, and to Tom Simpson for being Blain's right-hand man.

## Fun League

Attendance remains strong, typically in the mid-twenties. The league is now playing at De Anza Park.

## Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

With numerous injuries both Tuesday and Thursday Leagues have needed "Bucket Players" just about every day. If you cannot make the game, please let your coaches know, so we can direct the Buckets to the proper field.

## Saturday League

All is OK.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:56PM, PST. The next meeting will be held October 29.



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