

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 2020

Attendees:

Officers:

Jeff Greenberg, President
Mark Loveless, Vice President
Mike Friedman, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer



Directors:

Brian Adams
Chris Milosovich - Absent
Jeff Hacker
Jim Palte
Rob Gelphman

Commissioners:

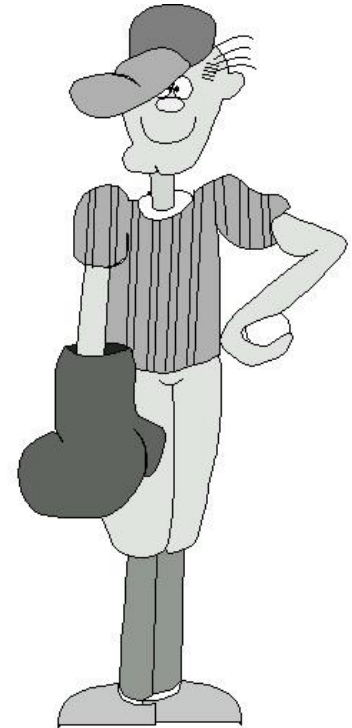
Tom Simpson, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league - Absent
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues - Absent

President's Comments:

Our Monday Night League is starting again on April 6, at newly renovated Hamann Park. Details are later in the email but let us know if you are interested in playing so you can be assigned to a team.

We started to play on the new Arcadia fields by Eastridge Mall in San Jose on Thursday March 5th. The new fields are fantastic, a 4-field softball-only complex with grass and dirt fields. The fields will be getting a lot of use, especially in weekend tournaments, but will hopefully be well maintained given a full-time support crew from the city. A major step up from DeAnza!

Finally, back by popular demand, **we are re-instituting the \$25 new member bonus for new members recruited to play on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays!**



New Members:

WELCOME to new club members **Art Bird, Jeremy Gracey, Bill Johnston, Teresa Biagini, Victor Ramirez and Ruth Frausto.**

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the January 2020 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Overall, our P&L looks good, and we are ahead of budget. Spending on fields is higher than expected as the city of San Jose went back to charging us for 3 hours rather than the 2 they had in 2019. We are below budget on equipment and hats/shirts, but that is mostly a timing issue as we will pay for them over the next 2 months. Cash flow is on track as is our cash balance.

The Board approved the report.

Rules Committee Report:

Nothing Reported



Old Business:

2020 Dues Status: We have 196 members in good standing, 20 less than last year, but we expect to meet/exceed last year's level. We have fifteen players who were 2019 members but have not yet renewed (some who took the winter off and are waiting until the season they are playing in to start; some may no longer be interested). We have another 9 who are injured and expect to renew when they are ready to play. We also have 4 Weeknight only members who have paid for 2020, and expect a couple more.

Moffett Update/Replacement: It appears that we will still be able to use Moffett until September of this year. We have a team that is looking into alternative fields, primarily across Palo Alto and San Jose which are the only financially viable options in the area. A couple fields in Palo Alto have been identified that may be available to us September to January- we won't know for sure until over the summer (we have looked at fields at Cubberley but they will probably not be available to us). The field team is looking into how we will approach the San Jose field bidding process in July to ensure we can secure Saturday fields.

Shirts/Hats: Based on the quality of our recent purchase, we are looking for a new vendor for our hats. From the board, Rob Gelphman is leading this effort.



New Business:

Arcadia Grand Opening: Our club has been invited by the city of San Jose to participate in the grand opening events at the new softball complex on Saturday March 28, 2020. The ceremonies start at 10am, and we have been asked to play some games at the field at 10:45am. Details to be worked out and announced to the club. Location: Arcadia Ballpark, 2208 Quimby Rd, San Jose, CA 95122.

Arcadia vs DeAnza: The city of San Jose has offered us the opportunity to play weekday games at Arcadia through the month of March at no additional cost to help them work through the "hows" of having regular games there. Beginning Thursday March 5th through March 26th, teams that were scheduled to play at DeAnza will play at Arcadia. We will be moving our home plate/strike mat, bases, scoreboard and pitching screen from DeAnza to Arcadia. Long term we expect to play at Arcadia on a regular basis (at least on Thursdays) but have not yet been able to finalize costs. For now, we will continue to play at Mise on Tuesdays, and for one of the games on Thursday. If at some point in the future we add a fourth team on Tuesdays, that second game is also expected to be played at Arcadia.

Weeknight League: Beginning on **Monday April 6, 2020 at 6pm** through August 31st, we will be playing night games at Hamman Park with batting practice starting at 5pm. As we did last year, we will put together 2 teams while encouraging drop-ins. Bob LeFevre, Peter Haight and Steve Maranon have agreed to manage the two teams, including drafting and any trading necessary. Currently we have about 20 people who have signed up to play Monday Nights and more are welcome. Please let Jeff Greenberg know if you want to play - the draft will occur in a couple weeks.

Recruiting/Monthly Dues: Last year we had a trial run of giving members a \$25 reward for recruiting and having a new member joining the club who plays on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays. The response was very positive and the board approved a motion to make the \$25 bonus permanent.



League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League: As of Monday March 2nd, the Fun League has moved back to Hamman. Attendance has been very strong- over the previous four Mondays 32 people showed up; on Wednesdays the number has been about 27-28.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues: Drafts were conducted and 3 teams are playing on Tuesdays (beginning March 3rd) and 5 teams on Thursday (beginning March 5th). If 6-8 Thursday players would either shift or also play on Tuesday, we could field a 4th team.

Saturday League: The result of the recently held draft has 6 teams playing on Saturdays (beginning March 7th).

Weeknight League: Play begins Monday April 6th at 6pm at Hamman.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:53 PM, PST.

The next meeting will be held May 5, 2020.





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