

# Vintage Softball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

### July 7, 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  
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

**Meeting "Called to Order" at 7:33pm**

## **President's Comments:**

We had hoped that the latest announcements from Santa Clara County made subsequent to the Board meeting would have allowed us to begin playing again. We have not received any official ruling but the county's notice regarding recreation and athletics prohibits contact sports, and baseball is considered to be a contact sport. The Board is working with our contacts to see if our modified version of softball can qualify, as there is an exception that allows modified versions of contact sports. We will share any new information as we receive it, and hopefully we will be able to get back on the fields soon.

## **New Members:**

No new members at this time

## **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

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

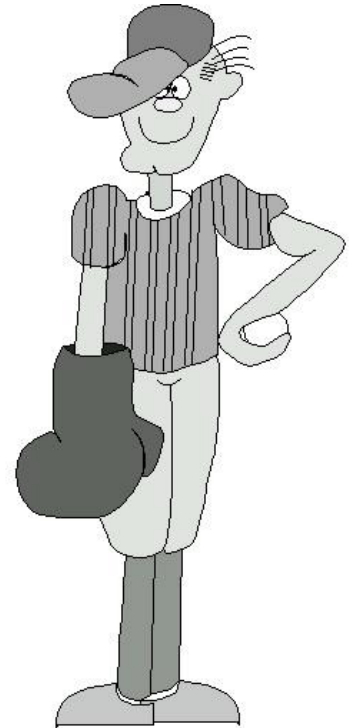
## **Treasurer's Report:**

There has obviously been little to report in terms of expenditures (or revenues) over the past few months. There have been no new field expenses. We expect to get a refund or credit for the Mise and Hamann monies we have paid, although we have not spent any money on Arcadia or DeAnza. We have a \$2000 order for balls that has not yet been paid or picked up. Since there's no Ames softball we've had no expenditure for field prep.

The Board approved the report.

## **Rules Committee Report:**

We are planning on adding a flat base at first to go next to the orange base to provide more distance between the batter running down the line and 1<sup>st</sup> baseman. And one off third base to ensure easier social distancing. These are for the Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday leagues.



## **Old Business:**

### **Shirt/Hat Order**

39 sets of new shirts have been received, all XL and 2XL, in addition to the 25 sets we had on hand. Jack and Lou (commissioners) will be splitting them up, and distributing them as needed. We are looking to place a new hat order but the pricing is significantly higher than we've paid in the past. Rob Gelpman is pursuing competitive offers so we can secure the best pricing for the club.

### **Michael Duggan Fundraiser**

Our club raised over \$14,000 through the Go Fund me page which was presented to Michael's widow and greatly received. This was an excellent response by the club to support a needy family!



## **New Business:**

### **Re-Opening of Games – Team status, Supplies**

We are still waiting for an official word that softball will be allowed in Santa Clara county. The county issued regulations that suggests that outdoor recreation that is non-contact and less than 60 people will be allowed as of July 13, but as of the board meeting any re-opening is not official. However, we are preparing to allow play as soon as allowed, depending on the County's response.

The initial response from across the club is that most members want to return to play. *However, the Board highly recommends that any players concerned about health issues for themselves or their family, hold off on returning- your health is far more important than softball.*

More specifically, Tuesday/Thursday commissioner Jack Boniface reports that for Tuesdays we plan on maintaining the most recent 3 teams, one of which has a bye each week. On Thursdays we probably will go down to four teams- rather than have a draft, Jack as commissioner will reassign players in a balanced approach. Jack will communicate to the Thursday players of any changes once he has received the necessary input from the managers. For Saturdays, we will start with the same 6 teams. For the Fun League, Tom Simpson is reaching out to the league to confirm interest, but it is expected that the games will go on as normal. These plans will be flexible, especially as we see how attendance goes for the first couple weeks. Once we know when we will be playing, new schedules will be distributed.

Whether or not we have a Weeknight league this year will be decided after we know when we can play, the interest level and how many weeks we can play at night. Please let Jeff Greenberg know if you are interested in participating in a shortened weeknight league this summer.

We have acquired wipes and sanitizers to be used at each field, as part of the protocols we established last month. The supplies will likely to be distributed to managers and/or commissioners to ensure that there is coverage at all the fields we use.

### **Fields – Moffett, Others**

We will attempt to use Moffett as long as we can until it is no longer playable or we are locked out. Moffett is waiting for Santa Clara County to OK re-opening. The current field condition at Moffett is decent on Field 1 (THANKS to Dennis Maston!), while Field 2 needs a little work. We will probably ask for players to come out early on the first day back to help with the maintenance.

The Club continues to look at alternatives for Saturday with the most likely scenario being Palo Alto or San Jose (San Jose has the majority of possible fields and both cities have given our club excellent rates compared to the other cities in the area), but we are re-exploring all county cities to see how their field availability may have changed, once they are ready to deal with new reservations. We are also renewing discussions with the city of SJ about having “Dedicated Fields” that we would have priority on scheduling perhaps in exchange for us doing field maintenance.

Once we get the OK from Santa Clara County and the city of San Jose, we will use Mise on Tuesdays. We would like to also use Arcadia on Thursday- however we have not yet received an official price and they tell us they require a two-week lead time to schedule us to play there. So we may use DeAnza for a few weeks if necessary. Hamann will be available for the Fun and Weeknight Leagues.

### **2020 Election Cycle**

The 2020 election cycle will start in September, as regularly scheduled. We will have an election for Board members and Club Officers. However, due to the time missed this season, we have decided not to give out annual awards. Brian Adams will run the overall election process, which will include the first round of nominations in September, then the actual voting in October. If you are interested in being nominated for a position on the Board, please let Brian or Jeff Greenberg know of your interest.



## League Commissioner's Reports:

**Fun League:** Nothing to Report

**Tuesday/Thursday Leagues:** Nothing to Report

**Saturday League:** Nothing to Report

**Weeknight League:** Nothing to Report

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:33 pm, PDT.

The next meeting will be held September 1, 2020.



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