

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting

September 1, 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

Guests:

Bob LeFevre

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

President's Comments:

It's Vintage election time. I know there may be election fatigue out there, but here's your chance to run yourself or nominate someone for the leadership of the Club. Any member of the club in good-standing is eligible, and with five nominations can be placed on the ballot. The nomination phase will start on September 19th, with the final election ballot being emailed on October 15th. Please vote in both rounds and make sure your input into the Club is heard.

New Members:

Welcome back to Tony Clements, who was excited to re-join for whenever we resume play.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

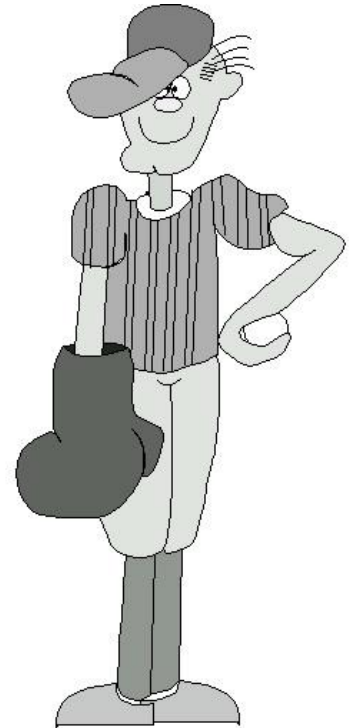
The Board approved the July 7, 2020 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved the report.

Rules Committee Report:

- With no games, there is nothing new to report.



Old Business:

- **Hats Order:** We have placed an order for 100 new hats, expected to be delivered within the next couple of weeks.
- **2021 Election:** The calendar and process were discussed and approved. As usual there will be a two-step election process- first the nominations for Board members and Officers, and then a second round for the actual voting. As was approved at the last Board meeting, given Covid-19 and the absence of any games, there will be no awards given out this year. The key election dates are:

September 19 - October 2: ballots will be sent to all current members to solicit their nominations to Board and officer positions, who have two weeks to return their ballots.

October 6: all qualified nominees, having received at least 5 nomination votes and being willing to serve, will be placed on the election ballot.

October 15 -29: election ballots will be distributed and members will have two weeks to place their votes.

November 10: election results will be announced at the November Board Meeting.

All officers and directors have agreed to run again with the exception of Brian Adams, whose work schedule is too demanding. The board would like to thank Brian for his service!

Tom Simpson, after over 5 years as Commissioner of the Fun League, also announced his resignation. Fun Leaguers, please let any Board member know if your interest in taking over for Tom. The Board wishes to thank Tom for his leadership of the Fun League and active participation on the Board!

- **Re-Opening Status:** There is no new news to report on any re-opening of the league. After the county of Santa Clara posted their latest guidelines for sporting activities, softball was classified as a contact sport and organized games were not allowed. We appealed to the county, describing how normal Vintage rules plus adaptations for Covid-19 would create a contactless environment, but our request for an exemption was denied. We will keep you informed if/when the status changes.



New Business:

- **Field Discussions with San Jose Parks and Rec:** we have been looking for options for create a “home field” for us on Saturdays, by partnering with the Parks and Rec department, taking on some maintenance tasks in exchange for having priority access to the fields. While we have had these discussions a few times over the years, there are new people running the Parks department, and Vintage’s Bob LeFevre volunteered to step in and lead our conversations with them.

The city is open to establishing such a partnership at Columbus Park, in exchange for us dealing with the current gopher problem, and would commit to immediately improve the current fields and deal with the homeless situation in the area (much of which has already been resolved). San Jose intends to demolish and re-do the park completely but that is not scheduled for at least 4 years, and we would continue to have priority access once the park re-opens.

Obviously, there are still some major unknowns as to how we would secure the guarantees we would require before investing in Columbus ourselves. The Board felt that being able to secure the same fields for Saturday was a high priority, however, and authorized Bob to continue his discussions and get the details regarding the ongoing maintenance, the homeless situation and a long-term guarantee for our access.

Simultaneously, Tim Town is working with San Jose to secure alternate Saturday sites (we think DeAnza may potentially be available), so we have options as even if we work out a home field agreement, we will need alternative sites while Columbus is being refurbished. All bidding for fields remains on hold across Santa Clara County- we will also look into other alternative sites including in Palo Alto and Milpitas once field sign-ups has resumed.

- **2021 Dues:** The board Approved a motion to not charge new dues in 2021 to any club member who paid dues in 2020 (unless they increase to their participation to a higher dues level). Given that we have only played for 2 ½ months this year, the Board felt this was the simplest and fairest approach to 2021.
- **2021 Budget:** Since we do not know when we will resume playing and incurring costs, we cannot create a realistic 2021 budget at this time. In lieu of a formal budget, the Board authorized spending up to \$3000 (for upcoming expenses including insurance and new caps) through December 31. Once we know we are resuming playing, a formal budget will be created.
- **Next Meeting Date:** will be moved to November 10, 2020. This is a week later than normal but due to the other election on November 3rd, the board approved the date change.



League Commissioner's Reports:

Nothing to Report

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:31 PM, PST.

The next meeting will be held November 10, 2020 (NOTE: That would be the SECOND Tuesday of the month rather than the first)





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