

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting

July 06, 2021 7:30 pm PST



Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31pm

Attendees:

Officers:

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

Directors:

Chris Milosovich
Jeff Hacker
Jim Palte
Kent Gaynor
Rob Gelphman

Commissioners:

John Leong, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

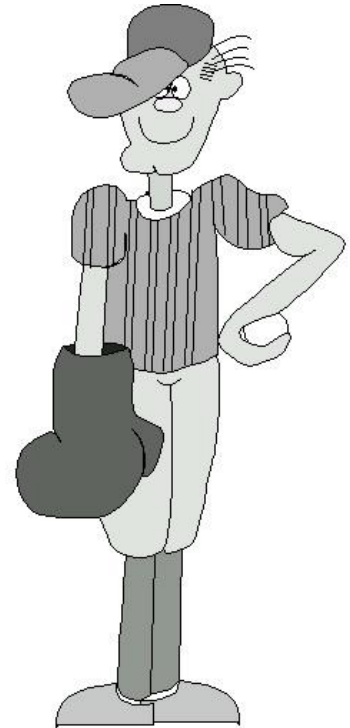
President's Comments:

We were saddened to hear the news about the passing of Emily Chow. Bob Bilikas and family have organized a Celebration of Life for Emily, that will be held July 17, between 2 and 6pm in Mountain View. The details will be attached to the Board Minutes email.

Several of our members have generously donated to the club. We would like to thank Tony Clements, Irv Ozawa and Steve Pirota for their contributions.

I want to remind the club that our main purpose is to have a good time playing softball. **Our motto is to have fun, play fair and be safe, not win at all costs.**

Since we have resumed play, there has been an unusually high level of arguing- I had hoped we would be so excited to play that the bickering would have been reduced. *So, let's tone it down, show good sportsmanship and just enjoy being able to play again!*



New Members:

WELCOME to our new club members: **Billy Fisher, Dave McKenna, Gary Akerson, Kathy Colin, Pete Diaz, Mike McDonald, Roger Villegas and Scott Rogers**

We are thrilled to have you in the club! This makes it 33 new members since we re-started play.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the May 2021 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

We're about \$300 ahead in revenue due to the number of new players. Our expenses are \$4000 below budget, but most of this is timing on when field bills will be paid.

We have a new, unused pitching screen that will be put at Starbird and we will purchase two more to replace aging screens.

The Board approved the Treasurer's report.

Rules Committee Report:

1. **Situation: Runners on 1B and 3B with one out.** Fly ball is caught by an outfielder; the runner on 3B tags up and scores. The runner on 1B leaves the bag, thinking that the ball might not be caught, and does not get back to 1B before the throw from the OF beats him to 1B.

Question: Does the run count? Yes, if the runner from 3B scored before the force out at 1B. This is considered a "Timing Play". The run would NOT count if the runner from 3B had not yet scored by the time the force out occurred at 1B.

2. **Situation: A fielder makes a running catch of a fly ball, but the ball is jarred loose when the fielder hits the ground.** This is NOT a putout unless the fielder holds on to the ball throughout the dive or slide. If the fielder, however, juggles the ball while attempting to make a throw after the catch it is a judgment call by the umpire(s).

3. **Situation: Another Infield Fly discussion.** An "Infield Fly" should only be called when an infielder can make the catch with an ordinary effort. This is a judgement call by the umpire(s), in our case the catcher and base coaches. An infielder playing near the OF grass may not be able, in many cases, to get to the infield pop-up. If there is a discussion, let the coaches of the teams get together and make the right call before the first pitch to the next batter.

4. **Situation:** The third baseman fields a ground ball, but throws wildly to 1B, to the home plate side of 1B. The first baseman fields the errant throw, and to avoid a collision with the runner, can only reach the orange portion of the double bag. The runner, also to avoid a collision, cannot step on the orange bag, so he steps on the white bag.

Question: Is the runner "safe" or "out"? Answer: In this case, in order to avoid a collision, the runner and the first baseman can touch either bag. If the runner beats the first baseman to 1B, he is safe. This is a judgement call by the umpire(s)...in our case the 1B coach and the catcher may collaborate in this discussion. If discussions continue, get the coaches involved.

5. **Situation: The batter and the catcher disagree on whether the pitch was a "ball" or a "strike".** Answer: The catcher makes the call and we live with it. There should be no further discussion.



Old Business:

- **Arcadia/Mise:** Arcadia is finally re-opening! They will be having an official Grand Opening on July 17th, and we have been invited to play one of our Saturday doubleheaders, details (teams, etc) to be announced. We have applied to begin playing at Arcadia on Tuesdays and Thursdays as of July 20th ... look for a formal announcement on that. We will return to Mise for Tuesday and Thursday games starting August 3rd. Our plan is to be able to use Arcadia and Mise on Tuesdays and Thursdays on an ongoing basis, upon approval from San Jose.



New Business:

- **Future Fields/Dues Implications:** With Arcadia/Mise presumably lined up for Tuesday/Thursday and Hamann for the Fun League, the major field issue is for Saturdays. We have played on Saturdays recently at Starbird in San Jose and Greer in Palo Alto, which represent our best options at this point. Feedback was evenly split between the San Jose and Palo Alto fields, and given Palo Alto being 7 times more expensive plus some players feeling it was too far to drive (despite being only 5 minutes further than Moffett), we are planning to select one of the San Jose fields.

The reservation process is just starting with San Jose for the September-February period. Unlike mid-week, there is a lot of competition for Saturday fields with youth baseball and soccer, so we are not sure how this will work out. We are applying across 5 fields from which we hope we get at least one (we would still like to have two fields for the morning games, but cannot guarantee this). And the fields will be the grass/dirt fields as the few high-end fields are either not available (Arcadia- tournaments) or prohibitively expensive even if we could get them (Mise would cause dues to increase by at least \$200). Nicer fields in other cities are even more expensive.

As the field situation going forward is still fluid, we are most likely to keep dues the same for 2022 until we have a better handle on the situation. Moving to Arcadia during the week will increase our field costs, offset by the San Jose fields being less expensive. But this could change, for instance, if we end up back in Palo Alto. A final decision will be made at the September Board meeting.

- **Elections:** We will have our normal officers and board election in the September/October time frame. **We need someone to run the survey part of the election process. Also, anyone interested in being on the board as an officer or director please contact any board member to show your interest, as there will be openings.** The board decided to not have awards again this year but expect to return to having them in 2022.
- **September Meeting:** Due to some outside conflicts the September meeting will be held on MONDAY September 13, 2021 rather than Tuesday 9/7.
- **Venmo for Payments:** There was a discussion about the possibility of using VENMO for dues payments because of an increase in costs using PayPal but it was determined further investigation into the viability of that needs to be done.
- **Hat Order:** we will make a small order of hats to cover all the new players.



League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League: The Fun League says THANKS for the donation of T-shirts. Some equipment was taken from Hamann for Saturday but not returned in a timely manner. This matter has been addressed with the Saturday League.

NOTE: Some items in the shed at Hamman are "private property" and NOT owned by the club.

Games have been well attended, frequently with 24-26 people. Typically, about 18 playing both games and 6-8 playing either just the first game or just the second game.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues: Upcoming draft to be held on Thursday 7/22/21. If you are not playing on Tuesday or Thursday and would like to, please let Jack Boniface know.

Saturday League: Upcoming draft to be held on Saturday 7/24/21. If you are not playing on Saturdays and would like to, please let Lou Silver know.

Weeknight League: After a strong start, and with over 30 people interested in playing on Monday nights, the attendance has dwindling over time so that having enough players for a game has been very difficult. As a result, the heads of the league had decided to end the Monday Night League for this year. We will revisit the weeknight league next year.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:13 pm, PST.

The next meeting will be held MONDAY September 13, 2021.



Please visit our web site at: <http://www.vintagesoftball.org>

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