

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting, September 1, 2015

Attendees:

Officers

Mark Loveless, President
Mike Friedman, Director, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Jeff Greenberg
Lester Sutherland
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

Guests - Charlie Carinalli

New Vintage Softball Members:

Although there are no new members to report this month we can welcome Rich Pimentel back from the injured list.

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President's Comments:

Planning and preparation for the annual Holiday Party is underway. In addition to enjoying good food, drink and company, there will be the announcement of our annual awards, entertainment, dancing and a raffle. Raffle prizes will include sporting event tickets, gift certificates, softball bats and equipment and other items. We are looking for donations of items such as sports bags, sporting photos and memorabilia, etc. Please consider donating those old bobble heads, unused jackets and autographed balls that are sitting in your garage.

We are now in the last month of our fiscal year. The Club remains in outstanding financial condition with more cash on hand than we had at the beginning of the year. Our financial records have been migrated to a new software based accounting system and all expenditures are closely monitored by the board.

We will begin collecting dues for 2016 next month through December. As a reminder, the dues will be \$125 if you play in more than one league (excluding Fun League) and \$100 if you are playing in only one league. Fun League only dues will remain at \$50.

Lastly, as I previously have mentioned, we are rewriting our Club's bylaws to comply with state requirements. You will soon be asked to vote for their approval at the same time you will be voting on our Club elections and awards.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the August Board minutes which are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Club is at 89% of budget on Club dues, over budget on field reservation costs and under budget on our operating expenses. Our year to date net income is ahead of what we had budgeted. Our cash position remains strong and our other expenditures are in line with expectations.

We are beginning our fiscal year 2016 budgeting process and expect that total income will increase slightly as will our field costs. No other significant changes in Club expenses are anticipated.

Rules Committee Updates:

The committee wants to remind you that stepping out of the batter's box is against the rules. Though a batter's box may not be chalked an obvious violation of this rule may result in you being called out.

Old Business:

Field Issues: Balls, waivers, pinch runners, etc.

There have been several complaints relating to the cover of the Baden balls tearing or being nicked after minimal use. Should you have a new ball with excessive damage occurring in the early innings take it out of play and give it to the manager. The Club may be able to turn it in for credit.

All players must sign a waiver before playing. If a prospective member comes to play he/she must sign the waiver. The managers are responsible for making sure this waiver is obtained. This is necessary for insurance and liability purposes.

Our rules state that a pinch runner may pinch run only once an inning. They also state that if the pinch runner is on base when their at-bat occurs then he/she will be out. Any or both of these rules may be waived if the managers agree to it; however, it is not recommended you waive the "once an inning" rule for obvious reasons.

Corporate Matters: bylaws, compliance

The bylaws are in final draft and should be approved by the board of directors at our next meeting. At that time we will distribute them to the membership so that they may vote on them during October. We will highlight major changes and summarize them as well. These changes will not affect the way the Club is operated but are needed to comply with state regulations.

Upcoming Social Events

Ginger Baden has graciously volunteered to help organize the party. We are looking at having door prizes and a raffle. If you have items to donate for the raffle it would be gratefully appreciated. The party will be held at Flames Eatery and Bar in downtown San Jose at 4th St. and San Fernando on **November 14**. Free validated parking is available in the garage above the restaurant. We have a large private room with our own bartender and a meal of New York steak, salmon, chicken or pasta, with a salad, vegetables, dessert and coffee. Light appetizers will be provided during the happy hour. Outstanding entertainment and music will also be provided. The \$40 cost per person will cover all of this plus a free raffle ticket. Make sure you save this date.

Details of the party and sign up forms are available on our website www.seniorsoftballsanjose.com . We will also set up a link to pay by PayPal for your convenience and will begin accepting sign-ups immediately. This is always a fun time and great opportunity to visit with your club members and their spouses.

New Business:

2016 Election Process

The annual election process is beginning. Charlie Carinalli will again organize and run the election and reviewed the process and the timing with the board. Now is a good time to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the Sportsmanship and Parseghian Awards. During this election period you will also be asked to read and approve changes to our bylaws. The new officers, board members and the award winners will be announced at our Holiday Party.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The Fun League had 38 folks show up to play softball on Monday of last week. Attendance remains strong on both playing days. Remember, batting practice ends and the game begins promptly at 9:15am.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

There are no major issues to report.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

There continues to be a need for bucket players on most Saturdays during tournament season. We will do our best to accommodate all bucket players who come out. Additionally, we will not have access to Moffett Field on September 19. We are looking for alternative fields and are trying to obtain two fields with play beginning at noon. We will combine teams on that day with the four 9:00am teams combining to form two teams and the four 11:45am teams also combining to form two teams. We will inform you once the fields are reserved.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:58 PM, PDT. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on October 6th at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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