

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors

Meeting April 5th, 2016

Attendees:

Officers

Mark Loveless, President - Absent
Jeff Greenberg, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman
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

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome new members Patrick O'Meara for the Fun League and Mike Daleiden for the Saturday League.

Vice President's Comments:

We are excited to announce that our updated website is going live this weekend- check it out! A fresh, clean new look, easy to navigate and find items, and updated pictures with our current players, uniforms and fields. Much thanks to Allen Baden for leading the effort on the new website, and to Ric Ferras and Larry Murchison for submitting the updated pictures. **Please provide us with any comments and feedback on the new site, as it will be frequently updated/improved.**

We are also involved with the relevant departments and committees looking at how to fund the Parks & Rec budget in general, and the development of the new softball fields in the Evergreen area. There is an upcoming meeting on April 11 at the San Jose City Council that we are planning to attend, as well as meetings being scheduled with managers in the Parks & Rec Department. Anyone interested in helping steer the outcomes to be more favorable for Vintage please let Mark or me know.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented to the board and approved. Due to authorizing extra expenditures to purchase defibrillators, we are about \$500 over budget in expenses, but still maintain a healthy cash position. In addition, Don Shrank is in the process of changing our PayPal and banking accounts to Wells Fargo.

Rules Committee Report:

The committee did not meet but the following information is presented as a reminder of the SSUSA interpretation in Rule 8.9 regarding home plate encounters:

“Collisions at home plate should be avoided at all times. If the catcher reaches for a throw and still has a foot touching anywhere on the home plate mat, the runner is called out if he touches the catcher in any manner.”

8.9 • RETIRING RUNNER AT HOME

8.9(1) • NON-FORCE SITUATION:

A base runner may be retired at the strike mat in a non-force situation. The defensive player must have possession of the ball while touching any portion of the strike mat after the runner has passed the commitment line, but does not yet have a foot down on or down past the scoring line or down on the scoring plate.

8.9(2) • CROSSING OR TOUCHING STRIKE MAT OR BATTER'S BOX

The runner shall also be called out if he touches or crosses over any portion of the strike mat or the batter's box. The ball remains live.

8.10 • SCORING LINE AND SCORING PLATE

A base runner's foot down on or down past the scoring line or down on the scoring plate prior to the ball being received by a defensive player touching the strike mat results in the scoring of a run.

Old Business:

Website demo

Allen Baden presented a demo of the completed version of our updated website. Check it out, and give us your feedback!

San Jose Giants Event

This fun annual event has been officially scheduled for **Sunday July 10, 2016**. It is a 5:00pm start and we will again be on the VIP deck. The ticket price of \$50 will cover

the cost of the ticket, access to the deck, a Bar-B-Que dinner, and two alcoholic or non- alcoholic beverages. It is a great place to spend some time with your Club members and enjoy a summer night. Bring your spouse and guests. Ticket price for kids is \$30. Last year we had 85 who attended and all had a good time. Tickets will be available on the website shortly, or by providing a check to your manager, commissioner or any Board member.

Tax e-filing w/state and federal

Forms have been filed and we are good to go.

Safety - Defibrillator batteries and first aid kits

Thanks to Barry Schimmel, defibrillators and first aid kits have been distributed to all fields. Also distributed are insulated bags to keep them in.

Gopher situation at Moffett

Some progress has been made in controlling the gophers at Moffett. Bob Bilikas has also recently become licensed to deal with this, and will be personally involved in helping fix the situation going forward. Thanks Bob!

New Business:

New Sign-ups for 2016

We have at this writing 191 members have signed up for the 2016 season. We are adding about one a month so far this year.

Publicity

We are looking to generate new publicity for the club, in an effort to help recruitment. We have a lead to generate an article at the Mercury News, but if you have other leads for us, ideas on what would make a compelling story, or just want to be involved, please let a Board member know.

Vintage socks

We didn't meet the minimum requirement of 30 pairs of each style, but Mark Loveless ordered 30 pairs of white socks and will sell them to those who ordered white. Mark will have about 15 pairs left that are still available to be purchased.

Field Chalk - purchases, distribution, storage

We got a good deal on the purchase of field-lining chalk, winning a bid thanks to the efforts of Bob LeFevre. The bags are presently stored at Moffett but can be distributed to where ever they are needed.

Upcoming 4/11 San Jose City Council Meeting on Parks & Rec Programs and Challenges in light of poor General Fund Support

We are attending an important meeting regarding San Jose Parks and Rec, before the City Council, on Monday, April 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. While short notice, feel free to attend if you can. The primary

purpose is for the Mayor and City Council to have an opportunity to discuss, review, and gain insight into the Parks and Recreation Department's strategies. Issues we want to discuss include: describing the conditions of San Jose fields, asking about the City-wide Sports Programs, the time it is taking to realize the Softball complexes of Measure P, and whether the City is considering getting rid of Columbus Fields to make way for Earthquakes Academy soccer fields. Plus, senior players need restrooms conveniently located to the fields! Thanks to Pat Pizzo for his efforts in working with the city.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The weather has improved and more players are showing up. Almost too many.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

Attendance has been way up this early spring season, and if we could get 6-8 **Thursday** players to join our **Tuesday League**, we could expand to 4 teams- meaning no BYES on Tuesday. Our attendance is about 70%, roughly 8% better than before. Please consider joining us on TUESDAY, or bring some friends who may want to play ball with us.

Saturday League

Sometimes when teams need to be combined and there is an obvious imbalance in skill, it is our intent that the managers should readjust to try to make the teams more equitable. Also, Lou reinforced the notion that any inning which begins after 11:25 shall be an open inning and that no inning may begin after 11:35.

The draft for the upcoming season will be held on Saturday, April 16th at 3:30pm.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:58 PM, PDT.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on May 3rd at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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