

**Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors  
And General Membership  
Meeting June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Attendees:**

**Officers**

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

**Directors**

Barry Schimmel  
Jim Callan  
Mike Friedman  
Lester Sutherland  
Bob LeFevre

**Commissioners**

Tom Simpson, Fun league  
Lou Silver, Saturday league  
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

**General Counsel**

Allen Baden

**New Vintage Softball Members:**

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome Rob Cisneros and John Lorette. Have fun and be careful. New members should ensure that we have all their contact information when they submit their application. Also, if you have moved, obtained a new phone number or email address, please let us know.

**President's Comments:**

Since the beginning of the year we have added a fourth Tuesday team and now we are adding a sixth Thursday team. On Thursdays we will continue to play at DeAnza and Mise and now will likely add Butcher as our third field. As of now both Butcher and Santana are in good shape with real grass growing in the outfield. We will monitor their conditions over the summer so that we

can have good fields to play on.

Sign-ups for the July 10 San Jose Giants game are going strong. This will be a fun evening to spend with your family and Vintage friends. Tickets are still available and may be purchased via PayPal or mailing a check to our PO Box. The price includes admission to the park and VIP deck, bar-b-que dinner, two drinks and a Madison Bumgarner bobblehead. See the flyer and other information at [www.vintagesoftball.org](http://www.vintagesoftball.org)

Planning for the summer bar-b-que is underway and will be held at Moffett Field after play on September 3. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

We have reserved a private room at Flames Eatery and Bar in downtown San Jose for Friday, November 11 for our annual Holiday Party. This was a popular spot last year so we have decided to return this year. We will have a raffle, entertainment, dancing and a good time just as we did last year.

Lastly, we have had issues with soccer players interfering with our play at Mise Field on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Club rents the ENTIRE field but we generally allow others on the field if they stay far away from our field of play. With school out we have seen more players out and some can be a bit arrogant and disrespectful. I have notified city personnel so they are aware of the problem. Do not let their attitude or remarks lead to any altercation. This would not be good for you individually or for the Club. We need to remain good citizens and do nothing that might jeopardize our relationship with the Parks and Recreation department and our right to use the field.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

The Board approved the May 2016 Board meeting minutes which are posted on our website.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasure's report was presented and approved. Through the first eight months of our fiscal year we have slightly exceeded our revenue budget due to additional memberships. Our expenses are greater than budgeted due to our purchase of defibrillators, the new website and other unanticipated field expenditures. We expect to end the year at break even or with a slight net income.

## **Rules Committee Report:**

Plays on the bases should be called by either the first or third base umpire depending on where the play is made. For example, if the 1B coach/umpire does not see the play at the plate or at 1B it is as if there was no 1B coach/umpire so the safe or out call should be made by the pitcher. Similarly, if the 3B coach/umpire does not see the play at 2B or 3B then the safe or out call should also be made by the pitcher.

An infielder cannot intentionally let a batted ball fall to the ground that he or she could have caught with normal effort in an attempt to get a double play. According to the SSUSA rules, which we defer to in the absence of a Vintage rule, "If a fielder intentionally drops, or lets drop, a fair fly ball, including a line drive that can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort with first base only, or first base and any other base(s) occupied, with less than two outs, only one recorded out may be made on the play. This is an umpire's judgment call."

If a player crosses the commit line on his way to home and is tagged he is safe. A fielder may only tag the runner before he crosses the line.

## **Old Business:**

### **Public Service Announcement (PSA)**

Gopher Harris has been working on the PSA and is about 75% finished. He still has some filming, interviewing and editing to complete before it is ready to be released.

### **Social Activities (Bar-B-Que/SJ Giants, Holiday Party)**

The bar-b-que is scheduled for September 3 and will be managed by Lionel Gill with Jack Boniface as his assistant. If you would like to help in this fun event please contact Lionel. The Night at the San Jose Giants is on Sunday, July 10. Please sign up on our website or contact Mark Loveless. Also, reserve November 11 for our annual Holiday Party at Flames in downtown San Jose.

### **Moffett Update**

We have terminated our contract with our pest control company as Bob Bilikas is now licensed to do exterminator work. Please make sure you congratulate

and thank Bob for all the work he does at Moffett on behalf of Vintage.

## **New Business:**

### **Game with the San Jose Parks and Recreation Department**

A good time was experienced by both teams at our game on June 6. About 15 Vintage players showed up and managed to beat the Parks & Rec team in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. The park's little nine-year old girl had seven strikes but no one cared.

### **Publicity/Press Release**

The Vintage press release was sent out during the last week of May. Many thanks to Larry Kubo who authored the release and managed its distribution. The release has generated hundreds of "hits", has appeared in both the Rose Garden and Willow Glen papers, and has resulted in several inquiries about our Club.

### **Mise Dugout Issue**

The first base dugout sits directly in the sun with no shade. We have asked the city to either install a tarp or to allow us to purchase one and install it ourselves. We have not yet heard their reply.

### **New order for Vintage shirts and caps**

We are needing to order new shirts and caps and are investigating potential vendors. With our new logo we will need to pay more for the clothing as our logo has more colors and complexities than our old one. Bob LeFevre is reviewing options and proposals and we will make selections of styles and vendors within the next few weeks.

## **League Commissioner's Reports:**

### **FUN LEAGUE**

The league continues to have a strong showing of around 26-30 each Monday and Wednesday.

Ed Lo has returned for a temporary reunion with his old team mates and played a little to see how he feels. Ed has been recovering from an illness for almost a year.

Mike McDonnell has resigned as a co-commissioner of the Fun League.

Thank you Mike for all of your efforts this past year.

## **TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES**

There are now four teams on Tuesday and now a sixth team will be added to the Thursday league starting in July. Three fields will now be needed for the Thursday League. Butcher and Santana have been suggested but Butcher was the favorite of the managers. The draft for both leagues will be on June 23, following the games.

## **Saturday League**

During tournament season Saturday teams are severely impacted by absent tournament players. When a local tournament is held it generally requires a combining of teams but also can be an opportunity to play up to four games for those so inclined. The Saturday league is doing well with no major issues.

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

Note: The Vintage Softball Club web site is up and running. Go to:  
**<http://www.vintagesoftball.org/>**  
Look at the pictures, you might find yourself in full swing. Page 1.

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on July 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.**



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

