

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, July 5th, 2016

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman
Lester Sutherland - Absent
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 Bruce Hawley and Tom DiMaggio as new members. 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:

Our second annual "Night at the San Jose Giants" occurred on Sunday evening. It was a very pleasant evening and we saw the Giants squeak by the Stockton Ports in the bottom of the 9th for a one run victory. Larry Murchison started the game by throwing out the first pitch. Vintage members and their families participated in the "Chip Shot", "Musical Chairs", "Money Ball", and "Race the Mascot" promos. Also, we left with a full stomach, good memories, and a Madison Bumgarner bobble head. A fun event and hopefully we walked away with some pointers on how to play this game.

As you have probably heard, Vintage lost a good friend and Club member earlier this month. Mike Martello was a long time member, great player and friend. Mike played softball for most of his life and was passionate for the game. He was diagnosed with Stage 4 esophageal and gastric cancer about two months ago. We will miss Mike's friendship and great attitude and offer our sincere condolences to his family.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the June Board of Director meeting minutes which are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved. Our financial condition remains strong and we anticipate ending up our fiscal year at a break even or slight net income position. Our cash reserves are high enough to meet all our budgeted expenses and any unanticipated expenditures.

Rules Committee Report:

Situation: Bases loaded, one out, batter hits an inside-the-park home run. Runner from 3B scores, runner on 2B touches home plate while scoring, the runner on 1B and the batter both score.

Result: The runner who touched home plate is declared "out", but everything that happens after this situation continues. This is considered a "live ball out", and other runners can still be put out on the bases. If the runner who touched home plate had been the third out, all subsequent runs would have been negated.

Old Business:

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

The PSA is completed and has been released and will begin airing on certain television stations. Many thanks to Gopher Harris for putting it together and for its distribution.

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. If you would like to assist in organizing or cooking at this fun event please contact Lionel. The Night at the San Jose Giants was held on Sunday, July 10. The Holiday Party is November 11 at the Flames in downtown San Jose, which is where the party was held in 2015.

Field Update

Moffett: There is room for improvement related to our use and care of these fields and the facilities. Remember that we are playing as guests and must act accordingly. This includes parking in authorized spaces, warming up in designated places, picking up your trash such as wrappers, cigarette butts, orange and banana peels, not hitting balls against the fences, and just being respectful of all property at the facility. There is a lot of change at Moffett and we need to ensure that we do nothing that might negatively impact our Club and our use of the fields.

Mise: No sunflower seeds, peanuts or chewing gum are allowed. The city is giving us a reduced rate to use this field and we do not want to damage our relationship. Also, we will continue to encounter other groups wanting to use the field during our time period. This will continue throughout the summer. We have the use of the entire field so politely let these other groups know that we will be finished by 1:00pm. We also have allowed them to use the far corners of the field if it does not interfere with our play.

Butcher and Santana: A storage box has been moved to Butcher and is filled with all the gear needed for play on Thursdays. Santana has a new box donated by David Lee. At this time we use Santana as a batting practice field.

All of our fields (except Santana) have an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in the storage box. You may familiarize yourself with their operation by reviewing the video on our website. We have not purchase an AED for Santana as it is a BP field only with limited use and because there is a fire station next to the park with emergency responders in house.

Shirts and Caps

We are looking at new vendors to supply our new shirts and caps. The new Vintage logo has multiple colors which increases the cost so we are obtaining bids from various suppliers. We expect to find a supplier and start ordering new clothing during this quarter.

New Business:

Press Release Coverage

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 the Sunnyvale, Rose Garden and Willow Glen papers, and has resulted in several inquiries about our Club. The release continues to appear in local newspapers after several weeks.

Storage Box at Santana

The storage box at Santana was moved to Butcher Field once we began playing there. Now, Santana once again has a storage box.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

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

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

The SUMMER 2016 Draft was conducted on June 23. 60 players were in the Tuesday Draft, and 88 were in the Thursday Draft. Two players have joined Vintage since the draft, so we now have 90 players on Thursday.

Tuesday play commenced on July 5th, with four teams playing at Mise (except for two dates at Hamann --- July 12 and July 26)) and DeAnza Parks.

Thursday play commenced on July 7th, with six teams playing at Mise (except for two dates at Hamann --- July 14 and July 28), DeAnza and Butcher Parks.

Special thanks to Dan Garcia, Rick Koch, Rich Ponce, Mark Loveless and Ric Ferras for helping move equipment to Butcher Park, our new third field. Additional thanks to David Lee for providing a new storage bin at Santana.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Combining Teams on Saturday

This continues to be a time consuming process when there are large local tournaments. Lou has provided guidance to the managers which involves making the decision to combine or not by 8:50 am. Players need to notify their managers in advance if they do not plan on playing on Saturday.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:55 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 August 2nd at the Santa Clara Senior Center beginning at 7:30pm.



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