

**Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors
and General Membership
Meeting September 6th, 2016**

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman
Lester Sutherland-Absent
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

Guests

Charlie Carinalli

Annual Election

Charlie Carinalli reviewed the election process with the Board. The process will involve a nomination procedure followed by the election of those nominated. Charlie will manage the election of the directors, officers and the award winners with an independent audit of the results. The nomination phase will begin in mid-September with the election of nominees beginning in early October. The election will be concluded by the end of October and the results will be announced at the Holiday Party.

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome Stuart Bair to the Club. 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:

Unfortunately we found it necessary to cancel the bar-b-que which we had scheduled for September 3. This was due to a large number of Club members who were to be out of town, including several who were going to assist in the preparation and running of the event. We are considering having a pizza and beer party on a future Saturday if we have enough interest. These social events are a lot of fun but only if we have enough members who are wanting to attend. With regards to social events, we have a very fun Holiday Party which will be held on November 11 at Flames Eatery and Bar in downtown San Jose. Festivities will include a cocktail hour, dinner, raffle, socializing, entertainment, and dancing for the more athletically inclined. Details regarding sign-ups will be posted later this month.

The Board reviewed our financial results for the past year and concluded that no increase in fees is warranted even though we are now using Mise Field twice a week and have added additional teams and fields on both Tuesdays and Thursdays. The budget for fiscal year 2017 has been completed and approved and we anticipate a break even or slight loss for the year, which is acceptable given our strong cash position and no immediate need to purchase any capital items.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved. Year to date we are at a slight profit and our cash position remains strong.

Rules Committee Report:

There were no new rules or issues to report. When playing at Mise, which has

no defined infield, infielders should play from a reasonable infield position. Some players are playing so deep that they are in the outfield and able to throw out slower runners. Let's comply with the spirit of our rules regarding positioning of infielders.

Old Business:

Shirts and Caps

We have decided to engage a new vendor to provide our blue and gray Vintage shirts and ball caps. The new shirts will have our new logo and will be Dri-Fit, which was the overwhelming choice of the membership. We still have some of our old shirts available but will soon run out of them and will place our initial orders for the new shirts and caps at that time.

Social Activities

The Club is considering sponsoring a pizza and beer party on a Saturday at Moffett Field in October. An exact date has not been determined at this point in time. The Holiday Party is scheduled for November 11 at Flames Eatery and Bar in San Jose. The cost will be \$40 per person.

2017 Dues

The Board reviewed the current dues structure and concluded that no change in the dues amount is needed in 2017. Dues will remain at \$125 for those playing in two or more leagues, \$100 for those in only one league, and \$50 for Fun League only players. A motion was made and seconded to permanently waive fees for members 80 years and over. Following a long discussion the motion was voted on and did not pass.

New Business:

2016 Awards Committee

The Awards Committee is interviewing managers, commissioners and others for recommendations of Club members to be nominated for the Sportsmanship and the Armen Parseghian Awards. Based on these recommendations a slate of nominees will be put forward for election by the entire membership.

Approval of Expenditures

Currently our policy is for expenditures up to \$250 to have prior approval by a Club officer and expenditures over \$250 to have Board approval. A discussion ensued regarding changing the policy to require two officers to approve expenditures up to \$250, three officers for expenditures up to \$500 and Board approval for expenditures over \$500.

The Board decided to make no changes in our existing policy at this time.

Field Issues

Tarps have been purchased to place over the dugouts at Moffett Field to shield the sun. These will be installed soon.

2017 Budget Approval

The Board reviewed and approved the financial budget for fiscal year 2017. The budget projects a slight increase in both revenue and expenses. The increase in revenue is based on additional members joining the club and the increases in expenses is due to additional uniform and field rental costs. We expect 2017 to break even or incur a slight loss.

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

All is going well with four teams playing on Tuesday and six teams on Thursday. With vacations, injuries and tournaments the teams are sometimes light on players but we are working through those shortages and expect them to diminish now that summer is ending and tournament season is coming to a close.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

There continues to be a lot of combining of teams but this too should diminish with the end of summer nearing. There will be a new drafting of Saturday teams on September 24 at Lou's office. Further details will follow.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:00 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 October 4th at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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