

**Minutes of the
Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors
Meeting – November 1, 2016**

Attendees:

Officers

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

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 new members Larry Thompson, David Alderette and James Palte. 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.

The New Member Application is being revised and will soon be available on our website. The new application will allow submission electronically.

President's Comments:

The annual election was recently completed and turnout was just over 50%. The new Board of Directors, officers and winners of our annual awards will be announced at the Holiday Party on November 11. Many thanks again to Charlie Carinalli for managing the election. It's a thankless job that must be done and Charlie has willingly performed it for several years.

All is in order for our annual Holiday Party. Ric Ferras will again provide the entertainment and it will be fun to see what twists he will add. The cocktail hour starts at 6:00pm with drinks and appetizers and dinner will be served around 7:30. The raffle and entertainment will continue throughout the course of the evening. Give yourself adequate driving time since you will be coming to San Jose during the rush hour on Friday evening.

We are now starting to collect dues for 2017. Remember...**THEY MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 1 BEFORE YOU CAN PLAY IN 2017.** If you play in only one league, excluding Fun League, your dues are \$100 for the year. If you play in two or more leagues then your dues are \$125. If you play in one league plus the Fun League then your dues are still only \$100. Fun League only dues are \$50. **The dues structure for 2017 is the same as 2016 except for the following:** If you are 80 years or older your dues are permanently waived provided you have been a Vintage member for at least five years. This provision was approved by the Board to honor our most senior members. If you were born before Jan. 1, 1938 and have been a five year member you are eligible for permanent waiver of dues.

Please do not hesitate to ask me should you have any questions about the Party or our dues.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the October Board of Directors Meeting minutes which are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The financial statements for the month and year to date ended October 31, 2016 were reviewed and approved. There was little financial activity other than the collection of monies from members for the Party which will be remitted to the restaurant in November.

Rules Committee Report:

Jack reported that it is permissible for batter-runners to miss the first base bag, as it is with all bases, to avoid a collision with a fielder or a thrown ball. Players are also reminded that you may slide if you are going back to a bag but not if you are going into a bag. Jack also mentioned that NCSSA stated that it wouldn't be a bad idea for baserunners to wear helmets, as there are many head injuries every year from batted or thrown balls that hit batters-runners. We will keep everyone apprised of this recommendation.

Old Business:

Holiday Party

The party will be held on November 11 at Flames Eatery and Bar. The cost is unchanged from last year at \$40 and includes appetizers, salad, entrée, dessert and our own private room for entertainment, socializing and dancing. Sign-ups should be completed by November 4 as we will need to report our totals to the restaurant. Anyone wishing to sign up after this date should contact Mark Loveless so that we can report last minute requests to the restaurant.

Election Status

Jeff Greenberg announced that the election is completed and that he performed an audit of the compiled results. The results will be announced on November 11.

Vintage Shirts

The initial order of 18 sets of new shirts have arrived and are being tested. The shirts are a dri-fit style and have our new logo. The initial feedback is very favorable and if this remains so, we will order additional quantities.

New Business:

Toys for Kids Day

The Toys for Kids Day will be on Saturday November 19 at Moffett Field. This is our annual fundraiser that Ray Miranda, our Club Chaplain, puts together to help needy kids in the community. We ask all that can to bring in a toy or cash donation so that these kids can have a gift for the holidays. Food will also be available for purchase. All the games will be played as scheduled.

Thursday Reduced Schedule

There are now five teams with a bye team each week. Our fields will be Mise and DeAnza with Butcher as a back-up if needed. 75 members have signed up for the winter Thursday league as several members are taking the winter off to recuperate.

Dues for 80+ Year Members

The board voted and approved to permanently waive the dues for members 80 and older who have been Club members for five or more years.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The league continues to have a strong showing of around 24-28 each Monday and Wednesday. There were two Monday rain-outs this last month but with good field care by Tom and Dale of the city maintenance crew, we were able to play on the Wednesdays.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

A new draft was held for both leagues on October 27. We now have four teams on Tuesday and five on Thursday. New season play began this week.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

The time it takes to combine teams is wasting a lot of playing time. Managers are encouraged to get headcounts in advance if possible and to communicate with the other managers before the games begin. Use of cell phones would help to expedite the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM, PDT.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on December sixth at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center. This will also be a general membership meeting. Notify the President in advance if you wish to attend as space is limited.



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