

**Minutes of the
Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors
Meeting – February 7, 2017**

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman-Absent
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 John Corioso 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:

It's been a wet few weeks and all of our leagues have experienced many days of rain outs. Fortunately most of the games schedules at Mise have been played unless it is currently raining. Remember, if you show up to bucket at Mise players whose games at DeAnza were cancelled due to wet field conditions have priority over players from the bye team. Managers at Mise will try to accommodate those players from DeAnza and are required to take up to

a total roster of 12 players and are encouraged to take even more.

Tournament season has arrived and will effect Saturday play since more than a third of our members play on a tournament team. The Saturday managers recently met and have devised a plan to get the games started on time. To accomplish this objective will require better communication and cooperation from all of us. This plan will be communicated to you in the near future.

As many of you know, Lester Sutherland will soon be moving to the Sacramento area. Lester has been a longtime player, manager, and member of our Board of Directors. I want to personally thank him for his friendship and service to the Club and to wish him the best. Fortunately, we will continue to see him at tournaments and occasionally on a Saturday at Moffett.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Our gross revenues for the first four months are almost \$18,000 with a net income of \$11,000. Most of the 2017 dues have been collected and our cash balance is approximately \$42,000. Our remaining expenditures for the year are budgeted at only \$14,000 which will ensure that we remain in excellent financial condition with more than adequate cash reserves.

Rules Committee Report:

Both SSUSA and NCSSA have adopted rules requiring pitchers to wear face masks. Our Club generally follows the SSUSA rules with minor exceptions. Our Board elected to follow the rule of SSUSA and will require our pitchers to wear face masks effective March 1, 2017. We have not adopted any other rule regarding the wearing of safety equipment but highly encourage all players to consider wearing items such as helmets and shin guards.

The first base umpire is a difficult and important position on the field. He needs to be able to see plays at first base, home, and runners interfering with plays at second base. He also needs to be unbiased with the objective of making the correct call and not the call that benefits his team. Also, if he misses a call or is unsure he needs to ask for help and members of his team should volunteer help if he has made an obvious incorrect call. Let's make sure we put umpires

on first that can abide by these objectives.

The goal is to make the CORRECT call.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps/Softball orders

The new dri-fit shirts are in and are being distributed. Your manager is in charge of placing his team's requirements and getting your shirts. Talk with your manager if you have not received them. The new caps are in process and should be available by the end of this month. Thanks to Junior Castro who introduced us to our new vendor and helped to facilitate our order and shipment.

The Club ordered 44 dozen Baden balls which should last us for the remainder of the year. The balls will be picked up on Sunday Feb. 12. Thanks to Bob Sebring for coordinating our order, delivery and favorable pricing.

Newsletter

The idea of publishing a monthly or quarterly newsletter was discussed last month at the Board meeting and in the minutes of the meeting. As no one volunteered to head this initiative we will not pursue it further at this time.

New Business:

New Director Discussion

The Board discussed the vacancy on the Board created by the resignation of Lester Sutherland. After discussion, John Cawley was elected to serve out the remainder of the year as a director.

2017 Dues Update

The Club membership is currently at 190 members. This total is very close to where we ended in 2016. Our budget estimates a total membership of 204 which we should achieve over the course of the year.

Corporate Matters

Our application for social club status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) 7 is complete and will be submitted this week. We expect to be granted tax exempt status for federal income tax purposes.

Weeknight League and Social Events

We will soon distribute a survey to try to get an idea of what social events our members are interested in and whether there is interest in an evening league during the summer. Our current social events are the Holiday Party and the San Jose Giants game. Suggestions of golf outings, bar-b-ques, gathering at comedy clubs and other ideas have been suggested over the years. Also, at one time, we had a very active weeknight league during the summer months. If there is interest in a weeknight league we could start one up in April to run to August.

Jeff Greenberg will be developing and coordinating the survey. Please take the time to answer and submit it. Your input is important.

Face Masks/Shin Guards

A motion was made and approved to require all Vintage Club pitchers to wear a face mask, or use a pitching screen if available, while pitching. This rule is required for SSUSA play and will be effective in Vintage Club play beginning March 1, 2017.

A motion was made and rejected to require all Vintage Club pitchers to wear shin guards while pitching. Though not required it is recommended that pitchers wear this and other protective gear while pitching.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

Many game days have been cancelled due to the recent rains. Also, we are very sorry to announce the recent passing of two of our members; Bill Gradwohl and Don Sonnichsen. Bill was playing up to just a few months ago and Don has not been playing for a few years. They will both be missed.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

We will continue with four teams on Tuesdays and five teams on Thursdays. This results in one bye team on each Thursday but we do not have enough

players to add a sixth team at this time. The next draft for both leagues is scheduled for February 23, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the San Jose Burger Pit restaurant.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

With tournament season soon to begin the Saturday managers met to come up with a solution to the problem of whether to combine teams so that playing time is not lost. Some of the new procedures are:

1. At five minutes before game time the four managers must decide to merge or not.
2. This decision cannot be changed after 9:10. ie. If additional players arrive at 9:05am that bring the total to 32 or more players, the teams can change their decision and de-merge, BUT may not do this after 9:10.
3. Managers on the two fields will communicate before game time via cell phone to trade player headcount information.

It was also decided to extend the Saturday season by one month and a new schedule will soon be added to the website. Also, no inning is to start if there is less than 15 minutes remaining. ie. After 11:30 am for morning games and 2:15 pm for afternoon games.

More details will be forthcoming.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:50PM, 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 March 7, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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