



Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – August 1, 2017

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman - Absent
John Cawley
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 several new members to the Club: Rick Bowlby, Paul Giddis, Dean Martin, Lance Wagner, and Jason Takaki. Have fun and be careful.

Vice President's Comments (in Mark's absence):

Highlights this month include the continuation of Monday night softball with better attendance over the past few weeks. Only 2 dates left- come on out this Monday! We will be continuing the weeknight league next year, hopefully on Wednesdays.

Next month will begin our election process, starting with the nomination ballots, with round two of the actual election in late October. Thanks to Charlie Carinalli for again leading this effort.

Party planning time is in full swing. We hope to replace the old Labor Day picnic with a pizza and beer party in October. And, based on your feedback the annual holiday party will have a new, less formal approach this year.

Finally, the feedback on the new shirts and caps continues to be very positive overall. We have resolved a couple issues with our shirt order and will be placing a final order over the next few weeks to cover those of you who haven't received your shirts.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the June Board minutes which are posted on our website. Note: There was no meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report:

The July Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. Shirts, hats and field reservation expenses created some cash out-flow during these last two months. We are within 99% of our budget, and have over \$32000 in reserve with two months left in our fiscal year.

Rules Committee Report:

Reminder #1: The entire Home Plate is considered in "fair territory." Thus, if a batted ball rests on any part of our wooden home plate, it is a fair ball, and the runners may advance as they would on any other ground ball.

Reminder #2: If there is a play at 1B the batter-runner must touch only the orange bag. If the batter-runner touches the white bag (on a play at 1B) he will be declared "out."

Reminder #3: Once a batter-runner "rounds" the 1B bag, and runs part way to 2B, he may come back and re-touch either portion of the entire bag (orange or white portion). The first baseman, however, can also touch either portion of the bag (orange or white) in an attempt to make a putout on the runner.

Reminder #4: A baserunner attempting to score a run must avoid the right batter's box. A runner who touches any part of the batter's box will be declared "out", whether there was a play on him or not.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps/Softball orders

The new shirts and caps have been well received overall, although we recognize that some members have not gotten their shirts. Jack Boniface and Bob LeFevre are doing a final inventory of needs. The Board authorized spending up to \$1000 (although most likely less), to complete the order and have some in reserve for new members.

New Business:

2018 Elections/VP Position

Our election process will start in earnest next month, with nominations being open for submission during the last two weeks of September, and the final election voting completed during the last two weeks of October. Results will be approved at the November 7 Board meeting.

Charlie Carinalli presented a detailed analysis of how this year's election will proceed. Tom Simpson volunteered to be Charlie's checker as we go through this process.

A small amendment to the bylaws were approved, stating there will be six (not five) directors, and clarifying how the vice president is selected.

The six nominees who received the largest number of votes from those nominated for Board positions (the President, Treasurer and Secretary are voted upon directly)

become the Directors (the "Pool"). The Vice President is chosen from the Pool by the President in consultation with the Board; i.e., the position of Vice President is not voted for directly by the Members.

Weeknight League

Attendance has picked up the last several weeks, with full games being played. Monday night league ends on August 14th- come on out for the last 2 weeks!

Based on the success of the league and the interest in weeknight play, we will continue the weeknight league next April. We hope to move the date to Wednesdays due to popular demand.

Fall Picnic

The fall picnic will be changed to a simpler party probably to run in October. Jack Boniface is organizing the event and details will be shared next month.

Holiday Party

Based on feedback on the last several annual parties, we are going to try a new format for this year's event. To encourage mingling and a more fun atmosphere, we are looking to have a mini-sports event such as bocce ball with appetizers and snacks (the previous parties have all been a sit-down dinner with music for dancing). Allen Baden (and his wife Ginger) are leading the search for the right place. Please give Allen or a board member any suggestions you have, including which day of the week the event should ideally be scheduled.

Also a reminder that this will be our [thirty-year anniversary!](#)

Senior Center Meeting Room Reservation

The meeting room has changed to the first floor near the entrance to the Fitness Center.

Thanks to Jim Batterson

The Board would like to give very large kudos to Jim. He is in charge of securing our field rentals from the city of San Jose. For this rental period, Jim got a written acknowledgement from the Parks Department that

grandfathered in our storage units at each of the parks. Some of them have been there almost 30 years and now we hopefully won't have to worry about removing them. Way to go, Jim!

League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

Attendance a bit lighter than usual but overall everything is fine.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

Players and coaches may consider starting games next summer at 9am, due to normal summer hot weather. Many games this year have been shortened due to our exceptionally warm summer mornings.

Saturday League

Everything is OK.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:53PM, PDT. The next meeting will be held on September 5th at the Santa Clara Senior Center beginning at 7:30 pm.



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