



Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – September 5, 2017

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman - Absent
John Cawley - Absent
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome a few new members to the Club: Ken Miller, David Northrup, and Chet Lane. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

Election season has arrived again. You have recently received a message with a link to the "Nomination Ballot". This is the ballot where you may nominate persons for director or officer positions in the Club. Those who receive the requisite number of nominations for a position will be placed on the "Election Ballot" which will be sent to you in October. The nominations must be completed by September 30.

If you have an interest in serving the Club as a director or officer or have any questions about what is involved you should talk to me or any current or past director. These are not lifetime appointments and we welcome new thought and ideas to the Board and to the other management positions, including team managers.

This year we are having a more casual Holiday Party which will be held on November 12 at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. We will have the use of six bocce ball courts for an hour and a half then dinner will follow. We hope to have a small tournament which will include spouses and guests. It should be a fun relaxed evening. Mark your calendars for November 12 and more details will soon follow.

There is still room for our golf event on October 8 at Los Lagos Golf Course. The first tee time is 9:00am. If you would like to play you should contact me via email ASAP as I need to finalize our headcount with the course later this week. The cost is \$70 per head.

I also want to remind players about balls being hit "up the middle". Remember that we are all seniors and do not have the reflexes we once had. Please try to avoid it as we all want to have fun and remain injury free. Pitchers are required to wear masks and may use a screen which we have available or they may bring to the game.

Currently we rent field time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 12:30pm and oftentimes run over our allotted time. We are extending the time to 12:45pm to mirror the time we allow on Saturdays at Moffett Field. Managers should use their judgment in deciding when to use 1 and 1 counts, and begin the open inning. The fields are open to all so if there are no groups waiting for us to vacate the fields then it is reasonable for us to complete the

game. Remember to not argue or create a confrontation with other groups. We do not want to jeopardize our field use contract with the city.

Lastly, next month we will include a general meeting section at our board meeting. Let me know if you would like to attend as space is very limited. Typically few members attend these sessions so I will send out information concerning finances and other topics that were discussed to all club members so that you are kept apprised of issues, achievements and changes.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. We are within 99% of our budget and expect to end the fiscal year next month very close to what we had expected. Cash reserves are virtually unchanged from last year and we anticipate no significant expenses to occur through the end of 2017.

Rules Committee Report:

Rules Committee input for the September Minutes.

Reminder: Four infielders must be on the infield dirt for a pitch to each and every batter. The fifth infielder (Buck shortstop or another infielder if the Buck shortstop is on the dirt) may start play on the grass, but that player may NOT throw the batter out at first base.

Special Rule for Mise Park: Infielders may play no further than 10-feet beyond the white infield line (depicting the infield for girl's fast-pitch). Four infielders must be within that range for every batter.

Reminders: If a batter at Moffett Field has a pinch runner from home plate, even if he/she hits a home run over the fence, the pinch runner may only advance to first base. All other base runners in this situation score.

Intentional walks are not allowed with one exception. In the open inning or extra innings, intentional walks are allowed when there are runners on

second and/or third to fill open bases behind the runner or runners to create force play situations.

At De Anza, a fly ball hitting a tree in foul territory is a dead ball strike unless it is caught in the air by a fielder, in which case it is an out. If the foul ball hits the tree in the “out of bounds” area, the ball is dead. The ball hitting the tree branches in fair territory is a ground rule double unless it is caught for an out. If the ball hits in fair territory and bounces against the tree trunk it is live until it rolls out of bounds.

Lastly, four outfielders must always be behind the 170-foot cones at all fields for every batter.

Old Business:

Shirt/Caps/Softball orders

Dri-Fit shirts will be available after Tuesday, September 19 for those who have not yet received them, mainly in the Tuesday and Thursday League. If you have not yet received your new shirts, notify your coach.

Corporate Matters

In August the IRS approved our application to become a tax exempt 501(c)(7) “Social and Recreational” club. We are in the process of filing our past tax returns at which time we will be in compliance with all the various government entities.

New Business:

2018 Elections/VP Position

This month begins 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.

Weeknight League

The Weeknight League has terminated for the season. Except for the Hathaway Field conditions and a few minor neighbor complaints, the league

was well accepted. Next year a different field will be reviewed but we expect to continue this league in April. Thanks to Joe Contreras for serving as League Commissioner and we hope he will volunteer again next spring.

Social Events:

Holiday Party

The party is confirmed for November 12 at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. We will have six bocce ball courts for our use and dinner to follow. Sign up information will be sent out shortly.

Golf

The golf outing is scheduled for October 8. There is still room for additional players. Let Mark know if you wish to participate.

Picnic

We are planning a picnic for spring of 2018 to be held at Moffett Field on a Saturday. It was decided that to have a picnic in October was too close to the other social events such as the Holiday Party and golf event.

2018 Proposed Dues

There will be no change in the dues for 2018.

Proposed 2018 Operating Budget

The operating budget was presented to the board and discussed. There were a few minor suggestions and changes. The budget will be approved at the October meeting.

General Meeting

The October 3 Board meeting will also be a General Meeting. Everybody is invited to come to this meeting at the Santa Clara Senior Center at 7:30 at the corner of Fremont and Monroe Streets. Due to space constraints all relevant information will be sent to the membership after the meeting so that you are aware of topics that were discussed. Let Mark know if you wish to attend the meeting.

League Commissioner's Reports: Fun League

Fun League is doing fine with an average of 20-24 players attending.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

Please let your coach and the Commissioner know whether you wish to play in the 2017-18 WINTER season. The draft for that Weekday season will be conducted on Thursday, October 19.

Saturday League

No problems or issues have been reported.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:57PM, PDT. The next meeting will be held on October 3rd 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**