



Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – November 7, 2017

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman
John Cawley
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

General Counsel

Allen Baden - Absent

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome a new member to the Club:
Kishna Penmetcha. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

On October 8, 24 fine athletes teed it up at Los Lagos Golf Club for our first Vintage Golf Tournament. Lots of bad swings and poor scoring but a good time was had by all. How appropriate that the tournament was won by a foursome that included three non-Vintage guests who were not softball players but very good golfers. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it looks like we will do this again next spring.

The annual election was just completed and the results follow in these minutes. The Club has a very dedicated board that is committed to doing what's best for the Club. Thanks to all who participated in this process and a very special thanks to Charlie Carinalli who once again administered our election.

Its dues paying time again. The dues remain unchanged from this year with the amounts being: \$125 if you play in two or more leagues (not including the Fun League); \$100 if you play in only one league (not including the Fun League); or \$50 if you play in the Fun League only. You will not be able to play Vintage ball after January 1, 2018 if we have not received your dues. You may pay them by check payable to "Vintage Softball Club", by cash given to Don Shrank, or via PayPay which you may access on our website at; www.vintagesoftball.org . Our mailing address is also listed on the website.

Please get your dues in ASAP as your manager does not want to have to tell you that you cannot play.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

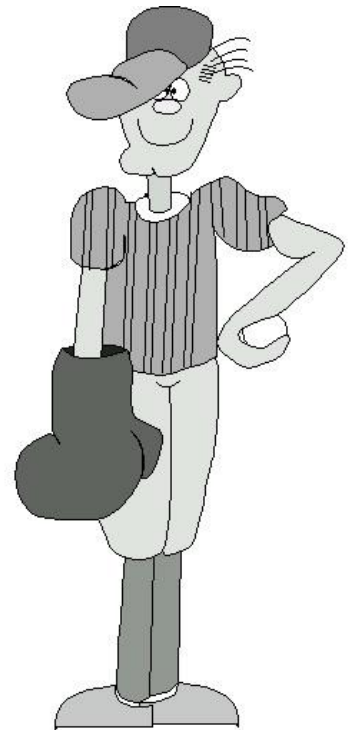
The Board approved the October Board of Directors Meeting Minutes which will be soon be posted to our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. There was minimal financial activity in October and our cash reserves remain strong at over \$30,000.

Rules Committee Report:

The new requirement to use pitching screens has been adopted with minor issues. There are no formal rules for the placement of the screen but the guidelines are that it should be placed within three feet of the front of the pitchers box and centered such that the pitcher can easily get behind it after pitching the ball (i.e. within an arm's length from the side of the screen). The objective is for it to protect the pitcher. We will monitor its use and effectiveness in the months to come and adjust these guidelines if necessary,



If a batter starts with a “one-and-one” count and thus has a “free foul”, once he has two strikes on him he has the same benefit as our present rule allows. With two strikes he can hit the screen one time without being called out.

Batted balls that hit the screen are treated as a foul ball. The Fun League rules regarding balls hitting the screen remain unchanged. Thrown balls that hit the screen are live.

With the rainy season upon us there may be situations when weekday play at DeAnza is cancelled, but not at Mise. Bucket priority will be given to those players whose game was cancelled, followed by “Bye” week players, then anyone else. Our rule is that teams should take up to a minimum of 12 players if bucket players are available.

Old Business:

Caps and Shirts

90+% of the shirts and caps have been distributed. There were a couple of requests for small or medium size shirts that our vendor could not fill. We will continue to work with him to see if he can obtain these sizes. We have several sets left in our remaining inventory so contact Jake Boniface or Bob Lefevre if you need a cap or shirt/s.

Corporate Matters

No new matters were reported.

New Business:

2018 Election Results

The results are in.

Officers are:

Jeff Greenberg was elected as our new president.

Larry Murchison - Secretary

Don Shrank - Treasurer

Directors are:

Mark Loveless

Barry Schimmel

Jim Callan

Mike Friedman

John Cawley

Bob LeFevre

Congratulations to Jessie Jessup (Fun League) and Pat McGuire for being elected as winners of the Sportsmanship Award and to Mark Loveless for being elected as the winner of the Armen Parseghian Award.

Holiday Party

There were too few sign-ups for the party to make our minimum commitment and, regrettably; we were forced to cancel our contract with Campo di Bocce. As it turns out there were a lot fewer members interested in playing bocce than we were led to believe. For those who had signed up, their money will be refunded or credited to next year's dues.

Nov. 18 "Toys for Kids" fundraiser.

This annual fundraiser will be held on November 18 at Moffett Field during our normal Saturday league play. Breakfast burritos, hotdogs, soft drinks and other foods will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle for gift certificates to local businesses. We ask those who can to bring a gift which will be given to a less fortunate child in our community. The gift should be unwrapped and be suitable for a child up to 12 years old at a cost in the \$15-\$20 range.

Pitching Screens

As you probably have noticed the use of pitching screens and face masks for pitchers is now mandatory. During this adjustment period some questions will surely arise as to their use. These concerns and questions should be directed to the league commissioners. All concerns will be addressed and communicated to managers and in subsequent meeting minutes.

2018 Dues

Your dues need to be received by the Club prior to January 1 for you to be eligible to play in 2018. We are collecting dues now so please determine how many leagues you plan to play in and send the appropriate amount to the Club. Check our website for further information.

Future Social Events

The Club has two main events each year; the Holiday Party and the San Jose Giants game. Attendance has declined over recent years and the Board discussed whether the membership wants such events or should they be terminated. No decisions were made.

League Commissioner's Reports: Fun League

Fun League is doing well. Attendance has been in the 20-24 person range.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

Attendance has been high with approximately 74% of players assigned to teams showing up. This is up quite a bit from previous years. The winter draft was completed in October and new teams have been formed and the season started. 60 players are playing on Tuesdays and 74 on Thursdays.

Saturday League

The teams have been set up with 12 or 13 players per team. Player absentee may result in combining of teams which we would like to avoid. We will monitor Saturday attendance and may need to consider having only seven teams. Bucket players are highly encouraged to come out on Saturdays.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:44PM, PST. The next meeting will be held on December 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**