

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors

Meeting May 3rd, 2016

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman - Absent
Lester Sutherland - Absent
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 two new members, Kelvin Thomas and Javier Loera. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

There has been a lot of activity at Vintage recently. A fourth team has been added to the Tuesday league and a new draft was recently held for the Tuesday and Saturday leagues. Tournament season is with us and there will be several Saturday's where it will be necessary to combine teams. Make sure you notify your coach so that he can determine if combining is necessary and coordinate with the other coaches.

Each summer we perform field prep for teams that use the Moffett fields during the week. We are looking for someone who will want to handle this job during the June through August timeframe. The Club pays \$25 for each field that is prepped. If you are interested in doing this please contact Bob Bilikas.

As I have written to you previously we have three social activities coming up. On May 18 Lou Silver has 20 free tickets for the San Jose Earthquakes game. Contact Lou if you would like to attend. On June 6, Vintage is playing a game against the San Jose Parks

and Rec. staff at DeAnza Park. Contact Pat Pizzo if you would like to participate in the game and the activities that follow. Lastly, on July 10 is our annual Night with the San Jose Giants. You may sign up for that event on our website or by contacting me directly.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

<http://www.vintagesoftball.org/formalities/>

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. The Club's cash position is strong, our revenues and expenses are in line with expectations and we anticipate ending the year at a near break-even position.

Rules Committee Report:

At a play at the plate, if the catcher has a foot on any part of the plate and the runner touches any part of him while attempting to score, the runner has interfered and he is out. Even if the catcher is stretching out six feet behind the plate to catch a ball he must be avoided.

Old Business:

Public Service Announcement (PSA)

Gopher Harris is working on a PSA which will highlight and serve to advertise our Club. You may see him out at the fields filming or interviewing certain players.

Social Activities (Bar-B-Que/SJ Giants)

The bar-b-que is scheduled for September 3 and will be managed by Lionel Gill. If you would like to assist in this fun event please contact Lionel. The Night at the San Jose Giants is on Sunday, July 10. Please sign up on our website or contact Mark Loveless.

Gophers at Moffett

The exterminator finished his assignment and ongoing maintenance and control of these pests will be handled by Bob Bilikas.

New Business:

Excess Cash and Budget Discussion

A brief discussion was held regarding our cash reserves. It was determined that our reserves are still needed for unexpected expenditures and for additional field rental cost should more teams be added or if other plans or uses are made for the fields at Moffett. This current year has seen unexpected additional costs for AED's, a new website, gopher eradication and other

smaller expenditures. We concluded that our reserves were adequate and not excessive.

Meeting with the city of San Jose

We recently met with the city to discuss their new proposed four field softball complex. The complex is expected to be completed in late 2017 and will be an exceptional softball facility. The city hopes to draw tournament teams as well as hosting local league play. Though we do not expect it to be a venue for weekend Vintage games we may consider using this complex for weekday play. We provided suggestions for them to consider as they finalize the plans.

Publicity/Press Release

The Board decided that we should issue a press release to showcase our club and to increase our exposure in the community. Though the objective of the press release is to not necessarily recruit players it will allow those looking to play senior softball to more readily find our club when performing web searches. Larry Kubo has agreed to draft the press release and to handle its distribution.

E-mail Meetings

The use of e-mails for discussing board subjects was discussed. While face to face meetings are always the preferred method of communications, sometimes email discussions and decisions are necessary particularly when time is of the essence. We will try to limit their use to those few decisions that cannot wait until the next Board of Directors' meeting.

Shirts and Socks for Sale

We still have a limited number of long sleeve Vintage shirts and pairs of Vintage socks for sale. Contact Bob LeFevre or Mark Loveless if you are interested in purchasing.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The weather has improved and more players are showing up. Almost too many.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

There are now four teams on Tuesday. Three of the teams have 14 players and the other has 15. We have added another field so are now playing at DeAnza and Mise on both Tuesday and Thursday. There is no bye team on Tuesday so chances are high that bucket players will routinely be needed.

Saturday League

It was noted that when local tournaments are scheduled Saturday leagues are decimated of players. Even combining two teams may produce only six players or one team is well represented and the other team has nobody. Make sure you communicate to your manager if you will not be attending a Saturday game.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:46 PM, 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 scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on June 7th at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center. This will also be the quarterly general membership meeting open to all members. Contact Mark Loveless should you wish to attend.



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