

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting, February 2, 2016

Attendees:

Officers

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

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Mike Friedman
Lester Sutherland
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell, 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 our new member Ron Plummer.

President's Comments:

Though we are not playing much Saturday ball a lot of other things are happening at the Club. First, we are now an "active" California corporation "in good standing" with the state. All of our delinquent filings are now on file and accepted. Thanks to Allen Baden for moving this forward to completion.

It seems the gophers took over our fields at Moffett while we were waiting out the rains. We have hired an exterminator to eradicate these pests under Bob Bilikas's direction. Hopefully they will be gone by the time spring arrives and we won't be stepping in their holes in the outfield.

The new website is almost ready to be rolled out. Allen gave us a walk through and I think everyone will be very pleased with the new look. We are in the final review phase and we all really look forward to launching it. Thanks again to Allen who took the lead in its development.

Lastly, mark your calendars for **Sunday July 10, 2016**. That is our night for our annual party at the San Jose Giants. It is a 5:00pm start and we will again be on the VIP deck. The ticket price of \$50 will cover the cost of the ticket, access to the deck, a Bar-B-Que dinner, and two alcoholic or non- alcoholic beverages. It is a great place to spend some time with your Club members and enjoy a summer night. Bring your spouse and guests. Ticket price for kids is \$30. Last year we had 85 who attended and all had a good time.

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 presented to the board and approved. Dues for the month totaled \$4,775 and net income was \$1,528. Included in the month's expenses were charges totaling \$2,185 for the purchase of two AEDs and new batteries for our other two defibrillators.

Rules Committee Report:

There have been cases where a ball hit to an outfielder may appear to be trapped and not caught for an out. The call belongs to the respective base coach (i.e. First base coach calls the plays in right center and right field). If the coach needs help in making the call he may consult with the other coach and even the fielder and catcher. If there is no consensus then the managers need to make the decision and move on. The objective is to do your best to make the right call.

Old Business:

Web site demo

Allen presented a demo of a near-completed version of our updated web site. Final review of the site is being performed by certain Club members before it is launched.

Compliance with State

Forms have been filed and we are now in good standing.

Defibrillator (AED)

Thanks to Barry Schimmel we have purchased two units and extra batteries. We also purchased bags in which to keep the units along with extra pads. Along with each unit will also be a complete first aid kit. Now all four of our fields have an AED on site. The AEDs at DeAnza and Mise are located in our gear box while the unit at Hamann is in the shed. The AED for the two fields at Moffett is stored in the field house. If you have not done so, please visit our website and watch the demo of how to use these units.

New Business:

New Sign-ups for 2016

Approximately 190 members have signed up to date. These numbers are down slightly from 2015 but we expect sign ups to continue throughout the year and that total budgeted dues revenue will be reached.

Gopher Issue at Moffett

The traps are set and the exterminating company will be working with us for the next two months until they are eradicated.

Budget Update

The Club has incurred some unbudgeted expenses that were necessary and will benefit the Club for several years. These include the purchase of two AED's, the website re-design and the costs for exterminating the gophers. These expenses are being paid from the Club's cash reserves.

Social Director/advertising/events

We are still looking for someone to run the annual Bar-B-Que. This popular event was cancelled in 2015 and we would like to bring it back in 2016 if we can find a volunteer to organize and manage it. The Bar-B-Que is typically held on Saturday of Labor Day weekend. If you would like to take on this task please let a member of the Board know. There are plenty of volunteers willing to assist.

Mise and Soccer

We rent the entire field at Mise but generally allow others to use a portion of the field in deep center as long as they stay away from our field of play. There have been instances where minor arguments between Vintage players and soccer players have occurred. If this happens the managers can ask that they leave the field entirely. If they do not comply with our requests to stay out of our way, we should call the City and have them deal with it. Do not allow this to result in any physical altercation for your own sake and for that of the Club's.

City officials have been told of this and have met with the soccer players to tell them of our priority to use the field.

March and April Meetings

The March meeting has been cancelled due to several planned absences. The April meeting will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting time.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

Recently games have been few. On the days when we did play there have been between 24 and 28 folks. There have even been some Saturday players show up because a lot of their games have been washed out.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

Remember, be ready for the February 18th draft. Jack mentioned that they are not yet ready to add another Tuesday team.

Saturday League

So far, due to the rain, it's been a terrible month for trying to play softball at Moffett. As a result of the number of rainouts we have decided to extend the season by two months with the current season ending in late April. The next draft will cover the period from May through August.

We are also in need of a Saturday manager. If you are interested please let Lou know.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:58 PM, PST.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on April 5th at 7:30pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.



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