

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, May 5, 2015

Attendees:

Mark Loveless, President
Mike Friedman, Vice President and Asst. Treasurer
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Treasurer, Don Shrank

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Jeff Greenberg (absent)
Lester Sutherland
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

Frank Kadlecek, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

General Counsel- Allen Baden

Guests-Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell

New Vintage Softball Members:

No new members joined this last month.

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President's Comments:

We are pleased to have Allen Baden and Don Shrank join us as the general counsel and treasurer, respectively. They will add much needed business and practical experience to our board. As you also know, Frank is stepping down as commissioner and we have selected two excellent Club members (Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell) to step into the Fun league commissioner role. They will assume their new duties next month when Frank's retirement is official.

The San Jose Giants game event on June 19 is sold out; however, we are talking with the Giants to obtain ten more spots. Let me know ASAP if you want a ticket. Right now we have 80 sign ups.

Our next Board meeting on June 2 is also a general membership meeting. Let me know in advance if you plan to attend as space is limited.

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Lastly, the games on Saturday, May 16 will be held at Santana Park as Moffett is not available that day. Play will begin at 12:30 and end at 4:30pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the April minutes by a unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report:

Don Shrank was introduced as our new treasurer. Mike Friedman reviewed cost information for each league and budgeted financial data assuming our using other fields. We also discussed what we need to see in future Treasurer Reports, including cash flow data, cash reconciliations, monthly spending and receipts information and year to date spending and receipts information compared to prior periods and to our budget.

Rules Committee Updates:

The Rules Committee discussed the mercy rule but no changes were introduced. Though the handbook discusses that the mercy rule is to be invoked if a team is ahead by 15 runs after the 5th inning, the home team always will get their at-bat if they are the team that is behind.

Old Business:

San Jose Giants Party

The game is sold out but we are trying to secure more tickets. 80 have paid and ticket distribution has begun. See Mark Loveless or Mike Friedman for your tickets.

New Business:

Nomination of Fun League Commissioners

Mike McDonnell and Tom Simpson were nominated and have been appointed as co-commissioners of the Fun League.

Photo Shoot

The Board photo will be taken at the next meeting.

Corporate Matters

Allen discussed that our club is not in "good standing" as a charitable organization in California for failure to timely file the necessary forms in the past few years. We also

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had other minor administrative issues which have been resolved. Allen is appointed as our agent to get the Club back into good standing at nominal cost. We also discussed the feasibility of filing for 501 (c) status with the IRS which will allow donations to the Club to be tax deductible to the donor. Allen will investigate this and prepare the necessary paperwork if deemed appropriate.

Holiday Party Planning

We have begun our search for a venue for our Holiday Party. One possible location has been identified and Rob Gelphman will meet with the restaurant next week.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

The Fun League will lose its sixteen-year commissioner this June. It's possible that we will no longer be playing at Santa Clara after June 17th.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

Jack mentioned that, due to the lack of water, the DeAnza Park grass is turning brown and the outfield is as hard as rock. San Jose has cut back severely on watering the field, and may disallow watering completely.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

The fields at Moffett appear to be on land leased to the University of Santa Cruz. We have not heard anything definitive but remain concerned about our ability to use these fields in the years to come. With the base being turned over to others and the shortage of land on the peninsula there may other uses for this space in the future.

Review of Spending, Budget, Fees for 2016:

The remainder of the meeting was used to discuss the merits of and the cost associated with the use of Mise Field for one or two days a week. The costs were extensively discussed and various possibilities and arrangements presented. That is, introduce a three-tiered system or keep the two-tiered system, raise dues now, wait until next year and see what how it goes with the added costs, etc.

The public fields are becoming unplayable and there may be no more watering due to the drought. The soccer players and geese have destroyed what little grass was left in the outfield. Our objective is to provide a good field for our members to play on at a reasonable cost. This will result in us having to pay more for field rental. Additionally, our maintenance costs at Moffett are increasing and we need to also provide funds in case we lose our playing privileges there. These added cost will likely result in some fee increase in 2016 but the amounts have not yet been determined. We have started the

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fee discussion early in the year so that we have adequate time to examine the costs and make our decisions based on accurate financial information.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:00 PM, PDT.



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



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