

# Vintage Softball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

### August 8, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

**Location:** Zoom

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:32 PM**

**Attendees:**

**Officers:**

Dennis Maston, President  
Jeff Greenberg, Vice President  
Rick Newson, Secretary  
Don Shrank, Treasurer ← Absent



**Directors:**

Chris Milosovich  
Theresa Biagini  
Jim Palte  
Kent Gaynor ← Absent  
Rob Gelpman

**Commissioners:**

John Leong, Fun league  
Lou Silver, Saturday league  
Dave Alderette, Tuesday/Thursday leagues ← Absent

**Guests:**

Larry Kubo  
Bob Sprague  
Matt Santos

## New Members:

WELCOME to our new Club members:

**Rob Morgan, Kevin Dowling, Winson Schuring, Brian McCann,  
Michael Taylor & Salvatore Lombardo**

Thank You for joining our Club! Have fun!

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

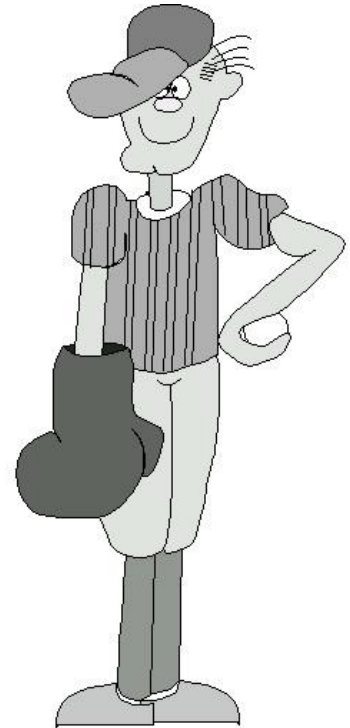
The Board approved the June 2023 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

## Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

## Rules Committee Report:

- Nothing new to report



## Old Business:

- **Picnic/One Pitch tournament:** Note from the President: *“Due to the city workers going on strike, we will have to postpone the one pitch tournament to September 23<sup>rd</sup>”.*
- Only 50 members signed up so far. Last year's turnout was nearly 100 players. Please show up by 9AM when teams will be selected. Games will start around 9:20 – 9:30AM. The tournament will be double elimination so everyone will play minimum of 2 games. Food will be ordered!
- **Membership Drive:** Larry Kubo has been active in this effort and reports poor response from Managers and Players to emails concerning ways to increase Club membership on Saturdays. Larry said some members have brought in new players but have not yet contacted him for entry into the drawing, which they need if they want to be included. In addition, our sign-ups are about half of our last membership drive and Larry is recommending that we keep the drawing open until we hit our target. He also says some members are being quite helpful, but more participation would be appreciated. While recruiting continues, progress remains slow. We may write a press release for the media to get the word out how fun it is to play in our League and “word of mouth” is always encouraged. An update of the Club website is being considered. More details to follow as they emerge. VP Jeff Greenberg reports that last year we had 237 members compared to this year's 208. Our average new member count this year has dropped by nearly 50%. The turnover decline is due to several reasons. Let's all strive to do our best to recruit new players as strong participation benefits all of us!



## New Business:

- **Survey Results:** Jim Palte conducted a survey of current and former members to gauge the reasons for the decline in member participation on Saturdays. Generally speaking, results for current members show a variety of reasons which include “health/injuries”, “field conditions/distance” and “tournaments”. The results for former members show the top reasons are: “health/injuries” along with “left the area/moved”. There was also a significant number of players who have migrated from Saturday play to playing exclusively on the weekdays. In summary, the survey was unable to nail down a single reason for the drop in Saturday participation. Regarding Saturday fields: For the near term, we have Arcadia quite a bit until next spring except for the November & December shutdown.
- **New Member Rule:** The goal on draft day is to always emerge with balanced teams. The Board discussed possible remedies for when a new member joins a team shortly after the draft which disrupts the balance of the teams. Nothing was agreed or voted upon during this meeting. The Board will take this issue up again at the next meeting.
- **Removing/Modifying Rule G.1.b:** The Board approved a motion to waive the “No pinch runner for a pinch runner” rule when teams consist of 10 or fewer players. As always, the Managers together reserve the right to amend certain rules within reason using common sense as needed for the mutual benefit of the game at hand.
- **Prepare for Upcoming Elections:** Election season is nearing, and preparations are being made to facilitate. Nomination ballots for the board member and commissioner positions will be sent out in early October and the election ballots will follow in early November.
- **Make All Board Positions ‘Voted On’ Including Vice President and Commissioners:** The Board approved a motion to make all Board member positions elected offices as voted on by the Vintage Club members instead of certain positions being selected by the President. Tuesday/Thursday, Fun & Saturday League commissioners and Vice President will now be voted on by the members of each league. For instance, if a member plays only in the Fun League, they will cast a vote for Fun League commissioner only. If someone plays for all 3 leagues, they will be allowed to vote for all 3 commissioners.



## League Commissioner's Reports:

**Fun League:** Nothing to report.

**Tuesday/Thursday Leagues:** Nothing to report.

**Saturday League:** Nothing to report.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:59 pm, PST. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.



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