

# Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, October 6, 2015

## **Attendees:**

### **Officers**

Mark Loveless, President  
Mike Friedman, Director, Vice President  
Larry Murchison, Secretary  
Don Shrank, Treasurer

### **Directors**

Barry Schimmel  
Jim Callan - Absent  
Jeff Greenberg  
Lester Sutherland-Absent  
Bob LeFevre

### **Commissioners**

Tom Simpson and Mike McDonnell, Fun league  
Lou Silver, Saturday league - Absent  
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

### **General Counsel**

Allen Baden

### **Guests - Charlie Carinalli**

## **New Vintage Softball Members:**

There were no new members this month.

## **President's Comments:**

A lot is happening in Vintage. Sign-ups are being taken for 2016 dues and for the annual Holiday Party. Details for both can be found on our website at [www.seniorsoftballsanjose.com](http://www.seniorsoftballsanjose.com). The Party is five weeks away and will be a great place to spend an evening with your fellow club members and their guests.

The annual election is underway with all positions up for re-election along with our annual awards. We also will be voting on our new bylaws which are being revised in accordance with state requirements for non-profits. The complete revised bylaws document can be read on our website. As I have previously mentioned, the new bylaws will not alter the structure, organization, or operation of the Club.

Our next meeting on November 3 will be a combined general membership meeting. We are doing this to enable anyone with questions related to the bylaws or other matters to

bring their question to the board. As I have said in the past, please bring up any question or concern related to the Club to any board member at any time. It is not necessary to wait for a general membership meeting if you have a proposal or question.

Lastly, new drafts will be taking place later this month for the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday leagues. Let any manager or the commissioners know if you want to be included or excluded from the draft for next season.

### **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

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

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The board reviewed the financial performance for the month of September and year to date. September 30 is our fiscal year end and we ended the year in excellent shape with over \$31,000 in cash reserves. While we do anticipate increased expenses in 2016 the Club remains adequately funded.

### **Rules Committee Updates:**

Hit runner- If the runner is hit with a fair batted ball while touching a base, he is not out. If the nearest defensive player is in front of the base runner who was hit, the ball is live. Since the ball is live the defense is free to make whatever plays are available.

If the defensive player is behind the base runner, the ball is ruled dead, the hitter is awarded a base hit and runners are advanced ONLY if forced to advance.

If the runner is hit by the ball while off base and before it passes an infielder, the ball is dead and the hit runner is out. The batter is awarded first base.

Foul Tips-A foul ball caught by the catcher must go higher than the batter's head to be declared an out.

Mercy Rule- If a team is ahead by 15 or more runs after five innings have been completed, or four and 1/2 innings with the home team ahead, the game shall be declared a complete game. If the visiting team goes ahead by 15 or more runs in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or extra innings, play continues until the home team has its half of the inning to close within 15 runs.

## Old Business:

### Nominations and Elections

Charlie Carinelli presented the results of the nomination phase of our annual election. The ballots for the nominated individuals will be distributed and the election will be concluded by the end of the month. Results of the election will be announced at the annual Holiday Party.

## 2015 Holiday party

**The 28th Anniversary Celebration Event**

**Saturday night**

**November 14, 2015**

Flames Eatery & Bar

88 South 4th Street (Between Santa Clara and San Fernando)

San Jose, CA

Free validated parking available in the 4th street parking garage above the restaurant.

Your choice:	Pasta Capellini	6:00 - 7:00	Social Hour/Cocktails
	Chicken Picatta	7:00 - 7:45	Dinner dessert
	Salmon	7:45 - 8:30	Program/Awards
	New York Steak	8:30 - 10:00	Music/Dancing

\$40.00 per person, cash bar

Includes one free raffle ticket. Pay by October 15th to receive one additional raffle ticket.

Payment by check or PayPal must be received by November 9th.

(Additional raffle tickets available for purchase.) **Raffle prizes include Sharks tickets, \$200 gift cards to sporting goods store, etc.**

See the web site for more information and updates.

### PARTICULARS

Give check to Mark Loveless or Allen Baden with your entrée selections - OR  
Mail check to: Vintage Softball Club P.O. Box 5945 San Jose, CA 95150-5945 - OR  
Pay Online with PayPal.

## Approval of Bylaws/other corporate matters

The bylaws have been revised and will be voted on as part of our annual election. They are available for your review on the Clubs' website. Questions may be directed to any board member.

## New Business:

### Approval of fiscal 2016 budget

The board approved the budget for fiscal year 2016 which assumes income of \$19,000 consisting primarily of dues.

## **Website Redesign**

A number of members have mentioned that our website is antiquated and needs updated. One of our members has said he will work on defining goals of the site and directing its updating. If you have particular web design skills and are willing to assist in this project please let us know.

## **Defibrillators:**

The Club has a defibrillator at DeAnza and Hamann Fields. We are investigating the cost of purchasing a third defibrillator for Mise Field. We also feel it is necessary for players to be familiar with their use and will be looking at ways to get certain members trained to operated them. This may be through a video presentation to managers or some other method.

It is also necessary to periodically check the defibrillator to ensure the battery is still charged and the devise is properly operating.

## **Upcoming drafts:**

The Tuesday/Thursday draft will take place on October 22. Jack will notify managers of the location. The Saturday draft will take place on October 31 at Lou's office.

## **League Commissioner's Reports:**

### **FUN LEAGUE**

The Fun League is now averaging between 22 and 28 players each game. Starting Monday, October 12th the games will start one half hour later. That is, instead of 9:15 the games will start at 9:45am.

### **TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES**

There are no major issues to report. There are three teams on Tuesday and five teams on Thursday.

### **Saturday League**

There have been weeks where combining of teams has been necessary due to tournaments. Tournament season will be over soon and this issue may be ending. The new season will continue with eight teams.

**The Board voted to adjourn at 8:55 PM, PDT. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be on November 3rd at 7:30 pm at the Santa Clara Senior Center.**



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