

Vintage Softball Club

Board of Directors Meeting

March 02, 2021 7:30 pm PST

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order at 7:31 pm PST

Attendees:

Officers:

Jeff Greenberg, President
Mark Loveless, Vice President
Mike Friedman, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer



Directors:

Chris Milosovich
Jeff Hacker ← Absent
Jim Palte
Kent Gaynor ← FIRST Meeting!
Rob Gelphman

Commissioners:

John Leong, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

President's Comments:

New Members:

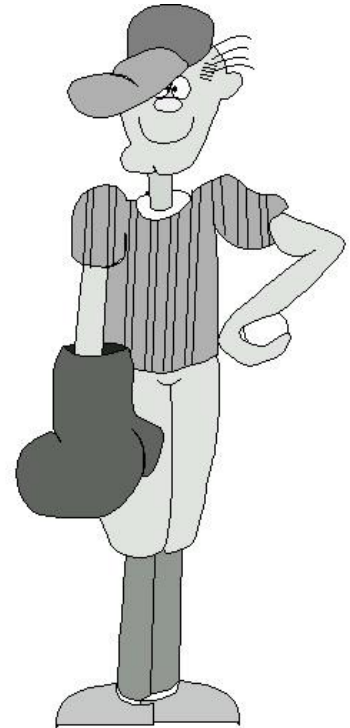
WELCOME to new club members:

- Alana Flynn (Sat)
- Chi Khuong (Multiple Leagues)
- Terry Ryan (FL)
- Karen Williams (FL)

And welcome back, after a long absence to Tony Clements

We are happy to have you in the club ... have FUN!

The exciting news is that Santa Clara County appears to have authorized the resumption of adult softball. We are working with the various groups that provide the reservations for our fields- despite the county green light, we have to go through that process to secure the fields. This may take up to a few weeks to resolve, but rest assured we are trying to get our fields secured ASAP so we can all get out there!



Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the January 5, 2021 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

Over the past year, we obviously had minimal expenses, yet received most of our expected dues, so our cash position is strong. However, this year we are not charging for dues for those who paid in 2020, and our expenses will resume assuming we start-up shortly. Last year we ordered but did not receive or pay for about 45 dozen softballs. We will pick up and pay for those balls later this month. We also have a \$2500 credit from the city of San Jose for fields that we paid for but weren't able to use last year.

The Board approved the report.

Rules Committee Report:

- We are going to run a trial of no walks. Only strikes count. People come out to get some swings in, unintentional intentional walks are not in the spirit of fun. This does not apply to the Fun League.
- Restating: Tuesday / Thursday teams who have less than 12 roster players at a game are required to pick bucket players to ensure they have at least 12 batters.



Reopening Status:

- **Fun League:** About a third of the Fun League players have been attending BP at Hamman. Anticipate 20+ once games start, so a full resumption is expected later this month. This is our most vaccinated group!
- **Tuesday / Thursday Leagues:** Despite some people injured or waiting to play, Tuesday will still have 3 teams. Thursday had more drop-off, and will have 4 teams instead of 5 playing. Jack Boniface has restructured the teams a bit since last year to account for these changes. We are shooting to play Tuesdays at Mise, and Thursdays at Mise and Arcadia.
- **Saturday League:** Anticipate losing 2-4 players per team (mostly non-COVID related reasons). There will be 5 or 6 teams in the upcoming season. Fields TBD (more info later in this doc.) There's a possibility that there will be 3 games played at one field. This is dependent on field availability.
- **Weeknight League:** We are looking into making the weeknight league happen again this year. Look for a survey to determine who is interested.
- **Protocols:** We will follow any guidelines from the city of San Jose or any other cities we contract with (none provided as of yet). We do not anticipate adding any additional requirements. We do encourage people observe social distancing wherever possible, and not congregate in dugouts. The club will provide hand sanitizers and wipes at the fields.
- **Equipment/Supplies:** We should have enough new softballs to start and will pick up the order from last year in the next few weeks. We are good to go with all other supplies/equipment.
- **Fields:**
 - Saturday- we are looking at multiple options:
 - Moffett: Demolition has not started and appears to be delayed. Field 1 is OK, playable with one day's grounds keeping work. Field 2 has 3 water issues and may not be available. We are looking to secure authorization from NASA to play and fix up the fields.
 - Palo Alto: There are 3 fields that may be available to us: Greer, Cubberley and El Camino. They each have some issues but are definitely usable.
 - DeAnza: May be available to us on Saturdays.
 - Arcadia and/or Mise: Trying to see if these are options for a few months at least- depends on how fast demand ramps up from others to use these fields.
 - Columbus: remains a solid long-term solution, but things are moving at a slow pace. Our best guess is that it's at least 6 months out before these fields are usable for us.
 - Fun League:
 - We plan to continue to use Hamman
 - Tuesday/Thursday:
 - Targeting Mise and Arcadia however we need to wait for the city's formal approval. DeAnza may be a back-up if needed until all the approvals are made.

New Business:

- **Recruiting:** As usual, our membership roster is in a bit of flux, with injuries, people moving and of course COVID. We started a discussion of how to recruit more players, especially younger ones. Your help in recruiting is appreciated- which of your friends/co-workers would love to get out in the post-COVID world?
 - **Players:** We discussed a number of recruiting methods such as posters at Twin Creeks, Fire Houses, Police Stations and Senior Centers; Nextdoor; expanding our use of Facebook and other social media.
 - **Managers:** many of our managers have been in place long-term. We would like to see new players volunteer as managers, and will be recruiting. But if you are interested in managing, please raise your hand!
 - Rob Gelpman will be leading a plan for recruiting- any ideas are welcome.
- **2021 Budget:** Jeff Greenberg will propose a 2021 budget at the next board meeting.



The Board voted to adjourn at 8:46 pm, PST.

The next meeting will be held on Star Wars Day: May the 4th, 2021.



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