

Minutes of the Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting, February 3, 2015

Attendees:

Mark Loveless, President
Mike Friedman, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Jim Gross, Treasurer

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan
Jeff Greenberg
Lester Sutherland
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

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

New Vintage Softball Members:

New members for 2015 who joined in January are Chris Rarraza, Bob Good, and Jim Bjerrum. They all joined the Fun League. Have a great time playing softball in the Vintage Club Fun League.

President's Comments:

The Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday leagues will all be re-drafting within the next two weeks. If you haven't been playing in one of these leagues and wish to be included in the draft, please contact the appropriate commissioner.

Next month's meeting on March 3 is open to all members. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the January minutes by unanimous vote

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Gross presented the Treasurer's reports for both December and January which were reviewed and approved by the Board. Mike Friedman has agreed to serve as assistant treasurer and will assist Jim as needed during his convalescence from eye surgery and the remainder of the year.

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At the moment Jim Gross and Larry Murchison are the only two remaining board members that can sign checks. We will add two more board members as authorized signers.

Rules Committee Updates:

For clarification of a sometimes misunderstood rule, a foul ball that goes directly from the bat must go higher than the batter's head before it can be considered an out if caught. If a tipped batted ball does not go higher than the batter's head, even if it is caught, it is only a strike.

A pinch runner may run only once per inning as a pinch runner. Unless the managers agree otherwise, if a pinch runner is on base when his at bat occurs, his at bat will be declared an out. The managers have the right to waive or alter the pinch runner rules at their discretion.

The batter-runner should be considered out if the ball is hit and lands on the grass and an infielder retrieves the ball and throws to first ahead of the batter-runner. The ball landing on the grass does not automatically result in a hit unless an outfielder touches the ball. All infielders, including the buck shortstop, must be on the infield dirt when the ball is hit in order for the runner to be thrown out at first base.

When a foul ball is hit the catcher-umpire must YELL "**foul ball**". Get in the game guys! Base runners need to know what's going on before us old guys run ourselves ragged for no reason.

Old Business:

Registration

There are 184 returning and new members who have signed up for the 2015 softball season. Remarkably, there are still 42 who have yet to sign up.

Social Director Search

Our search for a volunteer for this position has produced one excellent candidate. We hope to announce his name shortly.

Moving Our Finances to a Credit Union.

The move to a credit union has been shelved. Our existing bank is providing the service we need for reasonable fees.

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Shirts, Caps, etc.

Bob LeFevre has volunteered to inventory and order the spiffy clothing that we all proudly wear to each game. Shirts have been distributed to the commissioners and new shirts and caps can be obtained from them. Long sleeved shirts can be ordered by getting in touch with Bob LeFevre and will be sold at cost.

New Business:

2015 Player's Handbook

The updated Player's Handbook is now available at:

http://seniorsoftballsanjose.com/vintage_rulebook.pdf

Thanks Jim Callan for the effort in updating this document.

While on the subject of the WEB site, we must thank Joyce Strand, wife of the late Vintage player Bob Strand, for continuing to finance the Vintage WEB site.

Assistant managers for Saturday League

For purposes of the Saturday league draft only one assistant manager will be allowed. This will allow for more players to be entered into the draft. Managers may select additional assistants, if desired, after their team has been established.

In other news:

A motion was made and approved to buy thirty-six dozen softballs.

League Commissioner's Reports:

FUN LEAGUE

A representative from the city of San Jose Field Maintenance stopped by and discussed the removal of the shed we have located on the third base side of Hamman field - next to North Central Street. The reason for the potential shed removal is that a homeless person sleeps on the dugout bench directly behind the shed. The people in the area worry about this person and the police can't see him from their vehicles because of the shed. When we arrive on Monday and Wednesdays he moves and goes to sleep under a tree. No action will be taken at this time.

Thanks to Barry Freeman the shed has just recently been repaired and re-roofed.

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Meanwhile, the Fun League has experienced the usual cold weather reduction in attendance. They are averaging 24 to 28 folks.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY LEAGUES

All is OK. The next draft is scheduled for February 19.

SATURDAY LEAGUE

Lou Silver has everything under control. The next draft is February 14. We will not have the use of Moffett Field on May 16 and have asked Jim Lewis to secure us other fields for that day.

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:04 PM, PST.



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

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