Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting June 06, 2023 @ 7:30 pm PST

Location: Zoom

Meeting Called to Order at 7:38 PM

Attendees:

Officers:

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



Directors:

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

Commissioners:

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

New Members:

WELCOME to our new Club members: Ed Zei, Charles Struby & Robert Rossler Thank you for joining our Club! Have fun!

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

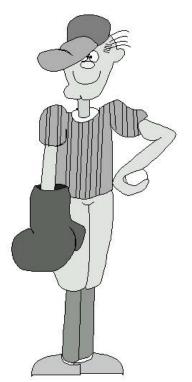
The Board approved the April 2023 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved the Treasurer's Report.

Rules Committee Report:

Nothing new to report





Old Business:

- Fields Arcadia & Mise on Tuesday/Thursday: We are set at Arcadia for the summer. Arcadia plans to close for 2 months during the Fall for "maintenance". Saturday fields are taken care of, but we'll need a 'Plan B' for Tuesday/Thursday League when Arcadia closes. Fair Oaks in Sunnyvale remains an option. More details to follow as they emerge.
- Fields Arcadia on Saturdays: As mentioned above, Saturday field situation is stable for the near term.



New Business:

Picnic/One Pitch tournament: We are going to try to do it again this year and Ric Ferras has agreed to run it. We will need 2 fields that will allow food for the picnic, so Greer Park in Palo Alto is a leading candidate. July & August is the time frame and firm dates and location will be provided once determined. This Tournament is open to all Vintage Members, however, the first 6 teams will be comprised of Saturday League teams and additional teams, if needed, will be from the Weekday Leagues.

- Moffett Field: VP Jeff G. has mentioned that Bob Bilikas and Blain Thomas are collaborating to work on the possibility of bringing back our beloved Moffett Field for Saturday games. The fields are in pretty bad shape, and they'll need a lot of work but playing there would make sense since we play at Moffett for free. While this plan remains a long shot, discussions are in progress.
- Membership Drive/Email Promotion: While the Weekday Leagues have solid membership the Saturday League has been coming up short. While there are other factors, field conditions in San Jose along with tournaments seem to be the main cause of a drop in participation on Saturdays. While we have been guaranteed use of two fields at Arcadia for 26 weeks per year, that leaves 26 weeks where we must use an alternative field. Larry Kubo has taken the initiative to spearhead a membership drive to get new members by word of mouth, direct email, or any other methods of getting out the word that "We Need More Weekend Players!". Even getting 20 new players would have a significant impact on the Saturday games. Information regarding this situation has been sent out to Vintage Members. There are other options being explored. It's possible we will hold another Board meeting in July prior to the regularly scheduled one in August to discuss any developments. We need to understand why fewer people are joining the Saturday League compared to last year and we will be doing a survey of previous vintage members, as well as current members, to determine the causes of lower membership. Along with volunteers, any and all other ideas from Vintage Members are welcome! This is your Club, and your voices will be heard.



League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League: Nothing to report other than "the shed has been rebuilt".

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues: Nothing to report.

Saturday League: Lou S. reports that at the next draft in about a month or two, the Saturday teams will be reduced to 5 teams.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:19 pm, PST. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st, 2023.



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