

# Vintage Softball Club

## Board of Directors Meeting

### March 1, 2022 7:30 pm PST

**Location:** Zoom

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:48 PM**

**Attendees:**

**Officers:**

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



**Directors:**

Chris Milosovich  
Jeff Hacker  
Jim Palte  
Kent Gaynor  
Rob Gelphman

**Commissioners:**

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

**Rules Committee Chairman:**

Jack Boniface

**Guests:**

None in attendance

## New Members:

WELCOME to new club members: **Bob Mackey, Don Jagoda, Joe Torrisi, Juan Avila, Tray Hines, Michael Simoneau & Fernando Celaya**

Thank you all for joining our Club!

## Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

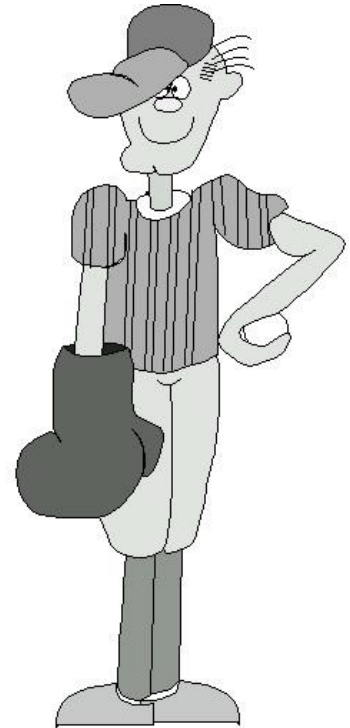
The Board approved the January 2022 Board meeting minutes that are posted on our website.

## Treasurer's Report:

The Board approved the report.

## Rules Committee Report:

- Reminder: If one team has a full complement of players, and the other team is short, the full complement team should give players to the shortened team until the teams are even. Then, bucket players can be chosen up to a total of 12 players on each team. This is all based on coach's discretion.
- Starting in the SPRING season (April 2022) batters must reach first base before they can ask for a pinch runner (in accordance with NCSSA and SSUSA rules). Batters who hit a ball that is fielded by an outfielder are still guaranteed first base (and cannot be thrown out by an outfielder). Purposed new rule by rule committee that was voted on. Board **voted NO** as seen under new business.
- A white line will be drawn at the front edge of 1B, so that a batter-runner may cross that line and avoid the orange base and a possible collision with the first baseman. Crossing that line, prior to the ball being caught by the first baseman, is the same as stepping on the orange base.
- "Run through" rule: Vintage has adopted a "run through" rule for 2B and 3B, allowing runners to run through a base, on either side, without touching the base and avoiding a collision with the infielder. If a runner desires to run through the base and advance to the next base, he must "re-touch" the base before advancing to the next base. If a runner "runs through" 3B, even if he only advances through the coach's box, he **MUST** re-touch 3B before he attempts to score.
- We will make every attempt to paint 170-foot water soluble white markers in the outfield at our fields, in order to avoid having to place cones in the outfield.
- PITCHER'S BOX: In accordance with NCSSA and SSUSA rules the pitcher's box is a two-foot wide box from 50-feet to 60-feet from home plate. Since we use a screen, the screen can be placed a maximum of 4-feet in front of the 50-foot box. The screen must cover at least half (12-inches) of the pitcher's rubber. Since the pitcher must have at least one foot inside the two-foot pitcher's box, this guarantees that he has at least part of his body protected by the screen. After pitch is released, the pitcher must get completely behind screen until batter makes contact with ball. The Board discussed this issue and decided that base coaches should watch for 'illegal pitches' and that Managers would enforce the



rule. The Club will institute this new rule change and evaluate implementation over time and report accordingly. Nearly all pitchers currently are not in compliance with the rule, we will try out enforcement by calling illegal pitches. After monitoring if that doesn't work more severe measures will be instituted.



### Old Business:

- **Start with 1/1 count:** No Change. The Board **voted** to 'keep as is'. Meaning that Managers will decide before the game how to proceed, whether to start with 0/0 or 1/1 count. Saturday games will start at bats with 1/1 count.
- **Monday Night League at Hamman:** Monday night league is a go! If you haven't already, please let Dennis know if you wish to play.
- **Saturday Fields:** Remaining Saturday games in March are at Arcadia. Any additional changes will be broadcast to Club Members as they become available.
- **BoD discussion:** The Board discussed how best to gauge the sentiment of our Members, whether it be to take a poll of all Club Players or poll the Managers after they poll their Players. No vote was taken on the subject, and all Club Members are encouraged to make their wishes known.



### New Business:

- **1 Pitch Tournament/Summer Picnic:** Need to secure a 'permanent' field for Saturday in order to proceed with this time-honored tradition. We intend to hold it this year, assuming we can secure two fields next to each other. Details to follow as they become available.
- **Eliminating Pinch Runner From Home:** No change. BoD **voted** to keep this rule the same as it is now where a batter may get a pinch runner from home.



### League Commissioner's Reports:

**Fun League:** Nothing to report.

**Tuesday/Thursday Leagues:** Dave reports some new players have been added. Next draft will be held March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Saturday League:** Lou says there's an influx of "new hard hitting" Club Members!  
Next draft will be held March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Weeknight League:** Nothing to report.

The Board voted to adjourn at 8:58 pm, PST.

The next meeting will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022.



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