



Vintage Softball Club Board of Directors Meeting – January 2, 2018

Attendees:

Officers

Jeff Greenberg, President
Mark Loveless, Vice President
Larry Murchison, Secretary
Don Shrank, Treasurer

Directors

Barry Schimmel
Jim Callan - Absent
Mike Friedman
John Cawley
Bob LeFevre

Commissioners

Tom Simpson, Fun league
Lou Silver, Saturday league
Jack Boniface, Tuesday/Thursday leagues

General Counsel

Allen Baden

New Vintage Softball Members:

The Vintage Softball Club would like to welcome new members to the Club: Dennis Maston, John Hughes, Marty Bitting, Mark Stevenson and Mark Alcott. Have fun and be careful.

President's Comments:

These are my first minutes as president- I am looking forward to working with everyone to keep the club running smoothly and continually improving. Your suggestions are always welcome.

I would like to thank Mark Loveless for his past three years as president. Mark did a fantastic job of running things, improving our financials, and just being a great leader. Thanks Mark!

2018 dues payments are continuing to come in at their typically drawn out pace, although this year we have had unusually high 25 members either move out of the area or are currently injured. So this is a good time to recruit your friends and family to join up. We will also be providing a paragraph that you can post to social media or NextDoor to put out the word.

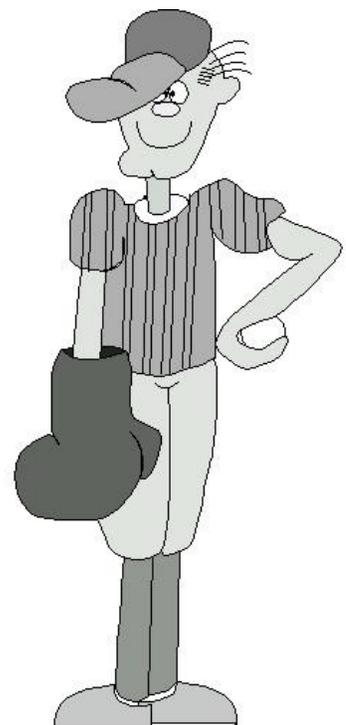
Ray Miranda wants to remind everyone that an important part of his job as Vintage's chaplain is to acknowledge and provide best wishes on behalf of the club to any of us who have suffered from injury, illness, loss of close family members, and so forth. Ray's condolences can include flowers, prayers, or whatever is appropriate for the particular member. So if you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please contact Ray through a club officer or directly at [\(408\) 250-4811](tel:4082504811) or raymiranda54@hotmail.com."

A friendly reminder for those playing at Mise. While we do have rights to the field when we are playing, we want to avoid any verbal altercations with the soccer players. Even though we may be in the right, we don't want any complaints getting back to the Parks and Rec department that could jeopardize our use of Mise. Just let the managers handle any issues.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all!

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Board approved the December Board minutes which will be posted on our website.



Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was approved. As is typical for this time of year, we had very few expenses and most of our annual revenue in from dues payments. We are behind our goals on dues payments but have also saved on expenses thus far so we are slightly ahead of our cash budget though December.

Don Shrank and Barry Schimmel are evaluating where we can invest some of our cash in interest generating CD's.

Rules Committee Report:

After several months of trying out the new pitching screens, the rules committee presented its formal recommendation. The following was adopted by the board and will be added to our handbook (but does not apply to the Fun League).

The pitching screen shall be used in all Vintage softball games. The screen shall be positioned so that the pitcher is protected on a ball hit "up the middle." The pitcher may pitch the ball over the screen, or on either side of the screen. If not pitching from directly behind the screen, right-handed pitchers must release the ball from the right side of the screen, and left-handed pitchers must release the ball from the left side of the screen.

The pitcher must pitch from the pitcher's box, depicted on page 81 in the 2017-2018 SSUSA Handbook (www.vintagesoftball.org), with this caveat: the Vintage box shall be three-feet wide and extends from 50-feet to 60-feet from home plate. The screen may be placed four-feet in front of the 50-foot pitcher's box, or anywhere within the box, as long as the pitcher pitches from behind the screen. The screen must protect at least half of the pitcher's rubber when placed in front of the rubber, in order to ensure that the pitcher is protected while he/she is in the pitcher's box.

A batted ball that hits the screen will be considered the same as any foul ball. Thus, if a batter has two strikes on him, and he subsequently hits the screen with a batted ball, the resulting "foul" will be considered the same as any two-strike foul.....a strike out.

If a batter starts with a “one-and-one” count and thus has a “free foul” once he has two strikes on him, he has the same benefit as our present rule allows. With two strikes he can hit the screen one time without being called out.

In the event the sun is directly behind the pitcher, Vintage allows the batter to move the pitcher six-feet on either side of the pitcher’s rubber, in order to “see” the pitch. The screen, in this case, must be placed in front of the pitcher in accordance with the parameters mentioned above (from four-feet in front of the extended 50-foot line to anywhere in the new pitcher’s box).

Failure to abide by the above rules results in an “illegal” pitch.

Reminder: hit balls that in any way touch the screen or its support structure are treated as a foul ball. And thrown balls that hit the screen are live and in play.

Old Business:

2018 Dues Update

The records at this date show that 165 players have signed up for the 2018 season. We have an usually high number of members that have moved or are currently injured (presumably the injured will re-sign when they are healthy). We still have many members who haven't paid and therefore are currently not eligible to play.

Starting the new year is always a good time to think about recruiting your friends and family to join Vintage- part of their new year's resolutions to get healthy and fit! Also social media- Facebook, NextDoor, etc. is a great way of letting your circle know about Vintage.

Corporate Matters

Allen and Don will create a formal calendar of events regarding fees, insurance and filings so the Board is aware of the timing of these fees.



New Business:

BBQ at Little Lou's

Ric Ferris and Lance Wagner have organized a Vintage BBQ at Lance's Little Lou's BBQ restaurant in Campbell for Sunday January 7 from 1-5pm. For \$25, members and their guests have a full BBQ buffet, soft drinks and door prizes. There will also be a band and TV's to watch the games. Should be a great time- thanks to Ric and Lance for organizing!

Weeknight League

Based on the success of last year's reinstatement of a weeknight league, we are planning to have the league again starting in early April. Jim Batterson is working with the city to determine the night (Monday preferred or Wednesday) and the field.

We need a commissioner for the weeknight league! Please let Jeff know if you are interested in serving. The commitment is minimal- largely setting up the fields and organizing the teams.

Advertising

The Board is investigating ways to increase our membership. We would, however, like to do this without incurring costs, so word of mouth is critical, and typically the best way to recruit people. One simple thing to do is share Vintage on social media or local neighborhood sites like NextDoor. We will provide a paragraph for you to use on our site in the next few days. Let me know if you have any other suggestions.

Frequency of Board Meetings

The Board discussed the ideal frequency of meetings and amended the bylaws to provide for no fewer than six meetings per year. For this year, the Board will meet every other month, with the next meeting in March.

League Commissioner's Reports:

Fun League

Fun League is doing well. The screen behind home plate has disturbed one of the neighbors. Tom will discuss the use of this screen with the city.

Tuesday/Thursday Leagues

Jack noted that all is going well on both Tuesday and Thursday.

Saturday League

The Saturday league has seen an influx of good young players. Keep them coming!

The Board voted to adjourn at 9:00PM, PST. The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2018.



Please visit our web site at: <http://www.vintagesoftball.org/>



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