



Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association (SSSA) Board of Directors was held Wednesday, June 14th, 2017, at the Mountain View Ocotillo Room and was called to order by President, Stu Kraft at 1:00 pm.

Board members present: Stu Kraft, President; George Corrick, Vice President; Ken Crossman, Treasurer; Director Jack Graef.

Board members absent: Directors Fran Weinberg, Janice Mihora and Bob Lenihan.

Guests: Tim Benjamin.

Approval of Minutes

George Corrick moved for approval of minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting. Ken Crossman seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

Stu reported the Memorial Day Tournament was another SSSA success. There were three close games, a good crowd, and we cleared approximately \$200 after expenses.

Stu requested the Rules Committee to develop recommended policy/rule changes to address frequent "abuse" of courtesy runner usage, meaning for other than injury, disability, or seriously advanced age.

Treasurer's Report

The May treasurers' report was presented by Ken with a reported end of month balance of \$61,699.43. Jack moved for approval and George seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Claude DuVall recently mailed invoices for our all 2017 renewing sponsors. Also, Stu reminded the Board that we will need a replacement for Claude to perform this function in the future.

Commissioner's Report

No reports

Field Maintenance Report

Tim Benjamin reported that our field maintenance contractor, AAA, will begin the between-season work on June 27th with sprinkler head adjustments, addition of 75 tons of sand in the

outfield and 15 tons of sand in the infield, and laser leveling. Application of weed killer and fertilizer will be delayed until mid-July after the start of the monsoon season. The home plate mat replacement has been received and will be installed during this period.

Tim will be replacing the plywood cover over the sprinkler utility cavity adjacent to the home team dugout.

The field will be shut down for all softball activity from June 27th through July 1st.

Director's Report

None

Rules of Play Committee Report

Jack reported on proposed amendments to the Rules of Play. Changes to Rules 8: Players needed for a game; Rule 11: Equipment (bats); and Rule 14 (caps/visors) were unanimously approved. The revised Rules of Play, dated 6/14/17, will be posted on the SSSA website.

The Board discussed Jim Smith's concerns about the proper application of the "infield fly" rule, but determined that current practice is acceptable and will remain unchanged.

The Board discussed unsportsmanlike conduct of players who make "calls" that affect the course of play. Stu will send an e-mail to the umpire crew reminding them to call "interference" (with corresponding penalties) when such improper "calls" are made.

Unfinished Business

- Storage Shed – Tim summarized a proposal to install a shed outside the left field fence for equipment to be relocated from the tractor room. Minimum site prep may be necessary. The dealer, X-Pert Automotive, in Catalina, will deliver and install a "Weather King" shed at a total cost of about \$2,400. Jack moved to approve; seconded by George and approved unanimously. Tim will follow up with the dealer and coordinate installation.

New Business

- Summer season will begin Monday, July 10th, and end Monday, September 25th. Game start times and duration will remain similar to the Spring Season. However adjustments to start (earlier) and length (shorter) will be made as appropriate when excessive heat is forecast for game days and daylight shortens in September.
- The July Board meeting will be deferred (cancelled), unless a pressing need to address one or more issues arise prior to the normally scheduled August meeting date.

Board Discussion/Adjournment

Jack moved to adjourn. Seconded by George. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at about 2:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Graef, Director