



Minutes of the September 6, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association (SSSA) Board of Directors was held Wednesday, September 6, 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; Directors, Fran Weinberg, and Jack Graef.

Board members absent: Directors: Janice Mihora and Bob Lenihan

Guests: Ron Quarantino

Approval of Minutes

Jack moved for approval of minutes of the August 2, 2017 meeting. George seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

Labor Day Tournament: well attended, and standing room only. Three interesting games, all won by blowout scores by the Blue/visiting teams. Doug Wagers did his usual fine job of preparing brats and dogs.

Stu reported that the new Courtesy Runner rule (revised Rule 26) approved by the Board on 8/2/17 will be implemented on a trial basis at the start of the Fall season. Stu will send a notice to the membership to announce and explain the rationale for the trial.

Treasurer's Report

The August treasurers' report was presented by Ken with a reported end of month balance of \$57,900. There followed short discussions of specific budget items: our water bill, sprinkler system issues, and the Jim Click scoreboard sign.

George moved for approval and Fran seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Sponsorship Report

Ken presented a brief Sponsorship report, specifically, providing a new banner for Window Wizard at no charge in exchange for his tournament services.

George moved to approve waiver of the \$275.00 fee. Seconded by Jack

Rules Committee Report

Jack discussed the need for enforcement of certain rules that are habitually ignored by some players. In particular, the wearing of jewelry, wrist watches and some fitness devices, all of which represent potential safety hazards.

Stu agreed to advise the head umpire to instruct the umpire corps to enforce the rules.

Commissioner's Report

No report.

Field Maintenance Report

The need for overseeding was discussed. It was decided to postpone overseeding until next year which will save (or defer) about \$4000.00.

Jack discussed repeated failure of some maintenance folks to observe "maintenance etiquette" such as sloppy or improper storage of equipment. Jack agreed to discuss with the head of field preparation, Harry Adams, and Tim Benjamin, field maintenance.

Director's Report

- None

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Discussion of Fall schedule. Decision made to start on 10/9/17; last game on 12/15/17, with no games during the four-day Thanksgiving period. The distribution of games will be:
 - Monday: Community followed by Recreation
 - Tuesday: Competitive followed by Community
 - Thursday: Coyote followed by Competitive (provided sufficient sign-ups)
 - Friday: Community followed by CompetitiveAll first games of the day to start at 09:00 unless there are 4 games
- Tournament Planning – Decision was made to discontinue the Thanksgiving tournament owing to marginal signups and conflicts with family activities. A Veterans' Day Tournament will replace the Thanksgiving tournament.
- Stu discussed the requirement to nominate an Elections Committee on or before 10/15/17 to solicit nominations for the 20128 Board of Directors.
- Stu discussed the requirement for our annual By Laws review. Stu will nominate a review committee for this purpose.

Board Discussion/Adjournment

Jack moved to adjourn. Seconded by George. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 14:19.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jack Graef, Director