



Minutes of the January 4, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association Board of Directors was held Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at the Mountain View Ocotillo Room and was called to order by President, Stu Kraft at 12:05 p.m.

Board members present: Stu Kraft, President; George Corrick, Vice President; Ken Crossman, Treasurer; Directors, Fran Weinberg, Bob Lenihan, Jack Graef, and Janice Mihora.

Guests: Ron Quarantino

Approval of Minutes

George moved for approval of minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting. Bob seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Comments

Stu shared agenda items for the annual membership meeting.

- Stu – SSSA 2017 year in review
- Ken – Review the budget (including dues approval)
- Denise – Sponsorship report
- Stu – 2017 Initiatives and questions/answers

Stu will discuss special interest items for the membership.

- Abuse of the courtesy runner.
- Due to low numbers at the Thanksgiving Tournament; should we substitute with a Veterans Day Tournament on the Saturday before? We will still have the grandkids day.
- Competitive league moving bases to 70 feet.
- Scoreboard viewing difficulty.

Stu shared that the Activities Fair will be Saturday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. SSSA needs people to man the booth for 3 hours. Bob will coordinate.

Treasurer's Report

The December treasurers' report indicates the SSSA in very sound financial position. The end of year balance is \$55,166.93. Jack moved for approval and George seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Ken reported on the proposed annual budget for 2017. The budget will be voted on at the membership meeting on January 25, 2017. The Board decided to recommend to the membership to keep the annual dues at \$120 which is the same as the past year's dues. George moved for approval and Bob seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Sponsorship Report

All sponsors are paid up to date. We had four cancellations this year. Membership needs to look for potential sponsors. The Board agreed that Denise Norgard has done an excellent job as sponsorship chairperson. We are still in need of a someone to take over Denise's duties.

Field Maintenance

Weed control and scarifying have been done. Any game cancellations will be done by Stu, Ken, George, or their designees.

Committee on Rules Report

Jack proposed a series of revisions. The Board deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Stu advised the 2017 Board that the 2016 Board served as the Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws. Bylaw revisions were proposed by Stu and Jack. A lengthy discussion ensued and the recommended revisions will be presented to the membership at the annual membership meeting and the membership will have the opportunity to vote electronically on approving the proposed Bylaw revisions.
- The results of the recent batting clinic were discussed. Jack reported it was well organized and members had a lot of one-on-one time with instructors. The Board may consider offering the clinic again in the future.
- The Pitching Working Group was very successful and trained approximately 15 potential new pitchers.

New Business

- As a result of the player sign up and drafts in the Monday Recreation League and Tuesday Community League, 13 players ended up on each team, so the Board approved those leagues to play 9 innings, if all team managers approved.
- Stu will send an email to all players advising them to contact the respective league commissioners if they would like to be a substitute or replacement player during the winter season.
- Stu will send out another email that Skills/Rookie camps will be offered Wednesdays throughout the winter season as part of practice periods. Batting practice, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Skills/Rookie camp, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Batting practice, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Practice must be finished by noon to allow field maintenance

Board Discussion/Adjournment

George moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bob. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Mihora, Director