



Minutes of the October 4, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association Board of Directors was held Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at the Mountain View Ocotillo Room and was called to order by President, Stu Kraft at 1:00 p.m.

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

Board member absent: Bob Lenihan

Guest: Ron Quarantino, Len Gann, and Terry Mihora

Approval of Minutes

George moved for approval of minutes of the September 6, 2017. Fran seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

Stu discussed courtesy runners as stated in the rules of play. The main purpose of his email to the membership was to make sure runners are identified on the line-ups.

Stu recommended a player rating system. The CTS will evaluate potential upgrades and take the lead to implement this system that will include fielding, running, throwing, and batting averages.

Players who are playing in the Recreation League who are too skilled for the league were discussed. The commissioner can restrict someone from playing in said league due to safety concerns.

Treasurer's Report

The September treasurers' report was presented by Ken with a reported end of month balance of \$57,124.32. Jack moved for approval. George seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The use of a new ball for each game and the large amount of still good enough for game play balls and the number of old balls taking up space was discussed. We will use one new ball per day. Stu will communicate this to the head umpire. Ken will donate some of the old balls to the

Oro Valley team. George moved for approval. Fran seconded. Jack opposed. All others were in favor.

Director's Report

No Discussion

Commissioner's Report

Ron Quarantino shared that there are nine (9) players in the Coyotte league who should be playing Recreation. He suggested that we drop the age requirement to 60 years old. This conversation is tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

Field Maintenance

Terry Mihora shared his discussion with Bo. The people mowing need to slow down with the mower. Terry will talk to Tim Benjamin and Harry Adams about proper mowing procedures.

Stu reported that we need someone to do weedwacking of the weeds on the fence line from the score board to the right field line.

Communications

Stu reported that we need more news coverage at SaddleBrooke Ranch. Janice said we can, email news to Alex Baker at saddlebrookeranch@yourcommunitybulletins.com, send articles to the Ranch Round Up, and she is already on the list to to have a booth at the activities fair.

Sponsorship

Ken reported on new signs and their sponsors.

Committee on Rules Report

The Board went through a series of Jack's suggested revisions to the Rules of Play.

Rule 8 sub paragraph a. - We will amend to change "may" to "must". Jack moved for approval. George seconded. Approved unanimously.

Rule 18 - scoring of home runs. Jack will discuss with John Sentowski about how to track this without adding confusion or work to someone's volunteer job of scorekeeping. If this is changed, it will be a policy change not a rule change. No action on this.

Rule 11-F – Pitcher Face Mask. Stu shared that SS-USA rules state that pitchers must wear a face mask all the time. Our rule change will add, "Per Senior SS-USA rules pitchers are required to wear a face mask" and delete "unless the pitching screen is used". This will begin immediately. Stu will send an email to members. Jack moved for approval. Ken seconded. Approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Fall Season Status: Teams are formed. Stu will send an email requesting subs.

2018 BoD Elections: Stu sent an email requesting volunteers for the nominating committee by the 15th of October. One more volunteer is needed.

Annual by-law review: Stu will send an email requesting volunteers. No one has offered to serve. BoD may have to do this.

New Business

Veterans Day Tournament Planning: A sponsor is needed for the Saturday, November 11th event. Sign ups will begin on October 20th and end on October 30th.

Thanksgiving Kids' Day Status: We need someone to take the lead and also someone to do the advertising. It is scheduled for Friday, November 24th.

Board Discussion/Adjournment

George moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jack. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Mihora, Director