



Minutes of the December 6, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association Board of Directors was held Wednesday, December 6, 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 Weinberg, Bob Lenihan, Jack Graef, and Janice Mihora.

Guests: Mark Hojnacki, George Corrick, Harold Weinenger, Bobby Carbone, Ken Beals, Mary Schneck, Len Gann and Ron Quarantino.

Approval of Minutes

Bob moved for approval of minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting. Ken seconded. Approved unanimously.

Reports

President's Report: Stu welcomed the 2018 Board members and thanked the 2017 Board members for their service.

Stu reported that the Veteran's Day Tournament was very successful and ran efficiently. We once again had standing room only.

Treasurer's Report: The November treasurers' report was presented by Ken with a reported end of month balance of \$54,730.72. Jack moved for approval. Fran seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The dog park water repair issue was discussed at length. The dog park's cost to repair their leak was \$850 and they are requesting SSSA pay for it. It was agreed that our latest flooding was caused by the dog park water repair. Ken will keep note if our water bill increases significantly and discuss it with the 2018 Board. The Board took no action on this issue and will leave the decision to the 2018 Board.

Director's Report: Fran discussed the lateness of games. Stu recommended that games prior to and between Recreation games during the 2018 winter season be scheduled for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Commissioner's Report: Ken shared membership data. Ken will present this data at the annual meeting.

Field Maintenance: Stu reported that Henry Adams is scheduling training on January 3rd for anyone interested in serving on the field prep team. Stu will send an email to the membership to get new members to help.

Communications: No Discussion

Sponsorship: Ken reported that he put up new banners. All banners that are hung are paid sponsors for 2018. He has one banner that does need replacing. The Board thanks Denise and Ken for their hard work on sponsorship.

Committee on Rules Report: Jack deferred his recommended changes until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

CTS: Committee on Team Selection (CTS) Chair, Len Gann, distributed copies of the player evaluation process used by CTS to rate our members. CTS rated members who have played within the last two years.

- This information will not be published and will be used only by CTS for the purpose of player team selection.
- Managers will not pick teams; CTS will pick teams, and then pick managers.
- When players are absent, substitutes will be a player within 2 points of the absent player; however, there will be some flexibility with the pitchers.
- You can't substitute with a higher rated player.
- New players will need to come to practices to be rated.
- All players will be re-rated at the end of the winter season.

Ron Quarantino stated there is a problem with the Coyote League as there is no one available to sub who is over 65 years of age.

CTS is made up of all four commissioners and three open members. During the first week of January, the Board needs to nominate and vote on the two new open members.

Ken will modify the sign up form to state, "prior to play, you need to attend a practice to be rated".

George moved for approval of the CTS' player evaluation process. Bob seconded. All voted in favor.

Annual By-Law Review: Bob Lenihan previously sent the current Board the by-laws for review. He received one suggestion from Jack regarding Article III and Article IV. It was discussed the Board needs to put together a process for Article IV – Membership; application by exception. However, it was agreed to not make any changes to the by-laws.

Grandkids Days: Stu reminded the Board that someone is still needed to be in charge of Grandkids Days.

CTS/Commissioner Appointments: Stu will send an email for interested persons to contact the 2018 Board if they are interested in serving either as a commissioner or open CTS member. CTS members must be familiar with all league players.

New Business

Winter Season Schedule:

- It was discussed to begin on Monday, January 8, 2018 and end on Friday, April 20, 2018; a 15-week schedule,
- Start time at 9:00 a.m., and,
- St. Patrick's Day Tournament on March 17th.

Bob moved for approval. George seconded. All voted in favor.

Sign-ups:

- Monday, December 11th through Wednesday, December 20th,
- Game times will be one hour and 45 minutes before and between the Recreation games, and,
- CTS will form the teams.

League Play:

- We will offer a Recreation League on Thursdays along with Coyote and Competitive.
- Schedule will be as follows: First, Coyote; Second, Recreation; Third, Competitive, and,
- There was a consensus to have Recreation players pay the full membership fee given the availability of more than one day of play and numerous practice days.

SaddleBrooke Activity Day/SB Ranch Club Expo Day:

- Ken went to the meeting to get SSSA a table,
- SaddleBrooke Activity Day is scheduled for Saturday, January 27th, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.,
- 2018 President, Mark Hojnacki, was reminded he needs to appoint someone to take the lead, and
- The Ranch Expo is scheduled for Sunday, January 21st, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pitching Clinic: Stu will advertise and Harold will schedule and block out time from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

League Changes: The Board discussed whether there should be an age limit in Coyote and should there be blended leagues. A survey will be sent out and this will be added to the agenda for discussion at the annual meeting.

2018 BoD Meeting Dates: Meetings will be at 12:15 first Wednesday of each month.

Annual Meeting: It will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (After coordination with HOA2, the date was changed to Monday, January 29th due to the availability of the West ballroom at Mountain View clubhouse) Stu will send an email to the membership and advertise the agenda ahead of time.

Board Discussion/Adjournment

Fran moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jack. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Mihora, Director