



Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Association (SSSA) Board of Directors was held Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at the Mountain View Ocotillo Room and was called to order by President, Stu Kraft at 12:03 pm.

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

Guests: none

Approval of Minutes

Jack moved for approval of minutes of the January 4, 2017 meeting. Bob seconded. Approved unanimously.

President's Report

Stu thanked Denise Norgard and Ken Crossman for their presentations at the January 25, 2017 annual meeting. The agenda covered a wide range of topics and was efficiently managed. Minutes to the meeting will be approved at the next SSSA Board meeting.

SSSA had a very active booth at the HOA#2 Recreation & Activity Fair held on Saturday, January 28. Eighteen potential new members were registered and a number have already attended the Wednesday "rookie camp" the following week.

Director's Report

Bob reported that he had been contacted by Mark Foster's wife who thanked the SSSA for the article and recognition of Mark in the SaddleBrooke newspaper.

Treasurer's Report

The January treasurers' report was presented by Ken with a reported end of month balance of \$63,796.98. George moved for approval and Jack seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Ken indicated that he has already collected over 100 members' dues for the 2017 season and he expects another 30 - 40 members will be added throughout the year.

Sponsorship Report

Stu reminded the board that we are still in need of someone to take over Denise Norgard's duties as the Sponsorship Coordinator.

Field Maintenance

Stu reported that the sprinkler behind the pitcher's mound needs to be checked. George indicated he would test it this afternoon and repair as needed.

Stu would like to perform the field scarification process a couple of times a month. We are in need of a team of volunteers to water the infield on Saturday and then scarify the field.

Committee on Rules Report

The Board deferred discussion on Jack's proposed changes until the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Electronic voting by the 2016 SSSA membership will be held in order to approve the Bylaw changes presented at the January 25 2017 SSSA annual meeting. George will setup a link for Stu to review and test the voting process. A two thirds majority is needed in order for the Bylaw revisions to pass.
- Stu requested that we proceed with the procurement and installation of permanent speakers in the third base stands. Ken indicated that money has been budgeted but we have not identified a member to manage the project.

New Business

- Review of winter league teams by CTS (Committee on Team Selection) is recommended to ensure well balanced and competitive play.
- Estimated cost to improve the brightness of the outfield score board is \$2,000. A small set of LED bulbs and covers will be purchased and installed to determine if the upgrades enhance the score board sufficiently to justify the cost of performing full implementation.
- Estimated cost to install a mini-score board under the third base seating area is \$2,500. Decision was made to delay further investigation of this option until testing of the outfield score board is completed.
- Discussion about potentially purchasing a tool known as the "Outfield Launcher" to propel a ball using sling shot like mechanics for outfield practice. An email with video demonstrating the tool will be distributed to the SSSA board for review.
- Discussion regarding the issues that lead a member to stop playing softball and whether any action by the board might lessen the attrition.
- Updated email distribution lists will be provided by Ken in mid-March.
- Discussion about potentially replacing Thanksgiving softball tournament with a Veteran's Day tournament for 2017. Decision on this topic can be addressed in September.
- Planning for the St Patrick's Day softball tournament (Saturday, March 18) will be needed by late February.

Board Discussion/Adjournment

George moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bob. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Weinberg, Director