

# Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Association

## Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2020

### Call to Order

Joe Passoni, President called the meeting of the **SSSA** to order at 2:00 pm on February 12, 2020 at the Ocotillo room at MV.

### Roll Call: The following persons were present:

Joe Passoni, President, Jeff Stolze, Vice President, Mitch Mitchell, Treasurer, Director Ed Cussick, Absent were Directors Tony Lulek, Chuck Kill, and Paul Auster. Also present were Tom Klein, Jim Smith, Tim Malone, Debbie Seguin, Ron Quarantino, Peter Romeo and Ken Crossman.

### Approval of Minutes from January 2020

The minutes of the last board meeting were approved.

### Treasurers Report - Mitch

- Dues are continuing to come in. Unpaid members playing in the Winter League have been notified that they need to pay to play. Major expense in January was the scoreboard repair, all charges have not yet been received..

### Director's Reports

- **CTS – Jeff:** A meeting is being established to discuss the ratings process and the problem of mid-season player entry and their evaluation and placement. More to follow...
- **Sponsorships – Tim:** Work is underway to discuss the Jim Click sign under the scoreboard.. Tim has also opened a working relationship with the Ranch, and has successfully garnered new players from there. Dr. Schaffer will once again sponsor the St. Pat's Tournament. Rancheros Markets is one of our new sponsors. Need to update all the contact information from the sponsor list.

### Old Business

- **Misters =** The mister pump is broken and the system is compromised. Placement on the third base dugout needs to be addressed as those lines were severed during the seating project. Primary focus is on dugout misters. Fans in seating area are in place..Need to pursue dugout fans. Will be contacting Barron Electric.
- **Sponsor Plaques** – Need to order the updated tags. Need sponsor information.
- **Memorial Wall** – Need to update to current and apply tags.

### New Business

- Information has been received on a possible replacement for our field tractor to facilitate maintenance. The current tractor is essentially a garden unit is limited in its capability/power. The item being considered is a true tractor with many attachment possibilities that would handle infield work and outfield mowing. In-depth follow up required with the field maintenance leads, Terry Mihora, Tim Benjamin.
- Various cement walkway issues need to be addressed.

- Board was approached to allow local little league like activity on our field. Discussion centered around liability issues and was subsequently rejected.
- Volunteers Recognition – Proposal was made to present the league volunteers with a \$30 HOA gift certificate with recognition occurring at the St. Pat's Tourney. Motion made and approved.
- Activity Fairs – HOA2 Activity fair saw 11 new player sign-ups and 1 scorekeeper. As mentioned, Tim Malone was able to enter the Ranch fair and saw 20 player sign-ups. A total of 18 new players are presently playing this season. Jim Smith
- Discussion ensued on player skills in Sidewinder and other leagues. Jim Smith, new player coordinator, has created a Welcome letter for potential players and a follow-on after sign-up.
- The Rules Committee made two recommendations:
  - The first centered around tie game resolution and the proposal was to incorporate the ½ run rule used in many senior tournaments to avoid ties. If the game is tied after 7 innings a ½ run is awarded to the visiting team. **This recommendation was passed.**
  - The second recommended the elimination of pre-game infield practice. **This recommendation was rejected..**

### Q&A/Discussion

- Peter Romeo proposed purchasing a pitching machine to address the lack of pitchers at batting practice. Further research needs to be done to evaluate the machines as to their flexibility, use of ball types, etc.
- Peter also commented on the Select/Travel teams impacting regular league play. The Board has taken a stand on its support of these teams and it needs to be further defined as to how to address player absences from league games.
- Discussion ensued on player ratings, evaluations, etc in regards to how we can accomplish, a standard process, eyes on, Rookie Camp revisit, etc. As mentioned earlier, Jeff and the CTS are in discussion.

### Adjournment:

President Joe Passoni adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm

Minutes submitted by Ed Cussick

February 17, 2020