

## Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors

### Meeting March 8, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM. Present were Peter Romeo, Brad Adair, Len Gann, George Corrick, Tony Lulek , John Sentowski and Steve Pede. Also present were Deb Seguin, Jessica Passoni, Joe Passoni, Ron Quarantino, Barry Emmons, and Nick Longo.

Peter Romeo opened the meeting with an issue that related to ‘managers asking a player to skip their time at bat in favor of a better hitter’. He asked John Sentowski what was the reaction of the scorekeepers to this statement who said that he had heard from more than a dozen scorekeepers who said they had never witnessed such an occurrence.

- Review & Approve February's Board Minutes – on a motion made by Tony Lulek and seconded by Brad Adair the minutes were unanimously approved.

- Review & Approve February Treasurer's Report – George Corrick reported that 176 players have paid their dues. He also had a concern with water usage in the building/bathrooms and will look into it. John Sentowski asked about a \$350 income entry. It was from a new sponsor, Dr. Helen Jia for the sponsorship of the St. Patrick’s Day tournament. The sponsor fee is an increase from last year. Also John asked about uniform expenses outpacing uniform income and George said that as the year goes on and new players pay their fees they will balance out. The price of snacks has also increased. The report was accepted as presented.

- Financial Review Committee/Meeting Update – Barry Emmons was introduced as the chairman and he indicated that the process was underway and would be completed within 30 days.

- St. Patrick's Day Tournament Update – Jessica Passoni – Tournament event coordinator – gave details regarding the home run derby which will take place after the Recreation league game. There will be nine participants who will get ten swings each. Home run totals will be put up on the scoreboard. If after the first round there is a tie there will be a head to head tie breaker. An appropriate tee shirt will be presented to the winner. Joe Passoni reported that all amenities have been bought and \$764 had been spent.

- Potential Sponsor Demo Trailer – Tony Lulek had been approached by a potential new sponsor – Arizona Technical Services – who will be the sponsor of the Memorial Day Tournament. They would like to park a 40 foot RV to demonstrate their HVAC line of products. Where the RV can be parked has to be decided on. The sponsor fee for this arrangement will be an additional \$150 for a total of \$500. Tony also suggested that we document exactly what tournament sponsors get for their fee with a sell sheet.

- Backdrop Screening, Scoreboard and Pavilion Lettering – Peter Romeo reported that the tears on the backdrop screen in the visitors' stands were fixed by Tom Klein. The overhead screening is one piece and will have to be replaced. Also supports will be painted.

John Sentowski reported that Tom Klein cleaned the scoreboard with lots of elbow grease. New letters and numbers have been bought and will be put up. John further reported that the 'Fairwinds – Desert Point' lettering on the back of the scoring pavilion has two letters 'D&I' that need to be replaced. The cost is \$207. In 2008 SSSA entered into an agreement with the sponsor that for \$15k they got naming rights in perpetuity and we were responsible for signage maintenance. Thought was given to go in another direction and replace the signage – with the sponsor's approval – with an aluminum backed sign. After some discussion it was agreed that we should just go with replacing the letters.

- Playoff Plan Update – Nick Longo reported that the cost of presenting the nine tournament end of season winning teams with shirts would be \$958 (108 @\$8.87 ). Nick was hopeful that he could get his son Stephen to donate \$500 toward the purchase. This was approved on a motion made

by Brad Adair and seconded by Steve Pede. The membership is to be told that if this is to become an annual event, or more than once a year event, that the cost would be offset by an increase in dues. Managers of the Winter season league teams are to be notified and Terry asked to see if article could be written.

- Codifying an Appeal Process Update – On a motion made by Brad Adair and seconded by Tony Lulek it was agreed that wording would be put in the Code of Ethics section of the Rules of Play that would spell out the process whereby a player could challenge their team assignment or other such decision that they felt was unfair.

Starting with the Spring season Recreation League rosters of 15 players would be allowed. The Rules of Play will be changed and the CTS will be so notified.

- Uniforms Update – Barry Emmons will now head up this function. A locked space will be constructed at the rear of the equipment room to hold inventory.

- New Bases – a new orange base and three white bases will be purchased. The bases and other like equipment will be shelved at the rear of the tractor room.

- Handicap Signs/Defibrillator – Paul Buchanan – The Mayor – pointed out to Peter Romeo that the handicap signs in the parking lot were woefully faded. Peter spoke to HOA2 and they will replace them. current was our responsibility.

The defibrillator has not been inspected since October, 2021. Peter will bring this to HOA2's attention. Also he will look into having classes to instruct our players in its use.

- Volunteer Plaque – updates for recently deceased members and recognized volunteers have not been done. Ken Crossman will be contacted.

- Restroom Expenses Update - Peter was told that keeping bathroom supplies current was our responsibility per the License Agreement.

- Celebration of Life for Pete Vallone – Mrs. Vallone would like to have a gathering in Pete’s memory on either April 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> at the field and have use of the stands and the public address system. This was approved. It was not known if this would be open to the general membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM

Respectfully submitted

John Sentowski

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