

Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors

Meeting January 10, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM. Present were Peter Romeo, Paul Auster, George Corrick, Len Gann, Rick Ervin and Chuck Kill. John Sentowski was absent. Also present Barry Emmons, Nick Longo , Dennis Marchand, Terry Mihora, Janice Mihora, Debbie Seguin, Ron Quarantino, Janet Jarzembinski, Sam Alkhoury, Mitch Mitchell, Lynn Laureys, Alan Block, Brad Jones and Bill Rowe.

- **Review December's Minutes** - accepted

- **Review December's 31st Treasurer's Report** – accepted- There was a discussion about the continued losses with the Refreshments & Snacks. The Board voted to stop providing snacks and beverages with the exception of bottled water. We are still requesting donations for the water.

- **Review Draft 2023 Budget** – if the Board members have any questions or changes, they will contact George. The Board voted not to increase the annual Membership Dues to \$140

- **Uniforms** – regarding the sunsetting of the old jerseys Barry received orders from 6 members so far.

- **By-Laws** – Rick, Chair of the annual By-Laws Review Committee, presented the results of the membership votes. Only the “Quorum” proposed change was rejected.

- **Rules Committee** – Nick presented some rules for Board approval.

Pitcher Protection Screen

A. - Pitcher masks and screen must be used in all games and batting practice/training sessions

- Upon release of the ball, the pitcher must position themselves behind the screen in the protected area. If the batter hits the pitch, the pitcher may, at that point, become a fielder. If the pitchers are observed not complying with the rule an illegal pitch (ball) will be called. If the batter hits the illegal pitch, play will continue. If the pitcher does not move into the protected area and interferes with

the batted ball the ball will be declared dead, the batter will be awarded 1st base and all runners will advance one base.

There was a long discussion about this topic. Nick and Rick provided examples of what other leagues/communities were doing to protect their pitchers.

All the rules were approved.

- **Canopy For the Visitor's Stand** – Terry Mihora and Tom Klein are pursuing a less expensive alternative.

- **Director Responsibilities:**

Rick – Scorekeeper's and Player Behavior and Discipline Liaison. Mentor Phil C. with Coyote League

Len – Championship/Playoff in April, Rules Liaison and Monthly Clinic (Rec/Sidewinder)

Chuck – Activity Fair and Banner Sponsor Retention

Paul – Umpire Liaison and Sponsorship Coordinator

- **Financial Review Committee** – Barry Emmons, Chair will select two other members for his committee and work with George.

- **Umpires Warning/Ejections** – Dennis had two clinics to discuss the new Player Behavior and Discipline Procedures with the umpires. Dennis will schedule one on one sessions for those who did not attend either clinic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00

Submitted by

Peter Romeo