

Saddlebrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors

Meeting December 12, 2023 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30PM. Present were Peter Romeo, Paul Auster, George Corrick, Len Gann, Barry Emmons and Rick Ervin. Chuck Kill was absent. Also present was Debbie Seguin, Nick Longo, Philip Cavicchia and Bill Webster.

- **Review November's Minutes** – reviewed – “Chalk” was removed from the Field Equipment line item of the Monthly Income and Expenses Statement of Income and Expenses and was added to the Gypsum line item.

Chuck registered us for the HOA Activity Fair and will coordinate the SSSA's participation.

Street corner signage for the tournaments to promote attendance. Barry checked with the HOA and signs are allowed.

- **Review November Treasurer's Report** – reviewed – some questions and comments on specific line items. Field Consulting & Labor has exceeded the budget.

- **Sponsorship Program** – Paul Auster reviewed the status of the sponsors & banners. Paul continues to repair/paint banners instead of replacing them. The Banner Maintenance Team continue to check the boards on the outfield fence for possible replacement. Four new banners were made.

George has been working to get us as a "verified supplier" with Waste Management. They are treating us as a “big sponsor”. They sent him a message outlining several changes needed in the "Coupa Profile". (Coupa is an outside company WM uses to verify their suppliers).

Sue O'Donnell, New Banner Design/Procurement, will no longer be responsible for the banners.

Ridgeview Physical Therapy wants to pay \$200 for the Annual Sponsorship Fee instead of the \$300. The Board voted not to adjust the \$300 fee.

- **Uniforms** – we reviewed the existing \$80 New Player Uniform and Registration fee. Currently the fee does not cover our costs. Since our new uniform rule does not require players to purchase shorts or belts the Board approved not including them as part of the new player uniform. New players will now receive as part of the \$80 a cap/visor and two shirts. If the players wish to purchase through us shorts, pants or belts they will pay whatever the cost is to us.

- **Home Plate Mat** – Terry M. and Peter will replace the righthanded batters box mat the weekend before the Winter Season starts with the piece, they saved from the last time they replaced the entire mat. Paul mentioned that the lines do not meet SS-USA specifications. He is correct. The mat with the lines come from the manufacture and cannot be adjusted. The decision to go with the mat including the lines was because it required less maintenance. The other options are to not use a mat and chalk the lines or purchase a mat with no lines and have a member be responsible for painting the lines as needed. Paul was going to paint the lines on the current mat during the break to see how it looks and how long it lasts.

- **Annual Dues** – taking into account the 2023/2024 budget, CD and Money Market Acct. the Board agreed to keep the annual dues at \$120. That recommendation will be presented to the 2024 Board for their approval, and then sent to the membership for their approval via email or at the Annual Membership Meeting.

- **2024 Budget Review** – George reviewed the budget. Based on discussions the following items were updated. #43 Mower Blade Sharping increased to \$1,200 the 2023 actual; #58 Infield/Outfield Sand and Material was increased to \$900 the 2023 actual plus \$20; #63 Gypsum increased to \$1,000 twice as much as 2023; #73 Softballs increased to \$2,500 actual plus inflation; #74 Pitching Screens increased to \$300 for two screens. George will send out the updated 2024 budget.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

Submitted by

Peter Romeo