

SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors

Meeting February 1, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM. Present were Phil Cavicchia, Paul Auster, George Corrick, Barry Emmons, Chuck Kill, Bill Webster, and Rick Ervin. Also present were Ron Quarantino, Bob Chiarello, Don Gentner and Harold Weinenger.

-Review January '24 Treasurer's Report –We are running \$3159 ahead of budget for the month and year with nothing unusual or large collected or paid out this month. Accepted as is with no questions. George did remind the board that a Financial Review Committee needs to be created and the books reviewed shortly.

-January Meeting Minutes – There were a couple of minor changes to the preliminary minutes sent to the board for review. The revised minutes were accepted as is.

-Activity Fair – Chuck advised there were three new member sign-ups at the fair. One has provided the paperwork and will be evaluated soon. He made three suggestions for next year: 1) Recruit some female players to staff the table next year to show diversity. 2) We should have a stand behind the table like other clubs and a new smaller but eye-catching sign created. We taped a banner to the table and no one could see it as they walked by. 3) Try for a table closer to the main door.

-Annual Member Meeting - We had 32 attendees this year vs. 22 last year. The only comment was to consider offering some incentive to boost attendance. i.e. raffle for a small value. It was not considered.

-Sponsorship Program – Paul Auster had one existing sponsor pay. We have four who have not yet paid for 2024 despite Paul's follow-up. Phil will make one final contact before the banners are pulled down.

-St Patrick's Day Tournament Update- The tournament is scheduled for Saturday March 16th. Phil is handling the food & drink shopping. Ann and Dale Pizzitola are the new coordinators and have worked with Jessica and Joe on what is needed and timing. The volunteer request will go out in the next couple of weeks.

-George provided a timeline for team selection: Sign-up will be from Feb 23rd to March 3, the CTS has until the 12th to select the teams. Expected game times are: 8:30 and 10:00 Community, 11:30 Competitive and 1:00 for Rec/Sidewinder.

-Bill has been working with a church as a potential sponsor and wondered if we would allow them to speak to the crowd for 10 minutes. Generally, the Board considered it is a good idea for any sponsor. Bill allayed concerns about a religion discussion saying they would only discuss their community involvement.

-The last item was about the directional signage Barry suggested last meeting. He'll get with Paul who thought we could use another clubs sign holders for size and hanger details. There are many types, sizes and options available at all cost ranges. Phil stated since we would use many times, that a small spend would be worth it in the long run.

-CTS Procedure Change - Harold presented his request to streamline the CTS team selection/ approval process to eliminate required player and manager review steps, and placing final approval with the Commissioners and Head Commissioner in case of disagreement. The board unanimously approved.

-Member Recognition - Ron Quarantino spoke about recognizing long-term members (i.e. 15, 20, 25 years) with a plaque on the wall. The Board requested a proposal to detail the request details. i.e. cost, plaque type, qualification criteria, etc. One hurdle mentioned is members who skipped years and how to track. Ron will develop the request for a future meeting.

-Field Technology Update- Bill gave a preliminary update on one of last month's suggestion for potential field enhancements. Discussion focused on 2 areas: internet access cost and scorer data automation. There are cost and implementation challenges with both items. No decisions were made.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:40
Submitted by Barry Emmons