

## **SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting August 1, 2024 Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. Present were Philip Cavicchia, George Corrick, Barry Emmons, Bill Webster, Chuck Kill and Rick Ervin. Absent was Paul Auster.

**-Review July '24 Treasurer's Report** –We are in the red by \$2100 for the month but still under budget for the year by \$4778. We got two new players and 1 new sponsor this month. The large expenses for July were: water, consulting, and gypsum. There were no questions on the report. Accepted as is.

**-June Meeting Minutes** – The minutes were accepted as is.

**-Sponsorship Update** – No update this month.

**-Labor Day Tournament** – The tournament is on Monday 9/2. The most recent newspaper article said Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll try to get that corrected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery this month.

\*Sponsors are Deb Miller – State Farm and Beyond Clean.

\*First game will be at 8:30 assuming 3 games again.

\*Barry asked about adding some contest like the home run derby. Its too late to plan and announce anything for Labor Day but additional ideas for Veterans Day proposed were for a fan pitching contest and batting to hit a target in the outfield. No decisions were made today but will consider options in our next meeting in September.

**-Grounds keeping** - New blinds were installed in the scorer's pavilion.

\*Brad Jones (or Daniel Jacob) has suggested we need to laser level the field again. It was last done in July 2021. There was discussion about its necessity and what the cost would be. UPDATE: George sent the cost from 2021. \$7349 including the sand.

\*We discussed stadium seating on the visitor's side of the field. They are quite expensive and really only used 4-5 times a year. There was general agreement that it was not to be pursued further at this time.

\*It was discussed that the visitor side bleachers have crept forward about a foot and should be moved back to allow more walking space. UPDATE: Barry spoke to Terry Mihora and the tractor will be used on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

\* The issue of the trashcans being put out and taken back in was discussed. It was decided that the job would become the home team's responsibility on both Tuesday and Friday. An issue will be if the truck has not been by before the games are over: who is responsible to bring them in? Especially on Friday since Brad and team don't rake or line the field until Sunday. No answer was proposed. No final decision was reached.

**-Uniforms-** Barry recommended a reminder go out to reiterate the uniform rules. Questionable neck drapes have appeared and we want to address shorts and hats as a result of the recent issue. Barry will draft and forward to the Board members.

**-Game Day Changes-** Barry mentioned that Bob Chiarello has moved the Competitive game from Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> because of an out of town tournament pulling a large number of players. The discussion covered notification of players, umpires and scorers, and setting a precedent of allowing the change. Debbie has not requested a change for her late Community game that day. The vote was 4 to 2 to not allow the move. Phil to notify Bob of the decision.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:54

Submitted by Barry Emmons