

## SSSA Board of Directors Meeting

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**Date 10.3.3034 Time: 2:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Mountainview Club House, Ocotillo room

**Present:** Phil Cavicchia (President), George Corrick (Treasurer), Barry Emmons, Rick Ervin, Chuck Kill, Paul Auster, Vice President

**Guests:** None

→**Meeting called to order:** 2:01 p.m. by P. Cavicchia.

→**Approval of May Minutes:** Accepted as written. Vote: Unanimous.

### →**Treasurer's Report (June)**

George announced a major increase in income because of the collection of many sponsorship invoices. Also, we netted \$749+ at the Labor Day Tournament, which also contributed to the increase in revenue. Plus, the batters box mat that was replaced was considerably less expensive than last time, adding to a successful month. Treasurer Report accepted Unanimously.

### **Sponsorship Update**

Paul gave an update of the Sponsorship Program. As mentioned before, a large number of sponsors paid this month, so our numbers are up. There are still 22 unpaid clients, but Paul is certain that they will pay soon. We have a new sponsorship from Tucson Golf Carts, and Oro Ford and KJK Insurance have both expressed significant interest in taking a broader role than just their signs.

### **Election Committee**

The Election Committee is set with Charles Hendryx taking the lead, along with Dave Good and Misty Atkins.

### **Bylaws Committee**

We need to fill the Bylaws Committee soon in order to meet our mandate. Rick suggested that we recruit some players who are relatively new to SSSA within the last 4-5 years, but haven't found a way to volunteer as yet.

### **Groundskeeping**

Daniel has requested to cut the grass himself in order to maintain some continuity in length and style. He'll do it until the grass has recovered from the rigors of the summer weather.

We're looking at acquiring a shed of substantial size to relieve the congestion in both the current equipment room and the current tractor room. We hope to move the tractor and mower to that shed, and then we would move much of the equipment out of the equipment room to make it more accessible for food service, as well as other uses. Paul presented a shipping container in lieu of a shed at a substantially lower cost. He'll be talking to Walter Yazzi and Ray Kuhn about the possibility of using it.

Brad Jones suggested that we place a tarp over home plate and the batters boxes to protect it from the elements and when the infield is watered. He also suggested that we put an old tire on top of it to make sure it stays in place. Discussion revealed that we had tried this before, and we ran into problems that led us to stop. The biggest issue

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would be logistics...who would put it in place every night? ...who would take it off in the morning?...where would it be stored when not in use? The Board decided not to institute the idea.

### **Grey Uniform Status**

Barry reports that 23 players have ordered new white jerseys to be compliant with the Board decision to sunset the grey shirts by Winter Season. There are about 14 more to go to have complete compliance. Rick suggested that the Board buy 5 drapes to have on hand for players who show up wearing non-official sun drapes, making them out of uniform. Discussion centered around having some with the temporary jerseys that we keep for players who have the wrong uniform as well.

### **Doug Wagers**

Doug will no longer be doing food service at our tournaments. We hope to borrow the HOA2 grill for the upcoming tournament, and discussion ensued about replacing Doug's grill.

### **Barry's Lengthy List**

Barry suggested that we move some of the extra balls out of the baskets, perhaps having a washing party and selling some of the leftovers.

Barry also reminded us that we need to register for Club status between 10/15 and 11/12. Phil has plans to do that.

The sign team replaced rotten boards on the Jim Click sign and a couple of others. It led to discussion about the Jim Click account...his sign is showing wear from the weather. Paul and Phil will visit him to see if we can get some financial assistance to upgrade his sign, and if not, maybe replace him with Oro Ford.

Barry relayed a request from a player to change our uniform pants and shorts color from grey to white. Discussion followed, but the Board agreed that we're doing enough changing in our uniforms right now.

Many of the chairs on our top deck are in disrepair. Barry has purchased some strapping to try to make repairs. Rick advised the Board that those chairs and tables came from HOA2 when they bought new furniture for the Mountain View pool, and Chuck added that they may be doing it again soon. We'll check with them to request their old chairs and tables be sent to us.

There was a question about the USSA rule that a player's back foot may not be more forward in the box than the front edge of the plate. The Board discussed the rule in 2023 and did not include it in the SSSA rules. Discussion followed and it was agreed that there was no important reason to add it to our rules now.

**→Meeting Adjourned:** 3:25 p.m.

**->Submitted:** Rick Ervin