

SaddleBrooke Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting April 3, 2025 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM. Present were Philip Cavicchia, Mark Adolph, George Corrick, Barry Emmons, Bill Webster, Chuck Kill and Leroy Johnson. No guests were present.

-March Meeting Minutes – The minutes were accepted as is.

-Review March '25 Treasurer's Report – We got two new players this month. 13 existing members paid their dues. The last two sponsors paid their dues. Non-standard items of note were: 1) an invoice for legal advice that brings us current, 2) Two miscellaneous credits. One for the dance club donation and 1 for the reimbursement for a double paid insurance premium, and 3) \$528 for new softballs. The St Pats tournament was a success with \$1149 in donations, 2 sponsors and Deb Miller's additional payment for food giving a profit of \$1585.

-Sponsorship Update – We have one open sponsor slot. Mark has an interested party.

-20 Year Recognition – It was decided last month that those playing in 2005 would be asked to stand at some point in the Memorial Day tournament. No new information. We should start advertising the recognition in the papers and HOA emails blasts so we get the word out to attend.

-Membership Update – George advised that we have 178 active players but we are over the HOA license agreement allowance of 25% non-SaddleBrooke residents when we include the SB Ranch residents. It was decided to request that be adjusted to 35% during the upcoming HOA license agreement negotiations as our #1 priority.

-HOA2 License Agreement – Chuck advised that the HOA is still working on a template. He advised that SSSA should draft a list of our priorities for a negotiation meeting that is expected. Barry will draft that list adjusting the above noted non-SB resident percentage our number one priority. Other items on the list will be the non-field maintenance list Barry drafted last month and to allow SSSA exclusive control over access to the field.

-Release of Liability Update – The plan is to still use the doc-u-sign process if the details can be worked out. George to work with Leroy to get that moving.

-By-Law Updates – Bill stated he would coordinate the writing and distribution of the proposed changes to the board for our comments and approval, and then to coordinate the membership distribution and voting process.

-Base Running Rule – A potential rule change was discussed where a runner on 1st or 3rd base can step off the bag into foul territory to lessen the chance of being hit by line-drive. It was decided to test the following in the spring season: A player may, at their choice, step off the bag perpendicular to the foul line no farther than the coach's box line (approx. 6 feet). They MUST notify the umpires of their intent before the first pitch, and must retouch the bag before proceeding to the next base.

- Game Length / Start Time Delays – It has become commonplace that game are taking over the 90 minute scheduled times and the 2nd, 3rd & 4th games are progressively delayed. One suggestion was to cut the 5th inning time limit from 70 to 65 or 60 minutes. The discussion focused on moving the games along faster before a time limit change was implemented. Suggestions were to have the umpires enforce the 90 second rule between innings and call balls/strikes for slow action, allow ball tossing from 1st to 3rd, SS & 2nd basemen between innings to only when the pitcher throws their 3 pitches, avoid sweeping between games, eliminate hitting infield practice between games. Again, these changes will be implemented as a test in the spring season. Barry will write up the change notification to the membership.

- Doubleheader Elimination – A member requested we discuss the elimination of doubleheaders. It was generally felt that if players do not want to play DH's, they state that on the season sign-up form and the commissioners will find a sub for that game. As FYI, George is able to create a schedule where one team would get a "by" instead of that second game. This needs to be decided well in advance due to the effort needed to create and post the schedules.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22
Submitted by Barry Emmons