

SCF Softball Club

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

I. Call to order

President David Markowitz called to order the regular meeting of the SCF Softball Club at 10:03 am on October 21, 2021 at the SCF Softball Complex infield, with 62 members in attendance.

II. New Member introduction

- a) Jay Reese, Cory Kennedy, and Joe Montello introduced themselves and were welcomed to the Club.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes were posted to the website following the April meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as posted – Jude Gosz; Second – Gary Stonewall. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's report

Tom Boudreau – The expenses exceeding \$100 between May and October 9th were: Hats on 6/3 for \$367; Field equipment on 7/6 for \$328; Website & Domain charges on 7/19 for \$185; Ladies softballs on 7/23 for \$256; Chalk on 8/24 for \$361; SCF Softball banner on 9/25 for \$296; total expenses \$1793. Income was Dues (44 members) \$1,320; Hat purchases \$45; Sponsorship (Jason Fine) \$300.

Balance on 12/31/2020 \$9,885; balance 10/9/2021 \$9,454 for a decrease of \$431.

An overview of the proposed budget for 2022 was presented. Total expenses are \$12,500. Total projected income (prior to the fence advertisement banners) is \$10,550. Treasurer Boudreau offered to go through all of the details if there were questions. No members had any questions, but it was requested that the proposed budget be posted to our website.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Gary Stonewall; Second - Joe Schappert; motion passed.

V. Committee Reports

Membership – Rick Klein – Rick commented on what a great turnout we have at this meeting! The Club is continuing to grow. Planning to rate ~15 new members on Saturday. The Club Expo is being held on Saturday, Nov 6th. Rick is requesting a few individuals to assist. The Fireballs asked if they could share the table. Rick answered that they could.

Field Prep – Joe Cabanaw is hopeful we will be able to open the field next Wednesday for practice, Nov 1 for games. Joe, Neil and the board have been pushing fence issues through to the HOA. They have agreed to replace the side fences & lower supports on the outfield fences. They will complete this work over the Christmas-New Year break. Joe has contacted the scoreboard company – can't read it in the sunshine. Bulb colors can be amber or red. The "window" could be replaced too. Joe is getting price quotes. New scoreboards start at \$30K. It is budgeted by HOA to be replaced, but not for another 10+ years. Crow's Nest – too windy for scorekeepers to comfortably utilize in cold weather. HOA agreed to let us put up a clear plexiglass cover, but must be removable after the games. Soil samples – Joe has been working with Eric, from Turf Equipment to obtain core samples to know the fertilization needs, etc. Practices will not be added to the calendar until the field is

released. Terry, the contractor that works with us on the field is retiring. Joe & Neil have been working with the prospective replacement. Foul lines - have been sanded and painted to minimize the slip hazard. Problems in the outfield are the same areas as the previous years. Eric will report back to Joe with his findings and recommendations. Area behind outfield fence – Neil cleans the area a couple of times per year, but we are not allowed to go beyond the barbed-wire fence (only 3' tall). We need to continue to remind Pulte what a draw this field is in the purchasing of homes.

Umpire – we likely will utilize an umpire coordinator within each league. Tier 1 has already requested help from the experienced umpires from the other tiers.

Scorekeeper – Dane Jacobsen – great job last year; Loraine Scott is taking over for the 2021/22 year.

Safety – President Markowitz commended Gary for a great job this past year, especially in light of the covid challenges. Gary spoke of his concerns over the lack of water available at the field still. David explained that it is a corporate Pulte policy. He recently spoke to a former member that now lives in a Pulte community in Florida; the policy is the same there. David indicated that he will continue to bring the subject up with the local HOA. Gary went on to remind players to stretch and stay hydrated. If you are hurt there is an extensive First Aid kit stored at the field. In addition, Gary is placing a First Aid manual in the kit.

Ladies – Jack Deming reported that we currently have 17 ladies wanting to play with the Fireballs. The Fireballs want to play in a community Tier 3 league. Might play two days if possible.

Evaluation Committee – Rick Kaylor reminded the group that an evaluation will take place this Saturday, the 23rd at 9:00 am. The non-rated members have been divided alphabetically by last name to minimize the required time for the individuals.

Webmaster Updates – John Hoyer – John commented that we all need to continue to make new members, and possibly interested persons, aware of our website. He has encountered 2- and 3-year members that didn't realize we had a website. John further mentioned that he was pleased that out of our ~165 members that 135 had completed the electronic league survey. That is an excellent percentage for our first year using an electronic method.

VI. Old business

- a) Summer League Commissioner, Steve Kreitzman – unable to be here. David thanked everyone for playing, and Steve for stepping up to the commissioner position. The summer league had a great increase in numbers from previous year.
- b) Rules Updates – President Markowitz – continue to follow covid requests from Pulte.

VII. New business

- a) Field Advertising – President Markowitz – worked all summer to obtain permission to sale the spots along the outfield fence. There is room for twenty-four 5' X 15' ads.
 - i) Larry Corwin asked about the revenue agreement. Overview of NEW Revenue Source starting ASAP – the HOA has agreed to handle the tax requirements. The remaining dollars will be split, 60% for the club, with the remainder going to the HOA. All checks will be submitted to the SCF HOA, with the remaining funds being sent back to the club.
- (1) Rules: Pulte's stipulations include: No funeral homes, no pornography, only three "like" businesses, ie – 3 realtors, 3 insurances, 3 dentists, etc.

- (2) Opportunities: You all do business with potential advertisers. Encourage them to consider advertising. Also, provide your ideas to the board for capital improvements, and attend the next meetings as we will prioritize and vote on the desired items for 2022. Some items suggested include a picnic area and a bottle filler. What else?
 - (3) Current banner applications/Commitments – the contracts for the banners are one year in length, with the option for a 3-year commitment without a price increase. The banners are coated with a UV protective paint and should hold up well.
- ii) Jim Varley – NEW Sales and Marketing Director – thank you, Jim for stepping up. Membership can provide potential advertisers names and contact info to Jim.
- b) Club team sponsorships for 2021-2022
 - i) Jason Fine, Desert Rose, Home Smart Realty- the Festival Team, Horner Group LLC, Pepe’s Landscaping (Pending) have committed.
 - c) Dues – No increase in Dues for 2022
 - d) League Play for 2021-22 Joe Cabanaw
 - i) Based on recommendations from the Steering Committee
 - (1) West Valley League – continue at all 3 tiers
 - (2) Community League Play – one day for 2’s & 3’s; at least one other day for tiers 1-3. Tier 3 only for Thursday afternoon; Saturday available for community league as well as having a team of 70+ players.
 - (3) Umpire Request for Tier 1 games – 4 games per week, 2 umpires per game. 17-game season. Please sign up today if possible.
 - e) Board Positions: Taking nominations starting today. Voting (if more than 1 person) will be at the November meeting with term to start January 1, 2022 and run through December 31, 2022. If only 1 person, appointed by voice vote. Please submit your name to any board member either today or before the next meeting for all positions.
 - i) Per our bylaws, if no quorum of members is present at the November meeting, the club president will decide how to hold the vote.
 - f) Field Improvement Recommendations – voting to be held at next meeting in November.

VIII. Adjournment

Gary Stonewall motioned to adjourn the meeting; Carl Hallman seconded; motion passed. President David Markowitz adjourned the meeting at 12:08.

Minutes submitted by: Robin Shahan